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Alcohol abuse has become increasingly prevalent in many parts of the world. Despite the many serious consequences it has brought, alcohol abuse can be combated with the efforts from the government as well as educational institutions. This essay will look at some of the problems caused by alcohol abuse and a number of ways to address this trend.

**Comment [m1]:** I would leave this out. It doesn't need mentioning until you discuss the solutions in the body of the essay.

It is an undeniable fact that alcohol abuse has caused numerous negative impacts. First and foremost, it poses detrimental effects on the health of the abusers, both physically and psychologically. For instance, victims are much more liable to illnesses such as liver damage and brain degeneration. In some cases, persistent illusions may develop over time as a result of over-consumption.

**Comment [m2]:** "Physical" is an adjective, if you use this here you need a noun after it "physical effects" – but you already have EFFECTS earlier in the sentence.

This has, in turn, led to other consequences. Most cases of traffic accidents are due to drunken drivers who had failed to make rational decisions during driving. Family relationships are another main concern. Statistics have shown that the majority of domestic violence cases are caused by involve alcohol abuse of a family member, who is often the father. This results in broken family bonds that are virtually impossible to repair, and, in extreme cases, creates severe psychological impacts on the child which may last a lifetime.

**Comment [m3]:** The way you wrote "this in turn" makes it sound like drunk driving is due to liver damage and brain degeneration

In addition, the productivity of society is lowered. Alcohol abusers cannot work properly and much medical resources are needed to treat them, leading to wastage of both resources and manpower.

In view of the multiple problems caused by alcohol abuse, it must be tackled effectively as soon as possible. One of the solutions ~~would be~~ is to raising public awareness towards this issue. This can be achieved by broadcasting educational advertisements through the media or holding campaigns about the negative effects caused by alcohol abuse. Schools can also educate students on the possible consequences.

Another approach ~~would be is~~ providing adequate support to alcohol abusers and their families. For instance, help-lines and voluntary organizations can be set up to offer psychological treatments for the victims to help them recover.

**Comment [m4]:** Would be is better for hypothetical problems "one way to survive on mars would be..."

**Comment [m5]:** You overuse this phrase

To conclude, although the problem of alcohol abuse seems impossible to combat, it can be addressed effectively by the collective efforts made by the government and members of the community.

	Estimated Grade	Comments
Task response	7-8	Lots of good ideas and you explain them well. For this "two – question" essay I usually advise 2 main points for each question; so 2 problems and 2 solutions is usually best.
Cohesion and coherence	6-7	4 paragraphs is usually best. Put all problems in one paragraph and the all solutions into another. Faulty linking phrase = <b>This has, in turn,</b>
Vocabulary	7-8	Few errors, but try to show your vocabulary range by not repeating words:  alcohol abuse =over-drinking, getting drunk, excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages  alcohol abusers = alcoholics, drunkards
Grammar	8-9	Errors are rare and minor. Note "would be" is not ideal.
overall	7-7.5	I can tell you can write well because of your vocabulary and grammar. You just need to learn how to structure your essays for the IELTS exam and you should have an 8 in your sights. Make sure you refer to the essay writing documents I sent you to get an idea of the structure of each essay.



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