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ENGLISH EXAM

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Final mark ____ / 40

- 1 Anything that causes laughter is called humour. Why do people laugh, and what is funny, or humorous? The questions are difficult to answer because emotions and the reasons for them are not easily grasped.
- 2 Something humorous does not necessarily entertain everyone. Sometimes the reason is cultural. Each society has its own view of what is comic. An American watching a British comedy on stage or television may find little to laugh at because the origin of the humour is not understood. The foreigner does not know what the rest of the audience finds funny. Even within one culture there are different reactions to humour. Young children, teenagers, and adults do not laugh at the same things.
- 3 Values and morals also affect one's views of humour. Before the civil rights movement, ethnic humour of all types was popular in the United States. Jokes about ethnic groups were usually told on radio, television, and the stage. The resurgence of ethnic pride in the early 1960s nearly ended the widespread use of such humour. Telling ethnic stories through the public media became very risky unless the teller was a member of the group about which the stories were told. So Myron Cohen could continue entertaining audiences with his brilliant Jewish humour, but Bill Dana could no longer perform his Jose Jimenez routine on television because he is not Mexican. The barrier against ethnic humour was partially broken by the television series *All in the Family*, in which the most important character, Archie Bunker, freely insulted everyone who was different from himself.
- 4 Humour appeals principally to two senses – hearing and seeing. Prior to television, professional comics on radio had to rely on words and sounds alone to express humour. When an audience can see a performer on stage, in movies, or on television, both verbal and visual humour are possible.

I COMPREHENSION (15 points)

A Tick (✓) the correct column. (2 pts)

	Fact	Detail
1 Something humorous does not necessarily entertain everyone.
2 The foreigner doesn't know what the rest of the audience finds funny.
3 Archie Bunker, freely insulted everyone who was different from himself.
4 Humour appeals principally to two senses – hearing and seeing.

B Answer the following questions. (3 pts)

- 1 Why doesn't humour appeal to all the people in a society?
- 2 Which historical event brought an end to ethnic humour?
- 3 Why was Myron Cohen able to entertain his audience?

C Say if the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE? JUSTIFY. (2 pts)

- 1 All the humorists have respected the barrier set against ethnic humour.
- 2 Technology has greatly helped to increase the appeal of humour.

D What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (3 pts)

- 1 them (para 1)
- 2 its (para 2)
- 3 such humour (para 3)

E Find in the text words that which mean the same as the following. (4 pts)

- 1 understood (para 1)
- 2 amuse (para 2)
- 3 renaissance, rebirth (para 3)
- 4 before (para 4)

F Complete the following sentence with information from the text. (1 pt)

The reason why something humorous does not necessarily entertain everyone can not only be cultural, but

II LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A Match each word on the right with the correct one on the left. (2 pts)

- 1 juvenile
- 2 abstract

a	delinquency
b	gap
c	management
d	conclusions
e	concepts

B Put the words between brackets into the correct form. (3 pts)

- 1 Youths who don't follow their parents' orders are usually described as (obey)
- 2 He has always had a (rebel) trait because he refuses to abide by rules.
- 3 Young people accuse their parents of being (authority)

C Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from the list. (3 pts)

bossy nosy untidy optimistic adventurous

- 1 For the more tourists, there are trips into the mountains with a local guide.
- 2 Don't be so – it's none of your business.
- 3 I think you're being a little over-..... You shouldn't take a rosy view of things.

D Put the verbs between brackets into the correct form. (4 pts)

- 1 We're really looking forward to (see) you again.
- 2 Nothing will make me (change) my mind.
- 3 Our first priority is (improve) standards.
- 4 He recommended (read) the book before seeing the movie.

E Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense. (3 pts)

When Kamal (finish) his studies in Europe, he returned to Morocco. Now, he (work) as a teacher at a university. He (just / publish) a book on study skills.

III WRITING (10 POINTS)

You have just received this email from a friend.

Dear friend,

I think that the Internet has many negative effects on youths' health and behavior
What do you think?

Cheers

Write a reply to his / her email and express your opinion about the advantages of using the Internet at home, in education and business.

(Approximately 250 words. Don't write your name)