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Modern wars may cause ecological disaster in the world

During the recent Iraqi war, Americans and the allies used bombs and missiles with depleted uranium because the danger of such projectiles to human health hasn't been confirmed.

Several experts say that Weapons containing depleted uranium are very dangerous for the health of soldiers and the local population, and also for the environment. The most destructive bombs are filled with depleted uranium: these bombs were used in Afghanistan.

A biochemist from Berlin, Professor Albrecht Schott examined the genetic map of 19 British veterans of the first Persian Gulf War. Analysis of this kind is complicated, laborious and expensive but despite this fact, Albrecht is determined to investigate a so-called "Balkan syndrome". This name was given to frequent cases of cancer, leukaemia in particular, among veterans of the wars in Bosnia, Kosovo and the first war in Iraq when weapons filled with depleted uranium were used.

The British and American Ministries of Defence have done extensive research on the problem, and they now say that there is no connection between the usage of depleted uranium and the so-called "Balkan syndrome". For this reason, financing for the investigation of Schott was denied, so the scientist decided to carry out the research under his own responsibility and with his own money.

The Professor says: "I examined the veterans and discovered considerable defects in the chromosomal structures of all of the 19 men. 67% of children of veterans of the first Persian Gulf war have serious congenital defects. Thousands of people from Iraq, southern Iraq, and especiallly Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, have suffered from the effects of depleted uranium used in weapons. Radioactive aerosol emerging after an explosion spreads over many kilometers."

Glossary:

Depleted: empobrecido

1.- Based on the ideas of the text, answer the following questions using your own words as far as possible. (25 words maximum each) (2 points)

- a) - Why have the Americans and the allies stopped giving money for Dr Schott's research?
- b) - Why, apart from soldiers who manipulate the nuclear weapons, are civilians from nearby countries affected too?

2.- Say whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Copy the evidence from the text. No marks will be given without the evidence. (1 point)

- a) - Dr Schott has decided to stop investigating the British and American denial to support his research.
- b) - The so called "Balkan syndrome" may have serious consequences for the soldiers' families.

3.- Choose ONLY THREE of the following words and write a synonym (=), an opposite (≠) a definition or a sentence (only one of these four) to show that you understand their meaning in the text. Use your own words. (1.5 points)

- a) - confirmed
- b) - examined
- c) - frequent
- d) - weapons
- e) - connection
- f) - especially

4.- Write down three grammatically correct and meaningful sentences by matching both columns. ONLY THREE of them are correct. (1.5 points)

It's been embarrassing for them	why should they be obliged to?
If somebody doesn't want to go to war,	sending more troops to the area.
The reason which I'm against the war	not to have found any mass destruction weapons yet.
Some politicians suggested	is that I don't want innocent people die.

5.- Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. (4 points)

- a) - Write a letter to a friend telling him why you are for or against war.
- b) - The negative effect of wars on the environment.

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| 1) – confirmed | 4) – weapon |
| 2) – examined | 5) – connection |
| 3) – frequent | 6) – especially |
- a) – in particular
 - b) – something that doesn’t happen very often
 - c) – someone you know in the business or social world
 - d) – investigated
 - e) – proved
 - f) – arm
 - g) – common
 - h) – link
 - i) – instrument or device used for fighting or killing people

4.- Write down three grammatically correct and meaningful sentences by matching both columns. ONLY THREE of them are correct. (1.5 points)

It 's been horrible for them	why should they be obliged to?
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The reason which I'm against the war	not to have found any mass destruction weapons yet.
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5.- Choose ONE of the following options: (4 points)

a) Rewrite the following conversation in the correct order.- The underlined are the first and the last bits.

Mary- You've got a lot of Abba records!

Mary- What happened to your wife, Richard?

Mary- Oh, I'm sorry.

Mary- How long were you married?

Mary- When did it happen?

Richard- How long were you married?

Richard- Last summer. It happened when she was driving home from work.

Richard- Yes, my wife used to be very keen on them at one time.

Richard- She died in a car accident.

Richard- Seven years. We got married as soon as we left college.

Richard- It's all right. I don't mind talking about it now.

b) Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics.

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