

A film trailer – Gattaca

- a) Watch the trailer (don't worry if you don't understand anything at first, the information at the beginning is nearly subliminal):



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_KruQhfvW4

- b) Read the questions below. Then choose the correct answer as you listen to the trailer again.

1. What is the film setting?

- a) A rich country in the far future.
- b) A developed country in the near future.
- c) An undeveloped country in the distant future.
- d) A developing country in the not-too-far future.

2. How can you get a person's DNA? (Check all the correct answers.)

- With a little blood.
- With a few cubic centimetres of blood.
- With a little saliva.
- With a few cubic centimetres of saliva.
- With some hairs.
- With one hair.
- With a genetic analysis.

3. What does DNA determine in the society described in the film?
(Check all the correct answers.)

- Where you can work.
- How much you earn.
- Who you should marry.
- What you can do with your life.
- How many children you are allowed to have.

4. What does one of the protagonists want to do?

- a) Change his job.
- b) Change his DNA.
- c) Change his identity.
- d) Change his lifestyle.

5. How could his plan be discovered?

- a) If they recognise his face.
- b) If they recognise his voice.
- c) If they do a DNA test on him.
- d) If they analyse a cell from his body.

6. How many skin cells does a person shed (= lose) every day?

- a) 500
- b) 5,000
- c) 5,000,000
- d) 500,000,000

7. Why do you think the film is titled GATTACA?
- a) The word does not mean anything special.
 - b) The word suggests an "attack" to the human being.
 - c) The word uses the same letters as the genetic code.
 - d) The word is derived from "cat" because the protagonist wants to be free.
8. The last message in the film trailer is "There is no gene for the human spirit". What does it mean?
- a) Human beings are conditioned by their genes.
 - b) Our DNA does not have any influence on our feelings.
 - c) Our DNA is not the only thing that defines a human being.
 - d) Science will never be able to explain everything about our genetic code.
9. Do you think DNA analysis is used at present to select embryos in a laboratory?
- a) No, because it is not technically possible.
 - b) No, because it is not morally acceptable.
 - c) Yes, but only to avoid a serious disease or cure a sibling's.
 - d) Yes, because it is a reasonable thing to do, to avoid genetic diseases.
10. Do you think the governments have already regulated the use of genetic engineering in humans?
- a) No, only scientists and doctors are making decisions in this respect.
 - b) No, any scientist or doctor can experiment freely.
 - c) Yes, it is forbidden by law in all cases.
 - d) Yes, the law allows it in some cases and forbids it in the rest.