NAME _____ GROUP _____ DATE _____

READING COMPREHENSION [20 points]

1.- Read the text. The sentences below are false. Use information from the text to show this (10 points)

Some people always seem to make you laugh. They're good at telling amusing jokes, and they can easily turn their everyday experiences into entertaining stories. Maybe something hysterical happened while they were waiting for their turn at the cash machine. For natural comedians, life seems to be one enjoyable moment after another. Are they simply lucky, or is there something different about their personalities? Experts have found some surprising answers to these questions.

Many people think comedians are outgoing, creative people. They're fun to be around, so they're probably nice too. But Gil Greengross and Geoffrey Miller of the University of New Mexico studied 31 stand-up comedians, and they discovered differently. The comedians in the study were very imaginative. But they weren't outgoing, and they weren't always nice. They were actually private people with the ability to be quite nasty.

In another study in the British Journal of Psychiatry, researchers analysed comedians from Australia, Britain and the United States. They discovered that comedians were often anti-social and they had trouble getting close to other people.

So why is the true personality of a comedian different from his or her personality while performing? According to Greengross, performing gives comedians the opportunity to be their "ideal selves", and it doesn't represent their daily life personalities. In real life, they spend a lot of time alone, watching other people. In short, life can be entertaining, but full of surprises too.

1. Comedians usually tell entertaining stories about very unusual experiences.
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2. Gil Greengross and Geoffrey Miller discovered that comedians are extremely friendly.
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3. According to Greengross and Miller's research, comedians love being around other people.
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4. According to a British study, comedians develop close relationships easily
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5. You see a comedian's true personality when you watch the comedian perform.
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2.- Answer the questions (10 points)

1. Where did Gil Greengross and Geoffrey Miller get their information from?

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2. Are comedians imaginative according to Greengross and Miller?

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3. Who did the experts writing for the British Journal of Psychology study?

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4. Why does Greengross think comedians act differently while performing?

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5. What do comedians often do in their everyday life?

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VOCABULARY [20 points]

1.- Circle the word that doesn't belong. (6 points)

1. kneepads * goggles * snowboard * elbow pads
2. careless * clumsy * rude * brilliant
3. refuse * achieve * succeed * admire
4. escalator * traffic jam * fence * pavement
5. newsagent's * pub * petrol station * alley
6. salmon * crisps * nuts * biscuits

2.- Match the words in A to their definitions in B. (6 points)

A	B
1. skip classes	a. a place to stay at night when you're travelling
2. gross	b. choose not to go to school lessons
3. weird	c. a place to get money
4. cash machine	d. ugly and disgusting
5. tell a lie	e. be dishonest
6. youth hostel	f. unusual

3.- Choose the correct answer (8 points)

1. Do you need to ***participate / improve / convince*** your marks?
2. Babies ***skip / jog / crawl*** before they walk.
3. It's ***rude / polite / private*** to eat with your mouth open.
4. You must ***take an exam / drop out / get a job*** to get into that college

5. Why are the boys ***defeating / requesting / fighting*** again?
6. I need a ***torch / a towel / toothpaste*** because I'm going swimming.
7. We had a great time at the ***amusement park / convent / graveyard*** last night
8. I'm too tired to walk up. I'll take the ***litter / lift / alley***

GRAMMAR [30 points]

1.- Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the Past Simple. (4 points)

NOT ENTER * MAKE * FIND * PERFORM

1. Yesterday, I ..... a tuna sandwich for lunch.
2. The orchestra ..... three times last week.
3. Where ..... you ..... a cash machine?
4. The crowd ..... the stadium through the front gate.

2.- Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use USED TO. (4 points)

1. Roger ..... (skip) classes regularly.
2. Our basketball team ..... ((not lose) important games.
3. ..... they ..... (spend) their money on clothes
4. They ..... (not go) on holiday in July.

3.- Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Continuous or the Past Simple. (6 points)

1. The boys ..... (not watch) TV at midnight.
2. Owen ..... (drive) the car yesterday.
3. We ..... (sleep) while Sandra was studying for an exam.
4. It wasn't raining when they ..... ((leave) the house.
5. I ..... (wait) for the bus when I saw Michael.
6. Patrick fell while he ..... (play) rugby.

4.- Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions. (6 points)

1. already / find / Jack / a job / .

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2. take / we / a history exam / last week / .

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3. Ever / be / to an amusement park / you / ?

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4. Since 2006 / not live / Bob and Kate / here .

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5. Tim / work / when / as a detective / ?

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6. not finish / my science project / yet / I / .

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5.-. Choose the correct answer. (10 points)

I ***is writing / write / am writing*** to recommend and exciting tourist attraction in Nottingham. Last week, while my sisters ***were spending / spent / was spending*** their money on new clothes in the

Broadmarsh Shopping Centre, my brother and I ***was deciding / were deciding / decided*** to go into the City of Caves. Surprisingly, the entrance to the caves is in the shopping centre. There are over 500 man-made caves under the city and people ***visit / visits / are visiting*** them frequently on tours. People ***used / have used / has used*** the caves since 900 AD for different purposes. When there weren't enough houses in Nottingham, the poorest people ***used to live / didn't use to live / did they use to live*** underground. The caves ***became / has become / have become*** overcrowded, dirty and unhealthy, but in 1845, a new law ***allowed / didn't allow / did it allow*** people to live there anymore. While we ***toured / was touring / were touring*** the caves, our guide told us, "Archeologists ***still find / am still finding / are still finding*** more caves!"