Reading and Writing - 1 UNIT 4 & 5 - REVISION

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I. Reading Comprehension

A. Read the article about humor. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

Humor around the world

In this article, we discuss whether there is a sense of humor that is the same everywhere.

1. Everyone everywhere in the world laughs. People have laughed for millions of years. Laughing is natural. * Laughing is good for us, and everyone enjoys laughing. Laughing is also a social activity. It can help us to make friends. But do people in different countries laugh at the same things? Do they have the same sense of humor? Social psychologists are very interested in these questions.

What is the same?

2. There are some things that everyone usually finds funny. When we expect one thing but something different happens, it can be funny because it is surprising. This is, of course, not true when it is a serious or dangerous situation. People in many countries laugh when the joke is something that you see, for example in funny films with no sound. *

3. Many jokes use language. Around the world, people use the same language techniques to make other people laugh. For example, people laugh when someone says something is larger, or better, or worse than it really is. People can make jokes with words or clever statements. *

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What is different?

4. *At the same time, there are also differences in humor between countries. Jokes often don't travel well. In some countries, for example Japan or Britain, people love jokes using words that have two meanings. But to understand these jokes, you need to understand the language. Funny stories, too, only connect people with the same knowledge and experience. You can't explain a joke easily to friends from another country, especially if they speak a different language.*

5. *In 2001, social psychologists looked at humor among groups of students from North America and Singapore. They found several differences in why and how the students used humor. The Americans often made jokes when they were embarrassed or nervous, or to relax in a stressful situation. The Singaporeans used jokes to help explain something, or to win in a discussion. They used jokes to teach.* *

6. *Is it an advantage for someone to be funny? Different cultures have different opinions about this. Research in 2016 found that people from Chinese backgrounds do not think that humor is important in a person. Being serious has more benefits. Laughing is something that you should do only with certain people. But in North America, people think that funny people are positive and attractive. Humor in a person is a good thing.*

So is humor the same all over the world?

7. *The social effect of laughter is the same everywhere, but jokes can be very different in different countries. Jokes that use language are funny to people who come from the same country. This is because they all know the same things. We all laugh. But what makes us laugh depends on our country, our language, and our experience.*

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1. In paragraph 1, what do social psychologists want to find out?

A. If laughing is good for our health.

B. How much people enjoy laughing.

C. If the same things are funny everywhere.

2. Which of these make people everywhere laugh?

A. Situations where the result is not expected.

B. A joke in another language.

C. A story where the surprise is not so good.

3. What can make it difficult to understand a joke?

A. If someone says something is larger than it really is.

B. If something in the joke is surprising.

C. If the joke is about something in another country.

4. What did the researchers find in 2001?

A. Americans find jokes helpful for explaining things.

B. Singaporeans like to relax with jokes.

C. In difficult social situations, Americans make jokes.

5. What did the research in paragraph 6 discover?

A. Not everyone thinks being funny is a good thing.

B. North Americans believe that people should be serious.

C. People from Chinese backgrounds like humor.

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6. What is the main idea of paragraph 7?

A. People from different countries laugh at the same types of things.

B. Laughing has the same social effects, but people laugh at different things.

C. Laughing is the same everywhere when people speak the same language.

B. Read the supporting statements. They go in the places marked with * in the article. Write the correct paragraph number for each statement.

7. _____ Humor without words is easy to understand.

8. _____ Language jokes make everyone laugh, wherever they come from.

9. _____ The topics of the jokes were different in the two countries, too.

10. ____ It is your body's response to funny things that people say or do, or things that happen.

Vocabulary

A. Match each word with the correct definition. There is one more definition than you need.

11. pretend	a. to make the amount, level, or number of something go up
12. protect	b. to try to make someone believe something that is not true
13. increase	c. the speed of something or how often it happens
14. rate	d. all of something
15. whole	e. to keep someone or something safe
	f. the power and knowledge to do something

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B. Complete the passage with the correct word from the word bank. There is one more word than you need.

a) natural b) score c) provide d) nervous e) prevent f) embarrassed

Maryam is very (16) _____ about her English language test. Her teacher told her it is quite (17) _____ to worry before a test, but she needs to relax. She should not feel (18) _____ if she makes a mistake in the speaking part of the test. Maryam plans to study in another country, so her (19) _____ is very important. She knows that if it is not good enough, it will (20) _____ her from studying abroad.

Reading Skill: Identify the topic sentence in a paragraph

Put these sentences in the correct order to make a paragraph. Write the correct letter for each sentence. There is one more sentence than you need.

A. For example, research shows that men like jokes where they can laugh at other people, but women prefer jokes that are silly.

B. Instead, women like to listen when men make jokes.

C. Men and women can have a different sense of humor.

D. Social reasons for laughter are the same everywhere.

E. They think that men can tell jokes, but women don't have this ability.

F. But people probably have these opinions because men and women have different social roles.

G. Many people also believe that men are naturally funnier than women.

21. Sentence 1 _____

22. Sentence 2 _____

23. Sentence 3 _____

24. Sentence 4 _____

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25. Sentence 5 _____

26. Sentence 6 _____

Vocabulary Skill: Identify parts of speech

A. Read the sentence. Is the bold word a noun, verb or adjective? Choose A, B, or C.

27. People who want to be **friendly** smile a lot in some countries.

A. Noun

B. Verb

C. Adjective

28. Ali's **ability** to write in English is getting better very quickly

A. Noun

B. Verb

C. Adjective

29. Laughing clubs can **improve** people's health and happiness.

A. Noun

B. Verb

C. Adjective

B. Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word from the word bank.

a) expect b) effect c) connect

1. Soo Yim was not happy because she _____ a much better result on her test.

2. A better memory is only one of the many helpful _____ of laughter.

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3. Scientists found a chemical _____ in the brain between smiling and laughing.

Writing Skill: Write a topic sentence

Choose the best topic sentence, A or B.

(1) _____. It can help you relax. It can produce chemicals in your body that that make you feel good. It can even help you to live longer.

A. Children like to tell jokes.
B. You can improve your health by laughing.

(2) _____. Laughing together with an adult helps children to learn cognitive skills. It helps them to understand other people. Laughing can also teach children about different feelings.

A. Laughter is important for children.
B. People may laugh when they are embarrassed.

(3) _____. It doesn't matter how old you are, laughing is important. Babies have no language and not much experience of the world. But babies like to laugh with people from an early age.

A. Laughter and smiling are natural for all humans of all ages.
B. Some scientists think that humor is a type of social game.

(4) _____. It is because there is something they don't like or want you to stop. But they laugh and smile for the opposite reason. They want you to continue talking and doing things with them.

A. Babies start smiling from the age of one month.
B. We know why babies cry.

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Grammar

A. Join these sentences with when.

- My friends get together.
- My friends like to tell jokes.

1. _____

- Your body sends certain chemicals to your brain.
- You laugh at funny films.

2. _____

- People laugh together in laughing clubs.
- People use a lot of energy.

3. _____

- You smile at something.
- Your brain tells you to get ready to laugh.

4. _____

- You should try to smile and laugh.
- You feel sad.

5. _____

B. Match each sentence beginning with the correct ending. There is one more ending than you need.

1. When the students heard the joke in English,	A. when you laugh.
2. Many changes take place in your body	B. they feel better.

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3. You can understand a person's sense of humor	C. when you write it down.
4. When some people feel embarrassed,	D. when you know them well.
5. When people in pain watch a funny film,	E. they like to make a joke about it.
	F. they couldn't understand the humor.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Vocabulary

A. Match each word with the correct definition. There is one more definition than you need.

1. form	a. the process of getting ready for a sport or job
2. training	b. the amount, size, or number of something
3. among	c. to start a group or organization
4. weight	d. in the group or number of
5. athlete	e. how heavy someone is
	f. a person who is good at sports, especially one who competes in events

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