

**READING 1****I. Read and answer**

Smoking causes lung cancer, which is the number one cancer among men. Ninety percent of the people who get lung cancer die. Smoking is also the leading cause of mouth cancer, tongue cancer, and throat cancer. Many smokers have heart disease and pneumonia. Smoking causes one million early deaths in the world every year.

Smokers not only harm themselves but also harm others. Smokers breathe smoke out into the air. They breathe it out on their children and their wives or husbands. Children whose parents smoke have more breathing and lung problems than other children. Women who are married to smokers are more likely to have lung cancer than those married to non-smokers. We are all aware that smoking is bad. So why do people smoke?

**1. The number one cancer among men is \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. tongue cancer      B. throat cancer      C. lung cancer      D. mouth cancer

**2. Every year, smoking causes about one million \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. cancer patients      B. killing diseases      C. early deaths      D. injured men

**3. The word “it” in the passage refers to \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. cancer      B. smoke      C. air      D. breath

**4. Who are more likely to have lung cancer and lung problems?**

A. People who live in the city      B. People who live with smokers.  
C. People who live with non-smokers.      D. People who live in the country.

**II. Read and answer**

Every year, students in many countries learn English. Some of these students are young children. Others are teenagers. Many are adults. Some learn at school, others study by themselves. A few learn English just by hearing the language in films, on television, in the office or among their friends. But not many are lucky enough to do that. Most people must work hard to learn another language.

Many boys and girls learn English at school because it is one of their subjects. They study their own language, mathematics, and English. In England, America, or Australia, many boys and girls study their native language, which is English, mathematics, and another language, perhaps French, or German or Spanish.

Many adults learn English because it is useful for their work. Teenagers often learn English for their higher studies, because some of their books are in English at college or university. Others learn English because they want to read newspapers or magazines in English.

**1. According to the writer \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. only adults learn English      B. no children like to learn English  
C. English is popular all over the world      D. English is useful only for teenagers

**2. Most people learn English by \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. talking with foreigners      B. watching videos only  
C. working hard on their lessons      D. hearing the language in the office

**3. Many boys and girls learn English because \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- A. it is included in their study courses
- B. they are forced to learn it
- C. English can give them a job
- D. they have to study their own languages

**4. In America or Australia many school children study \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- A. English as a foreign language
- B. English and mathematics only
- C. their own language and no foreign language
- D. such foreign languages as French, German, and Spanish

### **III. Read and answer**

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. It is also the highest trash pile in the world. About 400 people try to reach the top every year. Having many climbers means a lot of trash.

It is very dangerous to climb Mt. Everest. The air is very thin and cold. Most people carry bottles of oxygen; they could die without it. When the oxygen bottles are empty, people throw them on the ground. When strong winds rip their tents, people leave **them** behind. They don't have the energy to take the trash away. They only have enough energy to go down the mountain safely.

Trash is a terrible problem. Since people first began to climb Mt. Everest, they have left 50,000 kilos of trash on the mountain. Several groups have climbed the mountain just to pick up the trash. When people plan to climb the mountain, they have to plan to take away their trash.

**1. What is the main topic of the passage?**

- A. Wind on the mountain
- B. A problem with trash
- C. A dangerous mountain
- D. Climbing safely

**2. Why do climbers leave their trash on the mountain?**

- A. Special groups will pick it up.
- B. The wind will blow it away.
- C. They don't have the energy to take it away.
- D. Other climbers will use it later.

**3. Why do climbers on Mount Everest carry bottles of oxygen?**

- A. The weather is not cold.
- B. Climbing makes them tired.
- C. The air is very thin.
- D. They are thirsty.

**4. In line 5, what does the word **them** refer to?**

- A. tents
- B. oxygen bottles
- C. strong winds
- D. people

### **IV. Read and answer**

Ted Robinson has been worried all the week. Last Tuesday he received a letter from the local police. In the letter he was asked to call at the station. Ted wondered why he was wanted by the police, but he went to the station yesterday, and now he is not worried any more. At the station he was told by a smiling police-man that his bicycle had been found. Five years ago, the policeman told him, the bicycle was picked up in a small village four hundred miles away. It's now being sent to his home by train. Ted was most surprised when he heard the news. He was amused too, because he never expected the bicycle to be found. It was stolen twenty years ago when Ted was a boy of fifteen.

