

1) Discuss the problems associated with definitions of the word “drug.” Offer a reasonable definition, and then give an example of a substance that might fall into a “grey area” within that definition. How might that substance qualify as a drug, and how might it not?

Answer:

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2) “The nineteenth century was a drug addict’s paradise,” a historian said. Briefly discuss the status of psychoactive drugs in that period in light of this statement.

Answer:

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3) What is the *Canadian Alcohol and Drug Use Monitoring Survey (CADUMS)*? Be sure to discuss the sample used in the survey and the type of information produced by the survey. Finally, summarize the general trends in the use of cannabis, illicit drugs, and alcohol shown by the latest CADUMS.

Answer:

The *Canadian Alcohol and Drug Use Monitoring Survey (CADUMS)* is an annual (1 pt) survey that collects basic drug-use statistics (1 pt) as well as determines how many Canadians’ lives are affected by substance use (1 pt). The survey contacts at least 10 000 people (1 pt) from across all provinces and territories (1 pt). The survey collects data from two groups: Group 1 = Canadians aged 15–24 years (1 pt); Group 2 = Canadians aged 25+ years (1 pt).

The latest CADUMS shows the following general trends in the use of cannabis, illicit drugs, and alcohol:

- 1) Cannabis use in the past year has decreased in all Canadians aged 15 years or older (1 pt)
- 2) Illicit drug use has decreased in all Canadians aged 15 years or older (1 pt)
- 3) Drinking alcohol in the past year has decreased in Canadians aged 15–24 (1 pt)

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4) Given the research on risk factors and protective factors with regard to one's involvement with drugs, describe a hypothetical young person who is highly vulnerable to drug-taking behaviour and another hypothetical young person who is highly invulnerable to drug-taking behaviour.

Answer:

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5) Select two of the six “club drugs” listed in the *Drugs . . . in Focus* feature on page 21 of Chapter 1 and discuss their behavioural effects and toxicities.

Answer:

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6) Discuss the nonmedical use of prescription pain relievers, stimulant medications, and over-the-counter cough-and-cold medications.

Answer:

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7) “What's new is sometimes really old.” Discuss this statement in light of changing patterns of drug-taking behaviour over the last 50 years, using specific examples from the textbook.

Answer:

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8) Discuss ways to prevent prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse. Agree/Disagree: Should a prescription be required for current over-the-counter cold remedies?

Answer:

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