



Indian School Nizwa
WORKSHEET - ENGLISH

Class: IX

Comprehension Passage

DON'T I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SMOKE?

Organizations such as FOREST in USA and Canada (Freedom Organization for the right to enjoy smoking) campaign for the rights of smokers. In the same way that people may drink alcohol or drive fast cars. They advocate that smoking is a risk that people choose for themselves. Why shouldn't people be allowed to smoke if they wish? However, these

SMOKING MAY BE GOOD FOR YOU!

Some studies by Richard Doll in 1980s have shown a link between smoking and brain diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. The difference is that nicotine contained in the smoke helps to prevent these diseases. Scientists are still arguing about whether the results are correct.

The French government has refused to provide financial assistance to test the advantages of smoking. Perhaps the government is afraid of blurring the picture of smoking being bad for you.

BIG BUSINESS

Mr. Phillip Morris was a person who knew that demand for addictives is inelastic. He started a tobacco shop in Bond Street, London in the mid-19th century. He had to borrow money from his brothers in law to start the business. By the turn of the century, his business had grown and he was supplying tobacco to the future King Edward VII. The business saw where its future lay and in 1902 became an American corporation. Soon it was buying and selling tobacco internationally. In 1950s the company began to realize that tobacco may become unpopular in the future so the diversification began. Today Phillip Morris is a huge conglomerate with many products under its control. Ironically, the pharmaceutical division of the Phillip Morris Group

A SIMILAR STORY

Imperial Tobacco, formed in UK in 1901 from a lot of smaller firms, moved into food and dropped 'tobacco' from its name in 1973. British and American Tobacco came into being in 1902 and 1976 changed its name to BAT Industries plc, with interests in paper making, food processing and financial services. Despite the change of name, this company still deals in

1. Why did Phillip and Morris Company begin diversification?

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2. What is mentioned as 'ironical' in the passage?

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3. Why did the French Government refuse to provide financial assistance to test the benefits of smoking?

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4. Which organisation campaigns for the right of smokers?

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5. What substance in the cigarette smoke helps to prevent Parkinson's disease?

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6. Which company was formerly known as 'British and American Tobacco'?

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7. Which country has the highest number of 'medullo blastoma' cases?

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