Unit 2 – Humor: Functions Exercises

Exercise 1: Match each expression (A) with its correct function (B).

(A) Expressions	(B) Functions
1. I didn't catch that.	a. Making a polite request
2. What do you mean by "deadline"?	b. Expressing lack of understanding
3. Could you explain that again, please?	c. Asking for clarification
4. Would you mind helping me?	d. Accepting a request
5. Sure! No problem.	e. Refusing a request politely
6. I'm sorry, but I can't help.	f. Accepting or refusing a request

Exercise 2 : Complete each dialogue with the correct expression from the box below:

(I'm sorry, but I can't) – (Sure!) – (Could you repeat that, please?) – (What do you mean by "funny"?) – (Can you help me, please?)

1. A: _____ _____ _____ It's not clear to me.
   B: I said, "Humor makes people feel better."

2. A: _____ I need to understand this joke.
   B: Of course, I'll explain it.

3. A: Could you lend me your pen?
   B: _____ Here you are.

4. A: Would you come to the party tonight?
   B: _____ I have homework to do.

5. A: _____ Does it mean "strange" or "amusing"?
   B: It means "amusing."

Exercise 3 – Choose the Correct Option
Select the right answer.

1. When you don't understand something, you say: _____
   a) Sure! b) I didn't catch that. c) Would you mind…

2. When you want someone to repeat, you say: _____
   a) Could you say that again, please? b) I'm sorry, but I can't. c) No problem.

3. To refuse politely, you can say: _____
   a) I'd love to, but I'm busy. b) Sure! c) No problem.

Exercise 4: Fill in the blanks with suitable expressions.
A: _____?
B: I said we'll have the test tomorrow.
A: Oh, okay. Thanks!