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Assessments**Unit 5 Review Test 2****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 comedy today compared to the past?
 - a. Comedy today has grown and, like society, is now more inclusive.
 - b. Comedy today is hard to watch because there are so many harmful stereotypes.
 - c. Comedy has not changed much since the 1970s and 1980s.
2. Why did Tim include jokes that included racial stereotypes early in his career?
 - a. He felt it was OK to make jokes about Asian stereotypes since he is Asian himself.
 - b. He felt he needed to make the kinds of jokes that audience wanted to hear.
 - c. He wanted to explore difficult subjects in his stand-up act and encourage discussion.
3. How has making jokes about mental illness and depression affected Kevin?
 - a. It helped him work through his own issues with mental health.
 - b. It caused him to suffer from mental illness and depression himself.
 - c. It made him realize that struggles with mental illness aren't funny.
4. What did Shelley think of the film *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*?
 - a. It shows how much comedians rely on harmful ethnic stereotypes.
 - b. It's not funny because it presents only what the audience wants to see.
 - c. It shows it's possible to be funny 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. To get the best response, comedians should poke fun at ideas that already exist in the audience's minds.
 - b. To avoid offending the audience, comedians should avoid difficult and sensitive subjects altogether.
 - c. Instead of repeating harmful stereotypes, comedians should base their act on their own experiences.

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Section 2: Vocabulary Part A

Choose the correct language to complete each statement.

6. Did you hear that hilarious joke about the owl who went to school? It's (**a hoot / missed something / offensive**)!
7. I just don't understand the joke. That went (**over my head / by me again / too much**).
8. Your joke about the animal teachers is really funny. It (**cracks me up / must have missed something / went over my head**)!
9. Wait, what? I (**don't get it / get it / think it's hilarious**). Run that by me again?

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 are about something sexual that many find offensive.
11. _____ jokes rely on a stereotype about someone's racial or cultural group.
12. _____ jokes are about government leaders.
13. _____ jokes involve playing a trick on someone.

Section 3: Grammar Part A

Choose the correct indirect question that matches each direct question.

14. Felipe asked me, "Why did you tell an offensive joke in class?"
 - a. Felipe asked me why I told an offensive joke in class.
 - b. Felipe asked me why I had been telling an offensive joke in class.
 - c. Felipe asked me whether I had told an offensive joke in class.
15. Peya asked us, "Have you been watching that new show about practical jokes?"
 - a. Peya asked us whether we had been watching that new show about practical jokes.
 - b. Peya asked us if we would watch that new show about practical jokes.
 - c. Peya asked us why we had been watching that new show about practical jokes.
16. Tessa asked me, "Did you hear the joke about the banana?"
 - a. Tessa asked me to tell a joke about a banana.
 - b. Tessa asked me if I found the joke about the banana funny.
 - c. Tessa asked me if I had heard the joke about the banana.

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17. Roger asked us, "Should we play a practical joke on Matt's birthday?"

- a. Roger asked us what practical joke we should play on Matt's birthday.
- b. Roger asked us if we should play a practical joke on Matt's birthday.
- c. Roger asked us if we liked playing practical jokes on Matt's birthday.

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. Theo said that Maria wasn't planning to attend the party.

19. Ms. Lee told us we had to hear this hilarious joke.

20. Joe promised he would stop playing practical jokes at the office.

21. Dana claimed that her husband didn't have a sense of humor.

Section 4: Speaking Part A

Choose the correct words or phrases from the box to complete the conversation.

There is one extra choice.

hysterical This is priceless Think about it Wait, what went over my head
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A: 22. _____! Look at this.

B: OK. What is it?

A: Look. It's this picture of a big cat playing cards. It's a cheetah.

B: 23. _____? I must have missed something.

A: You don't get it? 24. _____ for a minute.

B: Oh, yeah! Now I get it. Hey, that's 25. _____, 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 cat who played music?**B:** _____ Say that again?

- a. Wait, what?
- b. Oh, yeah.
- c. That's hilarious.

27. A: I love to watch practical joke videos.**B:** Me too! They _____.

- a. go over my head
- b. crack me up
- c. run by me again

28. A: Sorry, I think that joke went over my head.**B:** _____? Think about it for a second.**A:** Oh, yeah! Ha! That's a hoot, actually.

- a. You don't get it
- b. Wait, what
- c. What is it

29. A: Run that joke by me again?**B:** Think about it. The cow interrupts because he's impatient.**A:** Oh, _____. I still don't think it's funny, though.

- a. that's hilarious
- b. that's too much
- c. now I 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 really 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. Laughter causes us to feel calmer by increasing and then decreasing our heart rate and blood pressure.
- a. True
 - b. False
 - c. No information
31. Studies show that speakers in a conversation are 46% more likely to laugh than the listeners.
- 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. Sung-man joined a new company and met his colleagues for the first time. One of them made a joke. Sung-man didn't completely understand the humor, but he laughed anyway along with everyone else.
- a. belly laughter
 - b. nervous laughter
 - c. etiquette laughter
33. Tony's neighbor is upset that Tony's new puppy often barks late at night. He uses strong language and threatens to call the police if it happens again. Tony first reacts with a laugh but then calms his neighbor down by promising to keep the dog indoors after dark.
- a. belly laughter
 - b. nervous laughter
 - c. etiquette laughter