

**Forensic Science: Case Study; Drug C  
(ANSWER QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER)**

Case 4-Reese C. Reese is an 18 year old single male who was born in Los Angeles, California, where he still lives with his mother and his brother. His dad is a sales rep and is on the road during the week.

*"When he's home on the weekend he just drinks and watches the ball games on TV. When he gets drunk he yells at me and my mom and throws shit around the house. He*

*Drinks all the time that he's home but he can't hold his booze. Like he's a total lightweight. Mom also drinks. Watch out when they both get 'lit.' Man, the fur really flies. We've had the cops out several times. I just take off when they start getting' into it.*

*I started drinking and smoking when I was 13, in the eighth grade. It was a total drag, not that any of the other grades were any better, but all the kids were talking about high school and the classes they were going to take, and me, I was just trying to figure out where I was gonna get money for my next pack of cigarettes. Now I smoke about a pack a day, plus a couple of joints too. I have a cup of coffee in the morning before school and that's it. At night I'll drink 3 or 4 beers plus a few shots of vodka.*

*On the weekends is when I really get down to partying.*

*I've played around with lots of stuff. You know, trying to see what's out there. I've tried pot, coke, mescaline, XTC, mushrooms. I've even shot up a few times. It's no big deal. When I'm partying, I like to mix things up a bit. Maybe do some tequila and mushrooms, depends on what's going on and who's around. If I drink too much I black out. I've even OD'd a few times. But, hey, it wasn't any big deal or nothing. I do like speed though. If any drug is my favorite, aside from cigarettes and coffee, it'd be 'speed.' I saw a doctor when I was eight. My folks took me. They said I was out of control.*

*The doctor said I had attention deficit disorder and gave me Ritalin? It helped a little, I guess. I don't know much about it. Right now, except for partying, I don't take any medication. Then there's my brother, a complete math 'geek'. Always gotten good grades, never been in trouble; responsible, dependable, and healthy and clean. He's a parent's wet dream and I'm his evil twin brother."*

#### Questions-Case 4

1. Based on the information Reese gave you, what other information would you need to determine Reese's level of drug use?
2. Based on what Reese has told you, where would you place him on the Addiction-Compulsion Scale?
3. What in Reese's family history might lead you to suspect that there may be a genetic component to his drug abuse problems and should be evaluated further?
4. What in Reese's medical history might lead you to suspect that he may have a dual diagnosis problem?
5. What in Reese's environment might lead you to believe that environmental factors may also play a role in his drug use?

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