

Lenny Henry's favourite things

1 Lenny Henry is one of Britain's most outstanding comedians and has his own television programme – The Lenny Henry Show. As well as that, he is frequently on the radio and has sold many records. One of seven children, Lenny grew up near Birmingham but now lives in London with his wife.

2 'Good food is a very high priority with me, especially as I'm nearly always on a diet, so there are times when I break the rules and go absolutely crazy and eat the entire contents of the fridge in one go, or I go to a restaurant and order the whole of the left-hand side of the menu. I really enjoy eating Indian and Mexican food (especially chilli), and my Mum's food is fantastic, too (of course!).'

3 'I've got a superb record collection – over 3,000 albums as well as various CDs – so you can guess that I just adore listening to music. I really like Stevie Wonder, whose early music is terrific, and Prince and Hip Hop. Ever since I was young I've loved looking round record shops.'

4 'I am very fond of cats – I've got two of them, Aretna and Flossie. I like actors who are also good comedians like Peter Sellers, who was great in the good Pink Panther films, and Richard Pryor for his stand-up comedy. I love watching police programmes on the television, as well. Police Squad and Hill Street Blues are wonderful. I like reading comics, too – some of them are brilliant. Also on my list of likes must be Jamaica. I love going on holiday and I go back there as often as I can.'

5 'I tend to wear good clothes – maybe because I couldn't afford them when I was young. I like wearing baggy suits and shiny shoes, but I can't stand shirts when the arms aren't long enough! One of my other pet hates is when expensive shoe shops don't have shoes in my size. I think that's really awful.'

6 'There are lots of other things I don't like. I detest violence, and the idea of nuclear war is very frightening indeed. I don't mind being interviewed, but I get annoyed when I'm misquoted in newspapers. I absolutely hate racist jokes because they promote ignorance. I'm also not too keen on rude people and Australian soap operas – they're really dreadful.'



I COMPREHENSION (10 pts):

A Read the text and answer the questions. (3 pts)

1 Why does he like wearing good clothes?

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2 What does he hate about interviews?

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3 Which type of people doesn't he like?

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B What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (3 pts)

1 his (para 4)

2 them (para 4)

3 they (para 6)

C Find in the text words and expressions that mean the same as the following. (4 pts)

1 remarkable (para 1)

2 different (para 3)

3 large (para 5)

4 encourage (para 6)

II Vocabulary (5 pts):

A Complete the sentences with these words: (3pts)

out of the blue - red-handed - as red as beetroot - green with envy - white wedding.

1 When she blushes, she becomes

2 One day, , I got a call from a friend I hadn't heard for years.

3 I caught him trying to break into my car.

B Add the correct prefixes *dis-*, *ir-*, *un-* to make these words negative: (2pts)

a pleasure b surprising c fasten d reliable

III Grammar (15 pts):

A Complete the chart below. (3pts)

Noun	adjective	verb
1	1
2	discourage	2
3	3

B Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs (3 pts)

go for – go on – knock down – run away – run out

- 1 We of shampoo so I had to wash my hair with soap.
- 2 The news report alerted that a tiger has from the zoo.
- 3 Well, being so selfish and you will soon have no friends anymore.

C Join the following pairs of sentences with the linking words given. (3pts)

1 The local authorities opened new schools. They wanted to serve their community better. (*so as to*)
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2 The government invests a lot of money on tourism. Not many tourists visit our town. (*however*)
.....

3 Tom and his wife needed more money. They decided to work overtime. (*because*)
.....

D Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense. (2 pts)

- 1 The city council (to build) a new stadium two years ago.
- 2 A: I (call) for you for half an hour. Where (be) ? And why are your clothes dirty?
- 3 B: I (tidy) up the shed in the garden.

E Do the following sentences express obligation, prohibition, lack of obligation or recommendation? (4pts)

1 You should go to France, the food is great!	a. Obligation
2 You don't have to turn your mobile phone off at work.	b. Prohibition
3 You need to work harder if you want to get a higher mark.	c. Luck of obligation
4 You mustn't drink and drive.	d. recommendation

IV Writing (10 pts): Write about one of the two subjects below.

1 Write a story with the title: *An Amazing Journey*

2. Countries around the world celebrate different events (national/ international, cultural, or religious). Choose one of the events celebrated in Morocco (e.g. Aid Al Fitir, Imilchil festival, New Year's Eve, Moussems, etc) and write a letter to tell your pen friend about it.

These ideas might help you:

- The event/festival celebrated.
- Where and when it is celebrated
- How people celebrate it (any special meals, clothes, visits, feelings etc)
- The importance of this celebration in our culture.
- Your own feelings, opinions and/or attitudes.

(Approximately 120 words)