

Third Term Test of English

Part one: Reading:

Name:

Read the text carefully and do the activities

Humour, the tendency to provoke laughter and provide amusement, affects how we perceive and respond to life. It improves the quality of life and may relieve the body from so many health problems. In fact, humans are the only creatures on earth that are endowed with the ability to laugh. The majority of people are able to experience humour, i.e., to be amused, to laugh or smile at something funny, and thus **they** are considered to have a sense of humour. Though ultimately decided by personal taste,

The extent to which a person will find something humorous depends upon a host of variables, including geographical location, culture, and maturity, level of education, intelligence and context. Regular laughter sessions can have important effects on our health and wellbeing. For instance, laughter is considered to be a stress-buster and researchers found a direct link between laughter and healthy function of blood vessels. **It** also has been shown to lead to reductions in stress hormones such as cortisol and epinephrine. When laughing, the brain also releases endorphins **that** can relieve some physical pain. Laughter also boosts the number of antibody-producing cells and enhances the effectiveness of Tcells, a type of cells that lead to a stronger immune system.

Since laughter affects the body, mind and spirit the only thing you have to do to lead a happy life is laugh, as simple as that.

<https://en.wikipedia.org>A/Comprehension:**1-Choose the general idea that best summarizes the above text**

- a- The theories explaining the meaning of laughter and humor.
- b- Humour and the benefits of laughter on health.
- c- The factors that govern the concept of humor.

2-Say if the statements below are true or false.

- Humans are the solemn creatures that are endowed with laughter.
- There are many factors that laughter depends on.
- Specialists reveal that there is a close relationship between laughter and healthy reactions of the body

3-Answer the following questions according to the text.

- * a- What are the factors that influence sense of humor?

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- b- How can laughter improve our immunity?

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- c- "Laughter is considered to be a stress-buster" Do you agree? Why

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4-What do the following pronouns refer to in the text?

They..... That..... it

5-What type of discourse is the following text? Justify your answer

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B/Text Exploration:

1-Find in the text words that are close in meaning (=) to the following:

Gifted S1	CommonS2	ImprovesS2

2-Complete the following table as shown in the example

	Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
Example	To improve	improvement	Improved
	To ease		
	To show		
	To affect		

3-Rewrite sentence "b" so that it means the same as «a».

a-Anti- counterfeiting organization fight the crime of imitations

b-The crime of imitations.....

a-"They have opened the new bank", he said.

b-He said.....

a-The car has broken down in the forest and I don't have credit on my phone to call my friend.

b-I wish.....

a-I regret having bought that car

b-I wish.....

4-Divide the following words into syllables then mark the stress syllable (').

-Developmental-Neurological-Exhibition-arrive-

5-Respond to the following situation.

"Bribery seems normal for many people and no one cares about the question of moral values in our society"

*In no more than 04 sentences, what are the measures that we should take to fight /eradicate bribery?

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