Exercise: Language, Culture, and Communication

Part 1 – Comprehension Questions

Read the text carefully and answer the following questions:

- 1. What is language according to the text?
- 2. Why is language more than just a tool for communication?
- 3. How are language and culture connected?
- 4. Give two examples of elements that belong to culture.
- 5. What are the two main types of signs used in communication?
- 6. What can cause intercultural misunderstandings?
- 7. Complete the sentence:

 "Language is the _____, culture is the _____, and communication is the _____."

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Multiple-Choice Exercise: Language, Culture, and Communication

1. Language is mainly a system of:

- A. Numbers and gestures
- B. Signs used to express thoughts and share information
- C. Emotions and feelings
- D. Traditions and beliefs

2. Language is not only a tool for communication but also:

- A. A way to forget culture
- B. A scientific invention
- C. A marker of individual and collective identity
- D. A form of entertainment

3. Each language carries a particular worldview because:

- A. All people have the same culture
- B. Some concepts exist only in one language and not in others
- C. Language and culture are completely separate
- D. People always translate perfectly

4. Culture includes:

- A. Only language and art
- B. Grammar rules
- C. Values, beliefs, traditions, and behaviors
- D. Food and clothes only

5. How is culture expressed?

- A. Only through technology
- B. Through language, art, literature, and customs
- C. Only by speaking foreign languages
- D. Through religion only

6. Language and culture are:

- A. Completely independent
- B. Inseparable
- C. Sometimes connected
- D. Opposite to each other

7. Communication involves:

- A. Only written words
- B. Verbal and non-verbal signs
- C. Only gestures
- D. Silence only

8. Intercultural misunderstandings often happen because:

- A. People use the same gestures
- B. People share the same cultural references
- C. People have different cultural backgrounds even if they speak the same language
- D. Everyone understands the same signs

9. Communication depends on:

- A. Grammar only
- B. A shared code and cultural context
- C. Noise and silence
- D. Facial expressions only

10. Complete the sentence:

Language is the _____, culture is the _____, and communication is the _____.

A. End – meaning – tool

- B. Content form channel
- C. Medium content and framework of meaning process that connects people
- D. Sound idea result

♦ Answer Key