

PRE-ADMISSION TESTING SAMPLE QUESTIONS - GRADE 10 ENGLISH

The sample questions do not reflect the level of difficulty of the test. The sample questions are simplified and only show the format for how the questions on the test are presented.

You will be presented with an article. Please read the article thoroughly.
After reading the entire article, you will be asked a series of questions to be answered in 1-2 complete sentences.

Time limit: 1 hour

For information regarding minimum score requirements for eligibility into your program, please contact Admissions.

Testing Policies:

- Pre-Admission tests are valid for three (3) Mohawk College intake terms. Intake terms include Fall, Winter and Summer.
- The test will replace an English from your transcript for eligibility into a program at Mohawk College only
- The grades are not transferable to other colleges
- No resources (such as dictionaries, websites) permitted
- **Photo I.D** is required for check-in. You will not be permitted to test without valid photo I.D.

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The dazzling deceit of big marijuana

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Alex MacDonald is a grizzled old pothead. He has a cough from 50 years of smoking dope. He used to be a dealer, too, though he hasn't done that for years. Today he remains a faithful consumer and a close student of the industry. He thinks a lot of the hype around legalization is ridiculous.

"The law is essentially unimportant," he says. "That's because the government has never had the slightest impact on either smokers or growers."

Legalization will change the world a lot less than you might think, he says. The illegal market will not shut down, or even shrink much. Nor will kids stop using, as Justin Trudeau likes to claim. Canadian kids are already among the biggest consumers of marijuana in the world. They'll keep smoking what they please, as they please – as they always have.

In the 1960s, Canadians smoked a dreadful product imported mostly from Mexico that was mostly sand and seeds. Then we began to grow the stuff ourselves, and never looked back. The penalties for illegal growers were minimal, and the law was laxly enforced. In rural Ontario, grow-op equipment was widely advertised on the radio. "You can grow tomatoes. You can grow potatoes. You can grow ANYTHING," the sales pitch went.

Marijuana is ridiculously cheap to grow. Your average competently run grow-op, according to Mr. MacDonald, can produce a gram of marijuana for around a dollar (enough for a cigarette or two). According to Statistics Canada, Canadians currently pay an average of \$6.83 a gram for illegal marijuana. Canada's finance ministers say legalized pot will be priced at \$10 a gram. Which raises a question. With such a big price difference, who will buy the legal stuff?

None of this has dampened the investment frenzy surrounding marijuana stocks. Take Aurora Cannabis, a stock-market darling with a current valuation of \$5-billion. Its hyper-optimistic CEO, Terry Booth, used to be an electrician. Now he's running a company that's worth more than Maple Leaf Foods. Aurora's annual sales currently amount to a rather slender \$62-million. To date, it has only produced seven tonnes of weed. But never mind the past. At this moment it is erecting glass-walled buildings the size of subdivisions to produce mountains of product for a pot-starved world. Buy now. The stock price can only go up. Can't it?

"Investors are doomed," says Mr. MacDonald, coughing.

That doesn't mean there won't be winners. There already are. They include former politicians and former law enforcers and other insiders with a reputation for rent. The long list of luminaries who've lent their names to pot-associated enterprises includes a former prime minister (John Turner), a former premier (Mike Harcourt), and a former Toronto police chief (Julian Fantino), who used to be the toughest anti-drug guy on the block. "We are not in the marijuana business; we are in the health delivery system," he explained as he introduced his new company, Aleafia.

Part B: Based on the reading answer the questions below in 1-2 sentences.

1. According to the article, will legalizing marijuana legislation change the world?

2. In the 1960's, where did most of the marijuana come from?

3. How much does it cost to grow a gram of marijuana?

4. How much do Canadians pay for a gram of marijuana?
