Part 4

Questions 27 to 32

You are going to read an article about drug abuse among teenagers. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A to H** *the one which fits each gap* **(27 to 32)**. *There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.*

Teenage Drug Addicts

Jerome, 30, has been a drug addict since he was a teenager. He has tried to kick the habit many times; going in and out of rehabilitation centers. He managed to stay clean for a month before suffering a relapse. **27** _____ Why are they into it in the first place? It doesn't matter if you are white or black, Latin or Asian. Every race has their shar of drug abuse problems.

For many teenagers, drug abuse is a mere escape. They use drug to get out of their misery, pain, confusion and loneliness. Some teenage drug addicts grow up without guidance from their parents, and so they resort to drugs. Many succumb to drug addiction because of the need to feel like they belong. **28** _____ Many teenage drug abusers are also low achievers in schools and have low self-esteem.

There are teenagers who claim that they were first exposed to different kinds of drugs at parties and discos. These drugs were distributed freely the first few times and they kept coming back for more. **29** _____ In certain cases, these teenagers might resort to committing crimes to support their expensive habit.

One effective tool in the fight against teen drug abuse is communication. Communication, however, should go beyond words. **30** _____ Adequate parental supervision has also been found to be a deterrent to drug use in youth. Parents should know who their children's friends are and what is going on in their social lives. School counsellors should also play an active role in providing information on drug abuse and emotional support.

One common belief is that drug abusers should be able to stop taking drugs if only they are willing to change their behaviour. However, drug addiction is a disease that affects the brain. **31** _____

At the end of the day, the best way to prevent drug addiction is by educating teenagers about it**. 32**_____ This may dissuade them from using it.

A	Parents should show their children that they really care.
B	Many teenage drug addicts think that they can solve their problems on their own.
C	They try drugs to please their friend or to be part of a group.
D	It makes someone lose self-control and the ability to make sound decisions.
E	As a result, many of them became addicted even before they knew it.
F	There are many drug addicts like Jerome.
G	Parents should not be ashamed to seek advice from school counsellors.
H	The more they learn about the bad effects, the less their excuses to take it.

LIVEWORKSHEETS