**English exam I**

**Refresher Course: Focus on Success, Unit A- C**

**I. Grammar (25 p. )**

**1. Determiners of words- Put in either *much, many, little* or *few*.**

1) Ann is very busy these days. She has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ free time.

2) Did you take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pictures when you were on holiday?

3) I'm not very busy today. I don't have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do.

4) This is a very modern city. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ old buildings.

5) The weather has been very dry recently. We've had\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rain.

6) 'Do you know Rome?' ' No, I haven't been there for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.'

/6 p.

**2. Present tenses-** **Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.**

1. Hurry up! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (everybody/ wait) for you!

2. The River Nile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( flow) into the Mediterranean.

3. John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( always/ stay) at the Park Hotel.

4. Rice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( not grow) in Britain.

5. Vegetarians \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( not eat) meat.

6. Can we stop walking soon? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( I/start) to feel tired.

7. 'Where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( Ricardo / come) from?' ' From Cuba:'

8. Normally, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( I/ finish) to work at five, but this week \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( I/ work) until six to earn a little more money.

9. 'What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( you/ do) ? ' I'm an electrician.'

10. My parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Manchester. They were born there and have never lived anywhere else.

11. Sonia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( look) for a place to live. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( she / stay) with her sister until she finds somewhere.

12. David isn't very fit. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( not do) any sport. /14 p.

**3. Countable and Uncountable words- For each sentence, choose the best word or phrase to complete the gap from the choices below. Tick the correct answer.**

1. My cousin is very beautiful. She has green eyes and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. O long hair O long hairs O a long hair O a long length of hair

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have you got in the bank? Is it enough to buy a house? O How many moneys O How many money O How much money O How much moneys

3. On Saturday, my friend Paul went fishing and he cought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. O three fish O three fishes O three items of fish O three of fish

4. How many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did the teacher give us today? He always gives us a lot to do. O homework O homeworks O lots of homework O pieces of homework

5. Your sister is a great pianist. She played \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the party. O a lovely music O some lovely musics O lovely musics O a lovely piece of music

/5 p.

**II. Working on a text (35 p.)**

**Read the text below and work on the following tasks.**

1. 2**Based on the information of the text, decide if each sentence is *true* or *false.* Mark the correct answer.**

1) Comedy Kids operates a number of internationally-based clubs for young people. True False

2)Comedy Kids comedians have had as much experience working with children as with adults. True False

3) John looks like most people's idea of a typical entertainer for young people. True False

4) Comedy Kids will hold special parties at their clubs for young people if requested. True False

5) A lot of Comedy Kids comedians have the right qualities for performing at young people's parties. True False

6) Comedy Kids have discovered lots of good young comedians who have not been trained. True False

7) In a year's time there'll be more classes available for young people wanting to be comedians. True False

8) Comedy Kids prefer it if the young people who join them are already quite confident. True False

/ 8 p.

**2. What activities do Comedy Kids clubs offer to young people to learn and perform comedy? Write coherent sentences, use your own words without copying bluntly from the text.** /7 p.

**3. Imagine applying for the Comedy Kids to join one of their classes. Write an email of request where you talk about yourself and why you are interested in participating.**

/20 p.

**Total points: /60**

**Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**



**2Comedy Kids**

*line 1-* Do you enjoy watching comedy? Do all your friends at school think you tell great jokes? Then why not come and see what's happening at Comedy Kids?

Comedy Kids own comedy clubs in several countries that are run just for young people aged 10-15. They're real clubs with real comedians, who are just as familiar with working in adult comedy clubs as they are working with children. But don't take our word for it- come and see for yourself!

*line 7-*The Comedy Kids company was set up by John Winterton, who says that no-one had thought of being a stand-up comedian for young people until he came along. In fact, his act quickly became so popular that he soon found lots of other comedians who wanted to join his company and perform for families and young people. And if you think, as many others do, that a young people's comedian leaps on stage in a brightly-coloured costume and big red nose- think again. John usually appears dressed in a cool black jacket and trousers- more like a Hollywood movie star than a circus clown!

*line 14-*If you're having a party at home Comedy Kids can come and perform for you there at your party- just ask! Of course, it's not the same as performing on stage, so we're always looking for comedians in the clubs who are good at working with small numbers of young people- and we've discovered there aren't many of them about! But the ones we have found are brilliant. Your very own comedian will also help you to tell your guests some jokes and silly stories - and they can join in too, if they want! It'll be fun- and very different from any party you've ever had before!

*line 21-*Here at Comedy Kids, it's not just about the adults telling the jokes. We also have very short open spots where young people get the chance to perform. But we've yet to find someone who can do that without preparation, so we've set up the world's first Comedy Classes to teach young people how to tell jokes on stage. At the moment our classes are only monthly, but we're planning to start a number of others over the coming year. So if you want to be a comedian but don't want to wait until you grow up, this is where you can do it.

*line 27*-And if you're creative but feel you're lacking in the confidence to speak up, we can certainly help. We'll listen to what you want to do, and try to make it happen. (427 words)

**Vocabulary:** stand-up comedian – Bühnenkomiker/ to set sth. up ( *l. 7*)- gründen, einrichten, aufstellen/ to leap ( *l. 11*) – springen/ to perform (*l.15*)- vorführen / on stage - auf der Bühne / spot (*l. 22*)- Stelle, Ort / to lack -fehlen/ confidence ( *l. 27*)- Selbstvertrauen

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