New medical careers for Sherpas

The Kunde Hospital is the only one in the high Everest isolated region of Nepal. It is a 12-bed clinic high up in the Himalayas. Originally the hospital was run by foreign doctors but the clinic is now staffed and run by the local Sherpa population.

This hospital was set up in 1966 by Sir Edmund Hillary, and is located at a height of 3,840 metres.

For many of its patients, visiting the clinic means walking hours through high mounting passes.

The hospital is mainly funded by foreign donations and was originally run by doctors from Canada and New Zealand. But for the past ten years it has been run by local Sherpa doctors.

Dr. Tsering says that without the hospital, there would be little health care in the Khumbu region.

The hospital was built in 1966 and before that the health system was absolutely bad. There were a lot of problems with birth control, immunization, people had a lot of bad infections, the hygiene was really bad and there were a lot of cases of tuberculosis causing a lot of deaths.

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Dr. Tsering says that, because of the hospital, many young people from this impoverished region of Nepal, are now looking towards a career in medicine.

(Taken from the BBC).

Sherpas: Nativos de Nepal (expertos en montañismo).

run by: gestionado por.

set up: establecido, fundado.

funded: financiado.

QUESTIONS

1ª.- Answer these questions about the text.

a) In what ways has the hospital contributed to improve the conditions of the region?

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b) When was it built? ......It was built in 1966

c) Where is it located? ......It and is located at a height of 3,840 metres.

d) Why are many young people now looking towards a career in medicine? ...because of the hospital
2ª.- Change the sentence from active to passive.

a) Millions of people saw the programme. ……The programme was seen by millions of people
b) A lot of business people read this magazine every week.……This magazine is read by a lot of business people every week
c) Mahou sponsored our football team. ……Our football team was sponsored by Mahou
e) The president of the company signs all the contracts.……All the contracts are signed by the president of the company

3ª.- Make comparisons. Use the correct form of de adjective.

a) It is much………cheaper. (+cheap) to book flights and hotels on the Internet.
b) Train travel in Europe is ……as cheap as……. (=cheap) flying nowadays.
c) The service with the new manager is much ……worse. (+bad) than the one with the old
d) It is ……..less difficult.…….(-difficult) to place an order with the new software

4ª.- Make questions for these answers.

a) The trade Fair is in Berlin.  
Where is the trade fair?……?
b) The show ends on January the first.  
When does the show end?………………..?
c) Yes, we are a multinational company.  
Are you a multinational company?…………………..?
d) No, I am not in costumer services  
Are you in costumers services?…………………..?

5ª.- Match each word with the correct definition A, B, C o D.

1. Family planning …………… D.- The plannings of when to have children  
2. Mountain pass ...... A.- A path that allows the crossing of a mountain chain.  
3. Birth control ...... B.- Methods or medications to reduce probability of pregnancy.  
4. Foreign donations ......C.- Aid economic and other assistance given by one country to another.

6ª.- Write a composition about Madrid: What do you like most? (50 words more or less)
Madrid is the Spanish capital city, it has lots of interesting things to see and visit, for example, The Prado Museum or Debod’s temple. The typical dish from Madrid is “cocido” it’s great and tasty. People from Madrid are nice, open and talkative. Madrid is also well known because of football, we have two famous soccer teams that are Real Madrid and Atlético.