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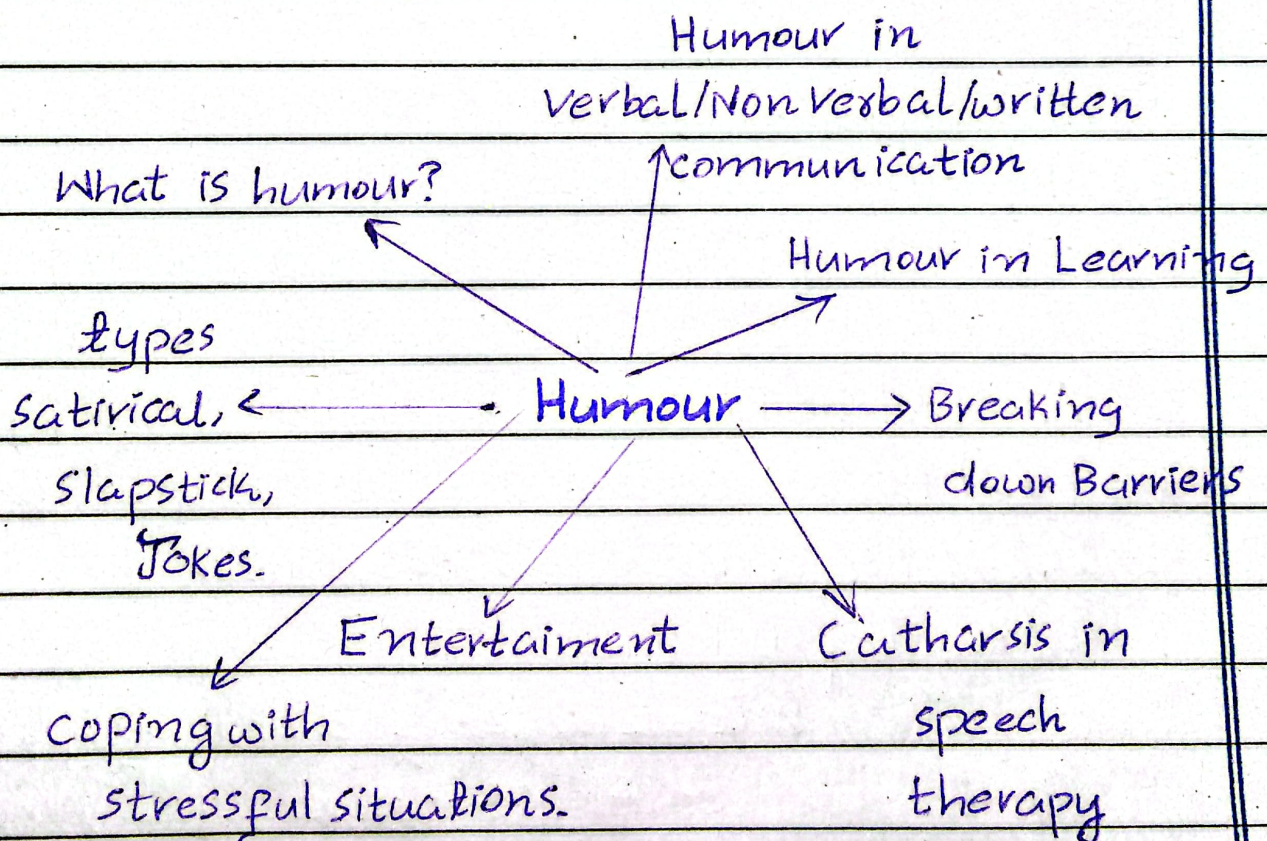
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ENGLISH ESSAY

"Humour as an Essential Communication Tool."

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## The Essay

"A day without Laughter is a day wasted" - Charlie Chaplin. The significance of humour is clear from the above mentioned quote. Communication is the exchange of ideas and thoughts among people. It has different forms i.e., written, verbal, non-verbal etc. In order to express themselves and their ideas, people employ different tools. Humour is one of those tools. Humour is defined as the ability to make people laugh, or the quality of being funny. Humour is deployed in written form of communication in humorous stories, books, magazines, and newspapers etc. It is also used as a tool in verbal or non verbal communication i.e., in TV, sitcoms, comedy shows etc. Humour, in communication, allows the people to break barriers. Additionally, satirical humour can be used as a tool to shed a light on the flaws or vices of the society. It can be used to deal with stressful situation and harsh ideas under the guise of soft words. Entertainment industry runs on humour in communication in one form or another. A person can communicate non verbally in a humorous way just through her/his actions. Moreover, speech therapists use humour in their techniques of speech therapy. It is essential in catharsis. Lastly, Humour is used as a tool of communication by different profess-

professionals, like doctors, Politicians and advertising agents. Humour breaks down the barriers and acts as an essential communication tool in

Learning, Entertainment Industry, speech Therapy and for various professionals. Thus, communication would have been tasteless without the spice of humour. The essay will explore the role of humour in all the mentioned fields and shed a light on its importance.

Humour, in communication breaks down various ethnic, social, societal and linguistic barriers among the different groups. Firstly, it breaks the ice and help people to connect in different ways. A funny person is the most social person observed in a group of people. The reason is his connectedness to the people by breaking the barriers in a humorous way. Secondly, the very concept of humour generates from the idea of incongruity. Incongruity arises in a situation when something happens against the expectations. Humour and jokes are entirely based on the violation of the maxims of communication. The linguistic barriers tell the people to be brief, orderly, truthful and relevant while humour arises from breaking down all or one of these barriers. Similarly, the society binds people in different norms but humour comes into action by breaking these norms. So, it connects people

socially, ethnically and linguistically.

Humour is also an important tool of communication deployed in Learning. It is used both in formal education i.e. classroom settings and informal education in the form of satirical humour. In classroom setting, a teacher who is funny is the most popular and loved one by the students. The class is more interactive as different forms of barriers are no more working. This allows the students to express themselves more openly without losing the decorum of the class. Moreover, humorous short stories and plays act as a form of learning, students are more interested in. Secondly, Humour can also be used to teach students informally. This can be done by parents, teachers, siblings etc, in order to communicate ideas which would otherwise create offense in children. Satirical humour is one such type. It is used to communicate ideas in an ironic way i.e, it is the combination of humour and irony. Thus, in a situation, which people avoid offense, they make in the use of humour. The idea is communicated in a decent manner.

A significant portion of communication in Entertainment Industry depends upon humour. This technique is used by both verbally and non-verbally. Humour, itself, is one of the

Best forms of entertainment. Humour, in verbal communication is mostly practised by the stand-up comedians and in situational comedy (sit-coms). These comedians communicate with the people; express their own ideas and thoughts, and in return get to know about the others. So, Entertainment industry depends heavily on humour.

"Bulbulay" and "Friends" are among the most famous comedy shows. There are many others. Non-verbal humour makes the use of actions, gestures, facial expressions to communicate ideas and thoughts. This type of humour is called slapstick humour. Popular examples are Mr. Bean and Charlie Chaplin. They communicated without uttering a single word.

Humour, as a tool in speech therapy is its another important function. Speech therapy techniques involve certain interactional activities. The ultimate aim, again is to break the barriers. Humour allows the therapists to create an interactive environment and deal with the patients. It makes an environment for the patients to open up, share their feelings ultimately leading to catharsis. The significance of humour in communication is clearly seen from the fact that it is used to create speech response in individuals.

Lastly, humour as a communication tool, is essential for various professionals. Politicians, doctors and advertising agents are among the top of them. Politicians in their political speeches use humor to pass on satirical remarks on the opponents. In order to engage the audience, the politicians crack jokes and make up humorous stories. In the same way, doctors try to be funny in order to build a friendly relation with the patients. The example of speech therapists have already been discussed. Furthermore, Advertising agencies used humorous taglines and catchy phrases to attract the audience. They communicate their idea and advertise their products in a humorous way to grab the attention of the audience. Thus, the significance of humour as a tool of communication can not be denied in different spheres of life.

To conclude, Humour breaks down the barriers and acts as an essential communication tool in Learning, Entertainment Industry, speech therapy and in various professions. Thus, <sup>humour</sup> (communication) is one of the basic ingredients of it. It plays a significant role in expressing our ideas and thoughts. The quality of being funny is very useful to

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to people in different spheres of life. In short the significance of humour as a tool of communication is evident from its practical application in different fields. Thus, "there is a need to get/bring more humour into our lives."