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TEST: UNIT 5
CONNECTIVITY -LEVEL 5

PROFERTIL

READING

1) Read the article. Then choose the correct answer to each question.

WHY DO WE LAUGH ?

Laughter is an essential part of human communication. Prehistoric humans started laughing long before they began using language. And babies begin to giggle at about 3 months old— many weeks before they utter their first words. So why exactly do we laugh? And what do we communicate to others when we chuckle, chortle, and giggle?

The first thing we associate with laughter is humor. If you find something truly funny, you may feel it deep in your abdomen. This is called "belly laughter" and is regarded as the most genuine form of laughter. Surprisingly, studies show that only 10%–20% of laughs are generated by anything resembling a joke. In fact, there are other reasons for laughter that are much more common.

Another type of laughter is "nervous laughter," which occurs during stressful situations like public speaking or job interviews. Although we often try to suppress this kind of involuntary laughter, it has the useful purpose of communicating our discomfort to others and relieving stress. Laughing releases endorphins—the chemicals our bodies produce to make us feel happy. It also increases then decreases our heart rate and blood pressure, which produces a calming effect. Nervous laughter may also serve as a defense mechanism against emotions that make us feel threatened. For example, when being yelled at by someone who is angry, we might unexpectedly react by laughing. Because laughter can reduce other people's tension, this can actually help defuse the situation and calm the other person.

We use "etiquette laughter" to get along and show agreement with others. For example, if your boss or a teacher makes a joke that isn't funny, you might laugh anyway. Or if other people are laughing, you may join them to strengthen your connection with the group.This kind of laughter isn't necessarily insincere. Researchers have found that the sound of laughter triggers a response in the brain that prepares the facial muscles for laughing. So when you hear others laughing, wanting to laugh yourself is a natural response. We are 30 times more likely to laugh when we are in groups compared to when we're alone. Laughter is contagious.

From relieving our nervous anxiety to cementing our social relationships, laughter plays a big role in our lives, so it's not surprising that it's also good for our health. It boosts our immune system, lowers blood pressure, increases oxygen flow, and even provides a workout for our abdominal and respiratory muscles. Laughter really is the best medicine!

1. What can be inferred about the relationship between laughter and language development based on the information provided in the passage?

a. Laughter and language are independent and unrelated aspects of human communication

b. Laughter and language developed simultaneously

c. Laughter is a precursor to the development of language in human communication

d. Language is a more advanced form of communication that eventually replaced laughter

2. What percentage of laughter is NOT typically generated by humour or jokes?

a. 60%- 70%

b. 80% - 90%

c. 30%- 40%

d. 50%



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3. What is ˝belly laughter˝ considered to be?

a. A sign of nervousness

b. A sincere form of laughter

c. An insincere form of laughter

d. A response to others´ laughter

4. What is one function of ˝nervous laughter˝?

a. To show agreement

b. To express uneasiness

c. To avoid embarrassment

d. To entertain others

5. Why might someone laugh at an unfunny joke made by a superior?

a. To get on well with him or her

b. To establish Independence

c. As a form of ˝nervous laughter˝

d. To discourage criticism



6. What is a common reason people laugh in groups?

a. To show empathy

b. To relieve nervous anxiety

c. To strengthen bonds

d. To avoid conflict

7. How does laughter physiologically benefit our health?

a. Decreases oxygen flow

b. Increases blood pressure

c. Enhances immunity

d. Decreases endorphin levels

8. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a health benefit of laughter in the passage?

a. Lowering blood pressure

b. Increasing oxygen flow

c. Providing a workout for muscles

d. Reducing anxiety attacks

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LISTENING

2) You will hear a conversation. Read the paragraph below. Then listen and complete each statement with the word or short phrase you hear in the story.

Sylvie is really embarrassed about something, so David, asks her what **(1)** _____.

It seems that no one **(2)** _____when she told a joke French people typically

tell about **(3)** _____ . She can't figure out why everyone seemed to

(4) _____ the joke personally. David tries to explain that in the U.S.

it's definitely **(5)** _____ to make a joke about a particular

(6) _____ , ethnic group, or religion. Sylvie expresses

surprise that Americans are so politically **(7)** _____ . She then compares

attitudes about jokes in France and the U.S., and she wonders why people in the U.S. are so

(8) _____.

She explains that French people find **(9)** _____ jokes to be normal and par

for the course. David explains that Americans also make jokes about themselves, but are les

willing to laugh when the joke comes from an **(10)** _____ .

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY



3) Rewrite each question in INDIRECT SPEECH.

1. Gina asked , "Can you explain that joke to me?"

Gina asked _____

2. Todd asked me, "When do you usually study?"

Todd asked me _____

3. Ms. Clark asked her employees, "Will you finish your reports on time?"

Ms. Clark asked her employees _____

4. I asked my sister, "What time did your plane land?"

I asked my sister _____

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5. Peya asked us, "Have you been watching that new show about practical jokes?"

Peya asked us _____

4) Report the following sentences .

1. I may meet Mr Adams this afternoon.

He told me _____.

2. Susan called me yesterday.

He said that _____.

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3. I´ve already sent you an email explaining the situation.

He said that _____.

4. I can´t do my homework now.

He told me _____.

5. I´ll phone you at seven o´clock tonight.

She said to him _____.

5) JOKES & HUMOUR. Choose the correct phrase to complete each sentence.



1. I´ve never heard anything funnier! That _____.

2. The joke doesn´t make sense. I must have _____.

3. I don´t understand. Could you _____ me again, please?

4. _____. I laughed so hard my belly hurts!

5. Sorry! I just don´t get the joke. That went _____!

6. Did you hear that hilarious joke about the owl who went to school? _____!

6) Complete each sentence with the correct TYPE OF JOKE.

1. _____ jokes contain a pun or other kinds of funny language.

2. _____ jokes involve someone playing a prank on someone else.

3. _____ jokes treat people, especially women, unfairly because of their gender.

4. _____ jokes make fun of a particular racial or cultural group.

5. _____ jokes are about government leaders.

6. _____ jokes are about something sexual that many find offensive.

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