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Assessments**Unit 5 Review Test 1****Section 1: Listening Part A**

||| Listen to the podcast about comedy. Choose the correct answer to each question, according to the information.

1. What does Shelley think about stand-up comedy from the 1970–1980s?
 - a. Popular comedians used racist or sexist jokes that promoted harmful stereotypes.
 - b. She grows as a comedian by going back and watching popular sets from that era.
 - c. Society was more inclusive back then and that's reflected in the classic comedy of that era.
2. How has Tim's stand-up act changed during his career?
 - a. He understands his audience better and includes the kinds of jokes people want to hear.
 - b. He has stopped making jokes that he felt reinforced discriminatory Asian stereotypes.
 - c. He now farms a lot of material about his immigrant parents and having a "Tiger Mom."
3. How does Kevin feel about making jokes about mental health struggles?
 - a. That crosses the line—some subjects should be off-limits for comedians.
 - b. They can be harmful to people in the audience who are dealing with those issues.
 - c. It's OK if done in a way that brings awareness instead of discrimination.
4. What did Shelley think of the film *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*?
 - a. It presented stereotypes of Greek families that audiences find funny.
 - b. It relied on stereotypes that already existed in the audience's mind.
 - c. It poked fun at a specific family without relying on stereotypes.

Section 1: Listening Part B

||| Listen to the podcast again. Which statement best summarizes the speakers' views about stereotypes, according to the information?

5.
 - a. The best comedy comes from the comedian's own authentic experiences instead of relying on stereotypes.
 - b. The best comedy avoids harmful stereotypes and sensitive subjects altogether.
 - c. The best comedy reminds audiences of ideas that already exist in their own minds.

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Section 2: Vocabulary Part A

Choose the correct language to complete each statement.

6. I've never heard anything funnier! That (**cracks me up / went right over my head / is offensive**).
7. The joke doesn't make sense. I must have (**cracked up / missed something / a hoot**).
8. I don't understand. (**That's hysterical! / That's too much. / Run that by me again?**)
9. (**That's priceless! / I don't get it. / That went over my head.**) I laughed so hard my belly hurts!

Section 2: Vocabulary Part B

Choose the correct type of joke from the box to complete each statement. There are two extra choices.

Dirty	Ethnic	Political	Practical	Sexist	Verbal
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10. _____ jokes contain a pun or other kinds of funny language.
11. _____ jokes involve someone playing a prank on someone else.
12. _____ jokes treat people, especially women, unfairly because of their gender.
13. _____ jokes make fun of a particular racial or cultural group.

Section 3: Grammar Part A

Choose the correct indirect question that matches each direct question.

14. Gina asked, "Can you explain that joke to me?"
 - a. Gina asked whether I had explained that joke to her.
 - b. Gina said I could explain that joke to her.
 - c. Gina asked if I could explain that joke to her.
15. Todd asked me, "Where did you go yesterday?"
 - a. Todd asked me where I would go tomorrow.
 - b. Todd asked me where I had gone the day before.
 - c. Todd asked me whether I had gone anywhere the day before.
16. Ms. Clark asked her employees, "Will you finish your reports on time?"
 - a. Ms. Clark asked her employees if we could finish our reports on time.
 - b. Ms. Clark asked her employees when they would finish their reports.
 - c. Ms. Clark asked her employees whether they would finish their reports on time.

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

- a. I asked my sister what time her plane had landed.
- b. I asked my sister whether her plane landed on time.
- c. I asked my sister what time her plane lands.

Section 3: Grammar Part B**Read the sentences in reported speech. Rewrite each sentence in direct speech.****Example:** Sam said that he needed to get ready for his soccer game.Sam said, "I need to get ready for my soccer game."

18. My mother admitted that she hadn't understood the joke.

19. Mr. Moreno told me that I had to hand in the signed contract on Friday.

20. Larry said his uncle couldn't tell a funny joke.

21. I insisted that I had been telling the truth.

Section 4: Speaking Part A**Choose the correct words or phrases from the box to complete the conversation. There is one extra choice.**

get it	for a minute	This is priceless	Wait, what	went over my head
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A: 22. _____! Come see this.

B: OK. What is it?

A: Look. It's this picture of a tub of ice cream and a banana. The ice cream is telling the banana to split.

B: 23. _____? Run that by me again?

A: You don't understand? Think about it 24. _____.

B: Oh, yeah! Now I 25. _____. That's hilarious, actually.

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Section 4: Speaking Part B**Choose the correct language to complete each conversation.****26. A:** Did you hear the joke about the roof? Never mind. It's over your head.**B:** Wait, what? _____

- a. Run that by me again?
- b. That's a hoot!
- c. That's priceless.

27. A: I love to watch videos about cats.**B:** Me too! _____

- a. They go over my head.
- b. They crack me up.
- c. You're kidding, right?

28. A: Oh, you have to see this! _____**B:** What is it?**A:** Look. It's this cute video of a baby laughing.

- a. Now I get it.
- b. Think about it for a minute.
- c. This is priceless.

29. A: I'm afraid that joke went over my head.**B:** _____ Think about it for a minute.**A:** Oh, OK. Now I understand. That's pretty funny, actually.

- a. Now I get it.
- b. Run that by me again?
- c. You don't get it?

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Section 5: Reading Part A

Read the article. Then choose True, False, or No information, according to the information.

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. So when you find yourself laughing in strange situations, don’t worry about the cause and let yourself enjoy it. Laughter really is the best medicine!

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30. The most common type of laughter results from hearing something we find truly funny, like a good joke.
- a. True
 - b. False
 - c. No information
31. Laughter provides a workout for our abdominal and respiratory muscles.
- a. True
 - b. False
 - c. No information

Section 5: Reading Part B

Read the article in Part A again. Then read the situations. Choose the theory that probably explains why each person laughs.

32. Sam is on a first date with a girl he really likes. They start talking about their hobbies, and Sam laughs a little as he talks about himself.
- a. belly laughter
 - b. nervous laughter
 - c. etiquette laughter
33. Gabby is streaming a performance by her favorite comedian. Each joke causes Gabby to laugh uncontrollably, which wakes up her husband who is dozing on the couch next to her.
- a. belly laughter
 - b. nervous laughter
 - c. etiquette laughter