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**Legal Drugs**

Three most significant legal drugs from 1865 until the 20th century are considered to be Heroin, Opium, and Methamphetamine

**Heroin**

1. Heroin was legal in the past and used in medicines until its addiction became known. It was first synthesised in 1874 and used as a non-addictive substitute of morphine. In the 1890s the very famous pharmaceutical company of Germany known as Bayer used heroin as a cough suppressant and morphine substitute. Heroin was mostly used in American children who were suffering from colds and coughs. It was also used in palliative care in the UK. In many European countries, the heroin was used as a maintenance drug for assisting the opiate addiction treatment (Carlson, et, al., 2016).
2. People could get heroin from medical stores and at hospitals with the prescription of the doctors.
3. People would use heroin as it may be prescribed for the treatment of severe pain such as chronic pain, the pain of post-surgery, myocardial infarction, and physical trauma including terminal illness of end-stage. The other significant advantage of heroin is that it is fat soluble and therefore more effective by injection. Hence a small dose of heroin can give a big relief from pain.

**Opium**

1. Opium was used as the opium poppy in the 19th century. Chinese labourers used to smoke opium and laudanum which was considered to be a solution of alcohol and opium. It was also used by women for treating their menstrual cramp and by infants to get relief from toothache. Around the start of the 20th century most addicts of opium were considered to be older women. Opium was mixed with tobacco to make madak which was popular in China.
2. It could be available free on the medical stores and even at the grocery stores. In Eastern Europe during 20th-century poppy seeds were sold by the farmers in the form of bundles (Obladen, 2016).
3. People would use opium because it could be used for aiding masculinity, strengthening sperm and regaining vigour. It could also enhance the art of court ladies, sex, and alchemists.

**Methamphetamine**

1. Methamphetamine is another drug which was made in 1887 by Germans and was legal to use till 1970. It was mostly used during World War II in order to keep the troops of the army awake. In 1950s Obetrol was introduced by Obetrol pharmaceuticals which were considered to be the first brand of products of pharmaceutical methamphetamine.
2. It was easily available on the grocery and medical stores and mostly used by athletes, truck drivers, and college students.
3. People could use it because it was soluble in water and could also become a perfect partner for injections. It could be used as a diet aid and for fighting the depression. It was also used for the disorder of attention deficit hyperactivity and obesity. It was also used for treating the disorder of substance use, severe anxiety or agitation, or the patients who suffered from severe hypertension, and hyperthyroidism.

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Three common illegal drugs include Cocaine, LSD, and MDMA

**Cocaine**

1. The cocaine high which is also known as cocaine intoxication is one of the most significant effects of cocaine among the users and considered to be the main reason for the consumption of cocaine. Most people use it for the psychological changes that involve the changing of the thinking, feelings, and emotions of the persons. It gives them intense pleasure which is also known as euphoria Moreover, they can gain extra self-confidence to talk in front of any audience. After taking cocaine people to feel more sociable and energetic.
2. America had a prolonged history with the addiction to cocaine. According to the national survey on drug health and use the number of cocaine users in the U.S is more than two million.
3. The abusers of cocaine generally belong to the age group of 18-25 and more than 1.6 per cent of young adults are using cocaine.

**LSD**

1. LSD is another illegal drug which has been used for several reasons. It has been used for religious rituals in order to induce detachment states from reality and also for precipitating visions thoughts for providing mystical insight or enabling contact with a higher power or spirit world. This drug can also be used for recreational or social purposes which include to have fun, deal with fun or enable them to develop a more enlightened thinking sense. Moreover, it can also be used for treating some diseases like obsessive-compulsive disorder, schizophrenia, dementia, and bipolar disorder (Barber, 2017).
2. It has been believed that more than ten per cent of people in the United of States of America has used LSD in their lives at some point.
3. Currently 0.3 per cent of people ranging from age group 12-25 while only 0.1 per cent of the adult ranging from age group more than 26 are considered to be the user of LSD

MDMA

1. People are using MDMA with the music of the electronic dance. It is used for alerting the perception and mood which include awareness of surrounding conditions and objects. It is also used for producing feelings of increased energy, time perception, distorted sensory, emotional warmth, and pleasure. These drugs are very common is night clubs and rave parties. Moreover, it also enhances sensation or sexuality, sense of inner peace and provides mild hallucination. Like other types of hallucination drugs people can use MDMA for increasing self-confidence, sociability and also the feelings of communication being simple or easy
2. More than seven per cent of people have used MDMA in their life at some, and almost one per cent of them have used in the last year.
3. MDMA is considered to be most common among young professionals and college students. It has become synonyms with the culture of rave and started appearing in the nightclubs throughout Chicago and Dallas.

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