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- **Read the text below then answer the questions that follow**

Thirty-one-year-old Brandon started smoking in his mid-teens, and by 18, he was diagnosed with Buerger's disease, a disorder linked to tobacco use that causes blood vessels in the hands and feet to become blocked and can result in infection or gangrene. Although there is no cure for this terrible disease, quitting tobacco use can stop the symptoms.

"I was young. I didn't believe it. I was going to prove the doctors wrong," says Brandon. "Ultimately, it took 9 years and the amputation of both my legs and several fingertips for me to quit smoking."

Smoke-free for 4 years now, Brandon hasn't had any more amputations, but he still must manage the consequences of being a double amputee. "If I have to go to the bathroom in the night, I either have to put my legs on or crawl," he says. "I can only spend a limited amount of time on my prosthetic legs or I run the risk of getting sores—then I have to use a wheelchair."

Brandon is also keenly aware of the consequences for his loved ones. "My cigarette smoking affected so many people," he says; "My parents, my wife, my daughter, and now my infant son. I can sit on the floor with him now when he's a baby, but when he gets older, I won't be able go out and run and play football with him. Smoking is never just about you."

Brandon is participating in the Tips From Former Smokers campaign because he is disgusted by tobacco and wants people to quit using it. "I took smoking too far," he says. "Quit today, not tomorrow. You just don't know the consequences of that next cigarette."

1) What type of writing is the text above?

a) autobiography b) journal c) biography

2) What is the main cause of Brandon's problems?

a) drinking b) smoking c) gambling

3) "***I was young. I didn't believe it***…," what is it that Brandon did not believe?

a) smoking can cause amputation

b) smoking is good for young people

c) smoking cannot affect anyone

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4) The phrase "s***moke-free for 4 years now***…" means that

a) for the past 4 years Brandon got free cigarettes to smoke

b) for the past 4 years Brandon smokes every everyday

c) for the past 4 years Brandon did not smoke at all

5) How old was Brandon when he was diagnosed with Buerger's disease?

a) 31 years old b) 18 years old c) 27 years old

6) What exactly is Buerger's disease?

a) a disorder linked to tobacco use which causes blood vessels in hands and feet to block

b) a disorder that does not link to tobacco use which causes blood to flow freely to the hands and feet

c) a disorder that causes you to gain lots of weight

7) What is the main purpose of the, "***Tips From Former Smokers campaign***?"

a) to encourage older people to stop smoke cigarettes everyday

b) to encourage everyone to stop smoke

c) to encourage young people to stop smoke

8) According to the text, how many children does Brandon have?

a) 1 b) 2 c) 3

9) Ultimately, it took 9 years and the **amputation** of both my legs and several fingertips for me to quit smoking." What is being implied in this sentence?

a) his legs and fingertips got stronger

b) his legs and fingertips got cut off

c) his legs and fingertips

10) How does Brandon get to the bathroom at night?

a) neither have to put his legs on nor crawl

b) either have to put his legs on or crawl

c) put his legs on and crawl

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