

C-Test English

Text 1

Government campaigns to persuade teenagers not to smoke are failing, official figures show today. Ten per cent of girls and nine per cent of boys aged 11 to 15 are reg_____ smokers – fig_____ that ha_____ hardly cha_____ in mo_____ than a dec_____. - according t_____ a sur_____ of 3,140 pup_____ of 110 sch_____. The Cover_____ has ple_____ to red_____ smoking am_____ children b_____ a th_____ to be_____ six p_____ cent, b_____ the e_____ of th_____ yers. T_____ new fig_____ reopen t_____ arguments f_____ a ban on adverting. Earlier this year the government rejected calls for a total ban on tobacco advertising but announced tougher curbs on billboards.

Text 2

The definition of a holiday for the most people is an escape from the everyday labours of making a living, the chores of life, the monotony of the familiar. There i_____ a pros_____ of lazi_____ indolence, pe_____ to exp_____ lovely sce_____ or sim_____ read to bo_____. Pitlochry wi_____ indulge a_____ of th_____ fantasies a_____ more. Th_____ Highland to_____ set with t_____ grandeur o_____ the mountains, t_____ stillness o_____ deep lo_____, the bu_____ rush of rivers and streams. And is also offers a range of holiday acrivities which would be difficult to match anywhere else in the United Kingdom.

Text 3

Tirana: A multinational team of European Union officials will travel to the former republic of Macedonia to oversee a census of ethnic Albanians. It will be the first time that international monitors have participated in a national population count. The initiative, organized by the United Nations and the Council of Europe, is designed to monitor the two-week census taking place three years after hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians boycotted an earlier exercise. The main political parties are determined to prove that they are far more numerous than the 427,000 estimated by the government.

Text 4

The streaming cup of coffee has become an essential part of the morning routine for millions, yet, despite the multitude of machines, beans and brewing methods available, "instant" is usually the most popular. Although prices of the machines mean that it is not always practical to buy a roast and grind your own beans every time you need a little, good quality coffee-making equipment can come into its own when you want to lay away a Sunday morning or impress guests. There is also the added bonus that even relatively cheap equipment can look good, especially if you have kitchen that lends itself to shiny, Italian-designed chrome finishes and you don't mind polishing away fingerprints.