

Q1 (1 mark)

- A drug taken for enjoyment rather than medical reasons

Q2 (1 mark)

- Using a drug in a harmful or incorrect way

Q3 (1 mark)

- Alcohol / caffeine / nicotine (any one)

Q4 (1 mark)

- Cannabis / cocaine / heroin / ecstasy (any one)

Q5 (2 marks)

Any two:

- Ingestion (swallowing)
- Inhalation (smoking)
- Injection
- Absorption through skin

Q6 (2 marks)

Any two:

- Poor judgement
- Aggression
- Risk-taking behaviour
- Reduced coordination
- Mood changes

Q7 (3 marks)

- Strong physical or psychological need for a drug (1)
- Difficulty stopping use (1)
- Withdrawal symptoms occur (1)

Q8 (3 marks)

- Drugs slow brain function (1)
- Nerve signals are slowed (1)

- Reaction time becomes slower (1)

Q9 (3 marks)

- Damage to lungs or breathing system (1)
- Reduced oxygen intake (1)
- Long-term respiratory disease (1)

Q10 (4 marks)

- Alcohol enters bloodstream and affects brain (1)
- Slows reaction time and coordination (1)
- Can lead to risky or aggressive behaviour (1)
- Can damage organs such as the liver (1)

Q11 (4 marks)

- Damages trust in relationships (1)
- Causes unpredictable behaviour (1)
- Can lead to addiction affecting lifestyle (1)
- Neglect of responsibilities (1)

Q12 (6 marks)

Level 1 (1–2 marks)

- Basic statements about drug effects

Level 2 (3–4 marks)

- Some correct effects on health, behaviour or life processes

Level 3 (5–6 marks)

- Clear explanation covering all three areas

Expected content:

- Affects brain and nervous system (1)
- Changes behaviour (1)
- Causes addiction (1)
- Damages organs like lungs or liver (1)
- Slows reaction time and coordination (1)
- Disrupts life processes like breathing and decision-making (1)

Example full-mark answer:

"Recreational drugs affect the brain and nervous system, changing behaviour and often making people more aggressive or less able to make decisions. They can cause addiction, meaning people find it hard to stop using them. Drugs can damage organs such as the lungs and liver and reduce reaction time and coordination. This disrupts normal life processes such as breathing, movement and decision-making."