

Tone — Ironic Family (Three Cousins)

Ironic · Satirical · Sardonic

IR · SA · SD

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	50	35 minutes	+1 / -0	≥ 42 / 50

IRONIC FAMILY — THE THREE COUSINS The author criticises indirectly. All three involve contradiction, mockery, or contempt — but they differ in flavour: irony lives in contradiction, satire in humorous social criticism, sardonic in bitter contempt. Decide the **flavour**, not just the fact of mockery.

IR · IRONIC

Surface meaning vs reality. Subtle, witty, no bitterness.

CUES · surface praise + opposite reality · "admirable" + failure · contradiction in the sentence itself · self-defeating action · "considering / despite"

SA · SATIRICAL

Humorous criticism of social / institutional behaviour, often via exaggeration or absurdity.

CUES · absurd action · committee about committees · institutional ridicule · exaggeration to expose · system criticism · ridicule of collective conduct

SD · SARDONIC

Bitter, scornful, contemptuous mockery. Cynical disappointment.

CUES · "national talent" · "delusion" · "renewable resource" · "voluntarily surrendering" · cynical worldview · contempt for human folly · weariness

SECTION 1 · TWO-LINER IDENTIFICATION

Q 1-50 | Mark IR / SA / SD | ~30 SEC/Q

Section 1 · Two-liner identification (Mark one of IR / SA / SD)

2-LINERS | Q 1-50 | 50 Qs

Q1. The "quick service" restaurant delivered the order only forty minutes late. Efficiency clearly remains their highest priority.

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Q2. To reduce paperwork, the office introduced six additional approval forms.

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Q3. Citizens once again trusted election promises, proving that memory loss is a national talent.

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Q4. The school encourages independent thinking by punishing students who question teachers.

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Q5. The ministry formed another committee to determine why previous committees had failed.

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Q6. The company's concern for employee wellness is evident from its decision to cancel weekends.

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Q7. The city solved pollution problems by renaming polluted zones as "green corridors."

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Q8. The anti-corruption rally was sponsored by leaders currently under investigation.

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Q9. Public outrage disappears remarkably fast whenever free gifts are distributed before elections.

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Q10. Students attended a seminar on reducing screen addiction through an online webinar.

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Q11. The government celebrated transparency by withholding all financial records.

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Q12. The nation combats unemployment by teaching graduates how to remain optimistic while jobless.

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Q13. To improve classroom interaction, the school installed cameras in every corner.

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Q14. The environmental summit distributed thousands of plastic banners promoting sustainability.

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Q26. The anti-noise campaign featured loudspeakers installed across the city.

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Q27. Voters seem endlessly fascinated by leaders who repeatedly fail them.

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Q28. The company reduced employee stress by increasing weekly performance reviews.

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Q29. The corruption awareness campaign disappeared shortly after funding irregularities emerged.

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Q30. Humanity's faith in social media wisdom remains one of its most dangerous achievements.

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Q31. The university promoted open discussion by disabling comment sections during student elections.

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Q32. The fitness campaign offered free desserts to encourage healthy lifestyles.

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Q33. People still expect privacy from apps that literally track their every movement.

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Q34. The media channel devoted an hour-long debate to the dangers of sensationalism.

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Q35. The literacy mission distributed unread instruction manuals across rural districts.

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Q36. Society condemns greed every year during award ceremonies sponsored by billionaires.

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Q37. The company promised transparency while deleting negative customer reviews.

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Q38. The clean-city initiative began with cutting down trees to build parking spaces.

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Q39. Citizens proudly defend freedoms they rarely bother to exercise.

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Q15. The public still expects ethical leadership, despite decades of evidence to the contrary.

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Q16. The company introduced a "work-life balance" policy requiring employees to stay available 24 hours a day.

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Q17. The education board responded to declining reading habits by increasing motivational posters.

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Q18. Another reform has been announced, ensuring that disappointment remains consistent.

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Q19. The prison reform conference excluded all former prisoners from participation.

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Q20. The city's traffic department celebrated reduced congestion while citizens remained trapped for hours.

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Q21. Citizens continue believing advertisements that promise happiness in three easy installments.

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Q22. The office rewarded punctuality by delaying salaries for three months.

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Q23. The minister praised simplicity while arriving in a convoy of twenty luxury vehicles.

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Q24. Society now values truth so deeply that misinformation spreads faster than facts.

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Q25. The "silent retreat" participants spent most of their time posting updates online.

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Q40. The newspaper condemned fake news in an article containing multiple inaccuracies.

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Q41. The ministry addressed rising stress levels by organising compulsory happiness workshops.

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Q42. Modern consumers now confuse convenience with freedom and advertising with choice.

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Q43. The "digital detox" camp required online registration and hourly social media updates.

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Q44. The city's flood-prevention conference was postponed because the venue was flooded.

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Q45. The public continues trusting slogans, demonstrating remarkable resistance to learning.

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Q46. The university promoted academic honesty by ignoring widespread plagiarism.

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Q47. The nation celebrated environmental awareness day with fireworks and plastic decorations.

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Q48. People complain endlessly about manipulation while voluntarily surrendering their data daily.

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Q49. The airline apologised for delays through a pre-recorded message that arrived late.

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Q50. The nation's obsession with instant success has ensured that patience is now considered weakness.

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Contradiction. Ridicule. Bitterness. — in that order of intensity.

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