

vulnerability, stress, personality, family influences and peers.

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Credit for an application of knowledge to the scenario. The scenario contains references to a number of vulnerability factors relevant to Jenny, including age, stress and peer influence. There are also references to smoking in girls and the prevalent belief that smoking prevents weight gain.

One route to credit is to use research evidence that demonstrates how these factors affect vulnerability to smoking addiction. There are many research studies demonstrating the importance of these factors, including Bricker 2006 on peer influence, Amos and Bostock 2007 on age and gender and Childs 2007 on stress. Students may also refer to studies such as Ogden and Fox (1994) which demonstrates the use of smoking as weight control / diet strategy in teenage girls.

Although the question refers to factors, there are no partial performance criteria in this question. However, answers that cover one factor only are unlikely to gain high marks.