**ITEM NO. 6**

**THEME: HUMOUR**

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| Domain:  Reading Literacy | Theme: Humour | CLASS(ES):VIII  EXPECTED TIME: 40 MINUTES  TOTAL CREDIT:14 |
| DESCRIPTION OF ITEM: | | LEARNING OUTCOMES:AS PER NCERT) to enable the students to be wise enough to lead a cheerful life, learn the life skills and inter personal skills |
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**Humour and its use**

Humour greases all tough situations. One who has humour can sail through any conflict. It saves you from humiliation. It brings everyone together, while humiliation tears them apart. In a society torn with humiliation and insult, humour is like a breath of fresh air. It should be coupled with care and concern. It can keep the spirit high, yet if overdone it leaves a bad taste. Humour without wisdom is shallow. Humour without sensitivity is satire—it comes back to you with more problems. It is used in the following ways.

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| Item | Used by | How |
| Humour | The wise | To bring wisdom and to lighten situations |
| Humour | The intelligent | To shield against humiliation |
| Humour | The cruel | To insult others |
| Humour | The irresponsible | To escape from responsibility |
| Humour | The fools | Seriously |

How does one cultivate a sense of humour? It is not just words; it is the Lightness of your being. You do not have to read and repeat jokes. Humour can be cultivated by taking life not too seriously, having a sense of belongingness with everybody, including those who are not friendly, practising Yoga and meditation, having unshakable faith in the Divine and in the laws of Karma, being in the company of those who live in knowledge and are humorous.

**Q6.1. What can save you from humiliation?**

(a) humour

(b) yoga

(c) hope

(d) butter

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| **FRAMEWORK** | CHARACTERISTICS |
| **SITUATION/SCENARIO/CONTEXT** | PUBLIC |
| **TEXT FORMAT** | MIXED |
| **TEXT TYPE** | DESCRIPTIVE |
| **COGNITIVE PROCESS** | LOCATE INFORMATION |
| **ITEM FORMAT** | SIMPLE MCQ |
| **PROFICIENCY LEVEL** | 1 A |

**Credit Pattern:** Full Credit: 2 Partial Credit: 1 No Credit: 0

**Full credit**: (a) humour

**Partial Credi**t: NA

**No credit:** missing answer, any irrelevant answer

**Q6.2.What is the result of excessive humour ? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **SITUATION/SCENARIO/CONTEXT** | PUBLIC |
| **TEXT FORMAT** | MIXED |
| **TEXT TYPE** | DESCRIPTIVE |
| **COGNITIVE PROCESS** | REFLECT AND EVALUATE |
| **ITEM FORMAT** | Short response |
| **PROFICIENCY LEVEL** | 2 |

**Credit Pattern:** Full Credit: 2 Partial Credit: 1 No Credit: 0

**Full credit**: Excessive humour results in bad taste.

**Partial Credit**: it is always bad, it leads to quarrel, it makes enemies

**No credit:** missing answer, any irrelevant answer

**Q6.3. How humour is used by the intelligent?**

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| **SITUATION/SCENARIO/CONTEXT** | PUBLIC |
| **TEXT FORMAT** | MIXED |
| **TEXT TYPE** | DESCRIPTIVE |
| **COGNITIVE PROCESS** | Reflect and Evaluate |
| **ITEM FORMAT** | Close construct |
| **PROFICIENCY LEVEL** | 3 |

**Credit Pattern:** Full Credit: 2 Partial Credit: 1 No Credit: 0

**Full credit:** as a protection against humiliation

**Partial Credit:** one laughs to avoid humiliation, make others feel unhurt

**No credit:** any irrelevant answer

**Q6.4. One cultivates a sense of humour by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(i) practising yoga and meditation (ii) having faith in the laws of Karma

(iii) taking life not too seriously (iv) all the above

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| **TEXT FORMAT** | MIXED |
| **TEXT TYPE** | DESCRIPTIVE |
| **COGNITIVE PROCESS** | LOCATE INFORMATION |
| **ITEM FORMAT** | COMPLEX MCQ |
| **PROFICIENCY LEVEL** | 1 B |

**Credit Pattern:** Full Credit: 2 Partial Credit: 1 No Credit: 0

**Full credit**: (iv) all the three above

**Partial Credit:** NA

**No credit:** missing answer, any irrelevant answer

**Q6.5. How does a foolish take humour?**

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| **SITUATION/SCENARIO/CONTEXT** | PUBLIC |
| **TEXT FORMAT** | MIXED |
| **TEXT TYPE** | DESCRIPTIVE |
| **COGNITIVE PROCESS** | REFLECT AND EVALUATE |
| **ITEM FORMAT** | Short response |
| **PROFICIENCY LEVEL** | 2 |

**Credit Pattern:** Full Credit: 2 Partial Credit: 1 No Credit: 0

**Full credit**: **A foolish takes humour seriously.**

**Partial Credit: he becomes angry, he hits back the offender, he fights**

**No credit:**  any irrelevant answer

**Q6.6. What are the characteristics of a humorousperson?**

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| TEXT FORMAT | MIXED |
| TYPE | DESCRIPTIVE |
| PROCESS | UNDERSTAND |
| ITEM | OPEN CONSTRUCT |
| PROFICIENCY LEVEL | 4 |

**Credit Pattern:** Full Credit: 2 Partial Credit: 1 No Credit: 0

**Full credit**: cheerful, faithful, positive, hopeful

**Partial Credit**: smart, makes others laugh, friendly

**No credit:** any irrelevant answer