Diagnostic Exam Starter

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Unit 1 – My World

Read an excerpt from an article about comic books to answer questions 1 to 4.

Comics are all around the world, and everybody loves them. But not every comic book has villains and heroes like Superman and Lex Luthor. In Brazil, *Monica's Gang* is one of the most popular comics among kids. The comic series created by Mauricio de Souza narrates the adventures of Monica and her friends, Jimmy Five (Cebolinha), Smudge (Cascão), Maggy (Magali) and Chuck Billy (Chico Bento). Another well-known comic strip in Brazil is *The Nutty Boy*. It is about a smart boy who is a little bit of a troublemaker and wears a cooking pot on his head.

In Argentina, people from different generations love the *Mafalda* comic strips. In 1963, its author, Quino, created the opinionated 6-year old girl that loves the Beatles, democracy, children's rights and peace, but hates soup. Since then, children and adults of all ages have read it. In the US, people love *Garfield*. Created by Jim Davis, the intelligent, lazy, and lasagna-loving cat is one of the most popular characters among Americans.

Question 1

Answer according to the text.

a What comics are mentioned in the text?

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b Do the comics mentioned in the text have villains and heroes?

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c What is *The Nutty Boy* comic strip about?

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d *Mafalda* is a comic strip from what country?

_____

Question 2

Match the interrogative sentences on the left with the correct answers on the right.

a ( ) When was *Mafalda* published for the first time?	1 *Monica's Gang*.
b ( ) Maggy is a character in which comic strip?	2 It was first published in 1963.
c ( ) Quino is the author of which comic series?	3 He wears a cooking pot.
d ( ) What does the Nutty Boy wear on his head?	4 *Mafalda*.
e ( ) What does Mafalda hate?	5 She hates soup.

Question 3

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

strong	adventurous	ages	beloved

a Mafalda has very _____ opinions.

b Monica and her friends are _____.

c People of all _____ read *Mafalda*.

d Garfield is _____ by American readers.}

Question 4

Complete the sentences below with the nationalities.

a Dora was born in the UK. Dora is _____.

b If you are born in Belgium, you are a _____.

c The _____ Revolution took place in France.

d Ramen is a typical food from _____.

Question 5

Choose the alternative that best completes the sentences.

1 Nicole likes to go to the movies, and _____ friends always go with her.

2 Gwen, is that _____ pen on the desk?

3 We are looking for _____ classroom. Can you show us the way?

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4 He forgot to print _____ presentation before class.

5 Did you like _____ birthday present?

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a her / your / his / our / their

b her / your / our / his / your

c your/ his / their / my / our

d my / our / his / her / their

Question 6

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

a Rebecca **does not** / **do not** like dogs. She is afraid of them.

b No, she was born in Australia. So, she **is** / **is not** British.

c I think **they do** / **they're** good at soccer, as they're from Brazil.

d My mother **is** / **does not** a very good cook; we love her food.

e We **does not** / **aren't** from Mexico, we're from Argentina.

Question 7

Turn the affirmative sentences into short questions.

a Michael is from Ireland.

_____

b The students are at the basketball court.

_____

c Her sisters are taking ballet lessons.

_____

d We are thinking about going to Romania.

_____

Question 8

Complete the sentences below with the words in the box.

mom	aunt	grandma	cousin	parents	brother

a The son of my mother is my _____.

b My father's mother is my _____.

c _____ Lia is my dad`s sister.

d My _____ are great! They let me go camping last year.

e Dona's _____ is pregnant with her brother.

f Lisa is my aunt's daughter, she's my _____.

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