

**Read the following passage and answer the questions correctly**

It is said that in the United States 20 million people have asthma. This chronic disease causes soreness and swelling of the airways, the tubes that carry air in and out of the lungs.

Asthma is a more serious disease for children because they have smaller airways than adults. Many children who suffer with the disease, experience chest tightening, wheezing, coughing and trouble breathing, especially at night or in the early morning.

Barbados is known to have one of the highest percentages of asthmatics in the Caribbean. It is not surprising, therefore, to walk into many Barbadian classrooms and find at least a fifth of the students in each class as an asthmatic sufferer.

Asthma is triggered by many factors; infections, changes in weather, allergies to pollen or irritants like smoke or air pollution.

It is imperative, therefore, for children to have their medication on hand at all times.

Give one word from the passage which means the same as 'illness'.

- (A) Soreness
- (B) disease
- (C) irritants
- (D) medication

What part of speech is the word 'triggered' in line 11?

- (A) noun
- (B) verb
- (C) adverb
- (D) adjective

Choose the most suitable title for the passage.

- (A) Asthma in Children
- (B) Asthma, A Deadly Disease
- (C) Prevention Is Necessary
- (D) Asthma in Barbados

Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- (A) Asthma is an infectious disease
- (B) Jamaica has the highest percentage of asthmatics in the Caribbean
- (C) Asthmatics should always have their medication
- (D) More children have asthma than adults

Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- (A) Asthma is triggered only by smoke inhalation
- (B) Asthma can be controlled
- (C) Asthma is more serious in children than in adults
- (D) Asthma affects the tubes that carry air to the lungs

What part of speech is the word 'fifth' in line 10?

- (A) noun
- (B) verb
- (C) adjective
- (D) adverb

The word in the passage that can replace 'imperative' in line 13 is

- (A) necessary
- (B) irritant
- (C) especially
- (D) highest

Why is asthma more serious in children?

- (A) They can die faster
- (B) Children get tightness of the chest
- (C) Children's airways are smaller than adults
- (D) Barbados has more children than adults with asthma