

Practice Exit Exam

Please respond to one of the following questions:

“Forbidden Fruit” by Ruth Clifford Engs

- 1) In Forbidden Fruit the author, Ruth Clifford Engs, states that the drinking age of twenty-one should be lowered to eighteen or nineteen. She further states that these young drinkers should be allowed to drink in controlled environments. Drawing from the article as well as your own experience, explain whether you would lower the drinking age or keep it at the current higher age?
- 2) In this article the author relates what she sees as the necessity of lowering the drinking age. To prove her point she quotes facts which show what happened when the drinking age was raised to twenty-one in 1987. What are these facts she quotes and what do they show? Why do you think that huge numbers of young people choose to drink to excess?

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