



- Instrucciones:**
- a) Duración: Una hora y treinta minutos.
 - b) No se puede usar diccionario.
 - c) La puntuación de cada pregunta está indicada en las mismas.

STOP SMOKING OR WE MAY NOT OPERATE ON YOU

Patients will have to try to give up the habit if they want to get treatment, such as knee replacement. Posters with “Those who don’t, may not be treated” are all over hospitals. The Health Service in Britain is millions of pounds in debt and this strategy will help save money on care. Hospital managers say smokers are at greater risk of complications when having operations, they take more time to recover, and they have longer and more expensive stays in hospital.

5 Critics accuse them of putting finances before the health of patients, but the hospitals are giving an opportunity to smokers, proposing that if they need surgery they must undergo therapy for three months in order to get out of the habit. If they have made a strong effort to stop smoking but have failed, they may still get surgery, but if it is believed that they have not tried hard enough, then they may not be operated on.

10 The National Health Service is following guidelines from the Government, which allows them to consider patients’ lifestyles when deciding if a treatment would be effective. Smokers, however, say that they are being discriminated against. The pro-smoking pressure group Forest says: “Smokers pay their taxes like everyone else, they have the right to free healthcare.” Last year, health authorities in Suffolk stopped obese people from having operations until they tried to lose weight.

(A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)

a) **ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.**

(1 point per answer)

- 1) Why do critics say that hospitals put money before health? (Give two reasons)
- 2) How does the British Health Service want to solve its financial problems?

b) **ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT.**

(0.5 points per answer)

- 3) Hospitals warn patients.
- 4) If you have smoked for less than three months, you may be operated on.
- 5) Smokers say they are put at a disadvantage.
- 6) Smokers are not the only patients who are not allowed to have surgery.

(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

- 7) **Give** an adjective with the same root as CARE (noun) (line 3) (0.25 points)
- 8) **Find** in the text one **synonym** for CHANCE (noun). (0.25 points)
- 9) **Give** one **opposite** for FAIL (verb) (line 7) (0.25 points)
- 10) **Find** in the text the **word** which has the following **definition**:
“advice on what to do about something” (noun) (0.25 points)
- 11) **Join** the following sentences using a **relative pronoun**. Make changes if necessary. (0.5 points)
Medicine is a complicated subject. I know very little about it.
- 12) **Turn** the following sentence into **reported speech**: (0.5 points)
“I’ll pay for the operation”, he said.
- 13) **Complete** the following sentence: *If I were a smoker...*
- 14) **Use** the words in the boxes to make a **meaningful sentence**. **Use all** and only the words in the boxes without changing their form. (0.5 points)

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(C) PRODUCTION (3 points)

- 15) Write a **composition (80-100 WORDS)** Choose **ONE** of the following options. **Specify** your option.
- a) What do you think about the prohibition of smoking in public places?
 - b) Is health the most important concern for people?