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Comprehension : Civil society in Morocco

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I- Text

(1) Civil society in Morocco is working hard to fight tobacco and drug addiction among young people. With the help of non-governmental organisations, many teenagers have managed to give up smoking.

(2) Salim, eighteen years old, is one of them. He tells his story to other young people to discourage them from smoking. “A friend offered me my first cigarette. Soon I started buying my own cigarettes and got in the habit of smoking. As my parents didn't realise that I was smoking, I carried on until one day a teacher, who was a member of an organisation, saved me support for several weeks till I finally quitted this bad habit.” Salim said.

(3) Samira, a secondary school student, started smoking and taking drugs when she was 13 because of family problems."My mother neglected me. She gave me money just to get rid of me. As for my dad, he only found refuge in drugs.” She explained.

(4) Amina Baaji, a teacher and member of the Moroccan Association for Listening and Dialogue, has helped several secondary school students put their difficulties behind them. She stresses the importance of the role of parents in dealing with cigarette smoking, before it leads to drug addiction. "Families must look after their children and try to understand them so that they will not become addicted to tobacco or drugs,” She says. "Parents' failure to listen to their children and understand their problems is the main reason why young people start smoking or taking drugs.” She added.

(5) Jamal Bahaoui, another teacher, agrees with Baaji."If young people are to be protected from tobacco and drugs, families and schools must keep an eye on them and try to understand their needs and fears," he explains. "Teachers must spend more time listening to their students so that they can give them guidance and help them deal with their psychological problems." He adds.

(6) The best way to get the message across is not by giving advice, but rather by encouraging young people to take part in anti-drug campaigns," Jalal Tawfik, a psychiatrist, says. He encourages all young people who have overcome addiction to tobacco or drugs to act as an example to others.

II- Questions

2-1/ Question 1

Are these sentences true or false ? Justify.

1. Salim wants young people to learn from his experience as a smoker : _____
2. Salim's parents knew he was smoking : _____
3. For Jalal Tawfik, giving advice is the best way to help students stop smoking : _____

2-2/ Question 2

Answer these questions :

1. How did Salim's teacher help him ?
2. Why did Samira's mother give her money ?
3. What does Baaji advise parents to do to protect their children from addiction ?

2-3/ Question 3

Complete the sentences with information from the text :

1) Thanks to non-governmental organisations,

2) Because of family problems. Samira

3) The message in the second picture is that

2-4/ Question 4

What do the underlined words in the text refer to ?

1. this bad habit (paragraph 2) :
2. them (paragraph 4) :
3. they (paragraph 5) :

2-5/ Question 5

Find in the text words or phrases which mean the same as :

1. continued (paragraph 2) :

2. advice (paragraph 5) :
3. participate (paragraph 6) :