

READING EvAU (Castilla La Mancha)

EXPERTS CALL FOR MORE TESTS

Health experts in Brussels have been told that despite a fall in the global figure for the number of people affected by HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and AIDS, the situation in Europe and central Asia is getting worse. Around 2.4 million people in Europe and Central Asia are living with HIV, approximately 760,000 of them within the European Union. What is concerning health professionals is that new infections are on the increase, and the number of children and adults living with the disease has doubled in the past six years.

Even more worrying, at least half these people don't know they're infected. In some countries as many as 70 percent don't realise they are HIV positive. And these people are much more likely to transmit the disease than those who have been diagnosed.

So a Brussels conference of more than 300 health workers from across Europe and Central Asia has called for much wider testing for HIV, trying to reach those who do not know they are infected. The experts warn that late diagnosis of HIV is causing unnecessary deaths from an illness that can now be treated. People will not die of HIV if detected early enough.

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QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer) Add TRUE or FALSE and **copy the evidence** from the text to support your answer. **NO marks are given for only true or false. NO marks are given for "V".**

1. Many people in Europe and Central Asia are getting the disease HIV.
2. In the last six years there has been a 5% increase in the number of people with HIV.
3. Everybody in Europe and Central Asia who has HIV knows that they are infected.
4. If people don't know they have HIV, they are more likely to pass the disease on to other people.

II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. specialists/professionals
2. amount/number
3. contaminated
4. inform/alert

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

1. Is the final "-s-" in "professionals" voiced /z/ or voiceless /s/? (0.25)
2. Write a word from the text that includes the sound /aɪ/as in "die". (0.25)
3. Write a word from the text that includes the sound /ð/as in "the". (0.25)
4. How is the "ed" pronounced in "diagnosed", /t/, /d/ or /ɪd/? (0.25)

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:

1. "Where is the nearest cinema, please?", she asked
She asked
2. I haven't seen your husband for ages.
It's ages
3. He didn't revise for the test so he failed.
If
4. "I'm sorry I didn't send you the letter", she said.
She apologized
5. I have to phone my mother tomorrow. I mustn't forget.
I must
6. Write the **correct question** for the underlined words:

John went to London last week
7. All these students are interested in English.
All these students find
8. They have sent a bunch of flowers to the secretary.
The secretary
9. The boy isn't tall enough to reach the medicine cabinet.
The boy is **to**
10. The atmosphere is made up of various gases.
Various gases
11. I'm sure that somebody has taken my wallet.
Somebody must
12. Despite speaking really good English, they have problems to communicate with some people in Scotland.
Although