

- 11 Shaun has been experiencing depression. He has been struggling to get out of bed to go to work and has attempted suicide. Shaun has not been eating properly and has felt tired and lethargic at work.

Shaun's mother has recently been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, and his father was diagnosed with depression when Shaun was a baby.

- (a) State **one** possible cause of Shaun's depression that could be defined as 'nature' in the above scenario.

(1)

Shaun's Father also had depression.

- (b) State **one** possible cause of Shaun's depression that could be defined as 'nurture' in the above scenario.

(1)

Shaun's mother has recently been

diagnosed with a life threatening illness.

- (c) Explain **one** way that drugs could be used as a treatment to help Shaun.

(2)

Shaun could take SNRI's to help him. For example, SNRI's will stop Shaun's synapses from reabsorbing the serotonin and noradrenaline in his synapses. This will leave Shaun feeling happier for longer and will give him motivation to get out of bed.



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