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Level 1

Component 2: Reading

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
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- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 20.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Read Text A and answer questions 1 – 7.

Text A

You read this in The Estrick Daily News.

LAUGHING IS THE BEST MEDICINE

If someone smiles at you, more often than not you will smile back. If someone starts laughing you will soon feel the urge to start laughing yourself. When laughing you feel happy and friendly towards other people. Your life feels wonderful and you are without a care in the world.

On top of that, research shows that laughing has health benefits.

Laughing:

- reduces stress levels
- protects your heart by increasing your blood flow
- releases chemicals in your body which help to protect you from illness.

As laughing is so good for us, how can we make sure that we start to laugh a lot more in everyday life? Here are a few suggestions:

- read a joke book
- go and see a comedy film
- watch a stand-up comedian
- go out with friends who laugh a lot.

Making people laugh is now big business. For example, a well-known hotel, *Estrick Park*, now offers *Weekend Laughter Breaks*. Popular comedians entertain every Friday and Saturday evening in the Comedy Lounge. There are plenty of fun competitions, such as the funniest joke contest, comedy quizzes and the funniest laugh award. And if you can't give up a whole weekend, many colleges are starting to offer short courses in laughing.

Laughing can make you happier, healthier and improve your relationships. So don't take things too seriously and try to see the funny side of life!



Answer questions 1 to 3 with a cross . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

1 The **main** purpose of the article is to:

- A tell the reader that laughing will make them more popular
- B encourage the reader to become a stand-up comedian
- C tell the reader about the benefits of laughing
- D persuade the reader to go on a comedy weekend

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 According to Text A, *Estrick Park Weekend Laughter Breaks* provide:

- A guidance on how to tell jokes
- B comedy film nights
- C short courses in laughing
- D comedy competitions

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 Which of these statements about *Estrick Park Weekend Laughter Breaks* is true?

- A Popular comedians judge the joke competition.
- B You can take part in the funniest walk competition.
- C Popular comedians perform in the Comedy Lounge.
- D You have to take part in the comedy quiz.

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



4 According to Text A, laughing is becoming big business.

Give **one** example.

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(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

5 List **two** features of Text A that help to present information.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)

6 Laughing is good for your health.

Using Text A, find **two** reasons **other than** health why laughing is good for you.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 6 = 2 marks)



7 Your friend **cannot** come to the *Estrick Park Weekend Laughter Break*.

Using the information in Text A, give your friend **two** other ways how she can include more laughter in her daily life.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS



SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 8 – 13.

Text B

You are thinking of booking a *Weekend Laughter Break* at *Estrick Park Hotel*.

The Estrick Park Hotel


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The Estrick Park Hotel

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The *Estrick Park Hotel* is a 20-room hotel situated on the seafront at Estrick. Each of the rooms has a stylish interior with en-suite facilities, satellite television, DVD player and a magnificent sea view. All the rooms are well stocked with DVDs that are guaranteed to get you laughing. Click on the Rooms tab for information about room prices throughout the year.



A typical day on the *Weekend Laughter Break*:

8.00 – 9.00	Breakfast	Cards with the pick of the jokes from the previous night placed on your table.
9.00 – 10.15	Joke class 1	You will get the chance to write your own jokes helped by an experienced comedy writer.
10.30 – 12.00	Joke class 2	A comedian will give you advice on how to tell jokes. You will get the chance to tell your jokes and get an audience laughing.
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch	A magician will entertain you while you are eating.
14.30 – 16.00	Cinema	Comedy film/show of the day will be shown on the large screen in the Comedy Lounge.
16.15 – 17.30	Comedy workshop	You will write your own comedy sketches.
17.30 – 19.00	Evening meal	Music from a live band.
20.00 – 23.00	Cabaret	The comedian of the day will entertain you as well as organising the 'Funniest Joke' contest and picking out the most unusual laugh in the audience.

Other workshops available: Comedy acting and comedy singing.

Manager's comments
'The aim of the hotel is simple: we want you to have a great time and laugh as much as possible. You'll find our staff very friendly and the food excellent. We know you will return home relaxed and full of happy memories.'

Gareth Evans
Manager

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Answer question 8 with a cross you think is correct. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

8 What is the **main** purpose of this web page?

- A To give dates when the *Weekend Laughter Break* is available
- B To describe a typical day at the *Weekend Laughter Break*
- C To persuade you to book a beach holiday at the hotel
- D To give you information about prices at the hotel

(Total for Question 8 = 1 mark)

Answer question 9 with a cross in the two boxes you think are correct. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

9 Identify **two** features from the list below that show that Text B is a web page.

- A photograph
- B manager's name
- C web address
- D hotel address
- E subheadings
- F search box

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)



10 Using Text B, identify **two** types of entertainment provided at mealtimes.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

11 Your friend wants to come to the *Weekend Laughter Break* but is not sure if she would like the hotel.

Using the information in Text B, give **two** reasons why you think she would like the hotel.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 11 = 2 marks)

12 According to Text B, how can you find out about the prices of the rooms?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)



13 Your friend is going to the *Weekend Laughter Break* and wants to learn new skills.

Using the information from Text B, identify **two** skills she could learn.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 13 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 10 MARKS
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