DRINKING WHILE PREGNANT “MAKES CHILD LIKE ALCOHOL”

Drinking while pregnant can produce children who will find alcohol attractive, a study suggests. The researchers said teenagers found the smell of alcohol more appealing if their mothers had drunk while they were in the womb, and this could increase their chances of suffering a drink problem in later life.

The study, carried out in pregnant rats, showed that by the time offspring hit adolescence they responded more strongly to the smell of alcohol on others if they had been exposed to it before they were born. This happens to all mammals, including humans, they believe, because it is evolutionary important for a child to like foods eaten by its parents.

By contrast, rats whose mothers were not given alcohol while pregnant were not as attracted to the smell.

Guidelines announced last year warned women that they should not drink alcohol at all while pregnant, despite no evidence that having an occasional glass of wine was harmful.

On the other hand, a new research indicated that increasing the tax on alcohol could reduce problem drinking as a higher cost led to people drinking less.

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Questions

1. Answer these questions based on information in the text. Do not copy from the text. Use your own words.

1.1. What have researchers demonstrated in their study?

1.2. How could alcohol drinking be reduced?

2. Vocabulary.

2.1. Find a synonym in the text which means:

- Attractive: ..................
- To grow: ....................
2.2. Find the words in the text for these definitions:
- The part of a woman's body where a baby grows before it is born: ...........................................
- To tell someone about a possible danger or problem: ..................................................
- The amount of money you have to pay to the government: ..............................................

3. Rewrite these sentences using the words below and meaning the same.

3.1. My advice to you is not to drink so much.
   You .............................................................

3.2. George takes regular exercise and feels healthy.
   If George ......................................................

3.3. The channel will show the programme.
   The programme ..............................................

3.4. My friend Peter has lived in many exotic countries. He works for a big firm.
   My friend Peter, ................................................

3.5. "I saw Sara yesterday", Gary told me.
   Gary told me ..................................................

4. Writing.
Imagine you are a newspaper reporter. Write an article about: Young people drinking alcohol in Spain. (60 – 70 words)

CRITERIOS DE EVALUACIÓN

a. Compreensión del texto
b. Conocimiento del vocabulario
c. Conocimientos gramaticales
d. Fluidez en la expresión escrita atendiendo a los criterios de:
   Adecuación al tema exigido.
   Coherencia en la estructura (orden, planteamiento, sintaxis variada)
   Capacidad de argumentación y riqueza de vocabulario

CRITERIOS DE CALIFICACIÓN

La prueba se calificará con un total de 10 puntos distribuidos de la siguiente manera:
Pregunta 1: 2 puntos
Pregunta 2: 2 puntos
Pregunta 3: 3 puntos
Pregunta 4: 3 puntos