

Donauinsselfest is the largest free outdoor (1) _____ festival in Europe. It is a festival which takes place on Danube Island in Vienna, Austria. In the first year, 160,000 people attended, and the festival lasted one day. Nowadays, the festival lasts three days. What makes the festival so good is the (2) _____ of music and quantity of acts. It has twelve stages, and on each stage a different (3) _____ of music is played. Over the three days, more than 300 music, theatre and cabaret acts perform. There is also a competition called 'Rock the Island Contest' where new bands and artists can compete for a chance to perform at Donauinsselfest. Each year over 500 bands and artists enter the competition!

Another good thing about Donauinsselfest is that it is (4) _____ on an island. The island has lots of greenery and you can see the beautiful Danube River. Despite being located on an island, it is very easy to get to Donauinsselfest. The island has two underground train stations, both of which connect to central Vienna. Next year Donauinsselfest runs from 23rd to 25th June. I highly recommend (5) _____ it!

(Adapted from the post by: LetticeBlogger)

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| 1. A. music | B. musical | C. musicals | D. musician |
| 2. A. number | B. sound | C. diversity | D. content |
| 3. A. form | B. taste | C. performance | D. genre |
| 4. A. performed | B. held | C. taken | D. shown |
| 5. A. observing | B. hearing | C. attending | D. coming |

II Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Language is part of our daily lives, no matter where we live. Similarly, music is a part of many people's lives. Both language and music play a huge role in our culture, and here are some of their similarities.

Both language and music have a writing system. In English, we record language using a collection of letters. Similarly, we use notes to keep a record of music. Just as you are reading this collection of letters and find meaning in it, musicians read notes and create meaning in the form of music. By writing pieces of text or music, we are able to share experiences through time.

Both vary with culture. You can make a good guess at where someone is from by listening to the language they use. In the same way, we know that styles of music are different around the world, giving us the opportunity to explore many different cultures through their music and providing us with music for every situation.

Both share emotion. Of course you may be able to see my feelings in my face, but you will know for sure through my words. Similarly, music can show you exactly how the composer was or is feeling, and allows us to share in that emotion. When you feel happy, you might want to sing and dance to a happy song to **celebrate** your happiness. In contrast, you have probably also listened to sad music when feeling down. We have all used music to express or process our emotions, often combining it with language in the form of song lyrics.

(Adapted from the post by: LydiaBlogger2017)

1. What is the main idea of the reading passage?
 - A. Language and music have a lot in common.
 - B. Language and music are integral parts of our lives.
 - C. Language and music are related to each other.
 - D. Music can be seen as a kind of language.
2. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - A. The writing systems of language and music are the same.
 - B. Only musicians can read notes in pieces of music.
 - C. The collection of letters in language is like that of notes in music.
 - D. Only with text and music are we able to share experiences.
3. What can be said about language and music?
 - A. People who speak the same language enjoy the same music.
 - B. Different cultures have their own languages and music.
 - C. You always know a person's nationality by listening to the language he/ she uses.
 - D. Styles of music are diverse due to language and culture.
4. Why do language and music help to share emotion?
 - A. Because language and music are combined in the form of song lyrics.
 - B. Because you can only use either language or music to show your feelings.
 - C. Because both of them are helpful in expressing emotions.
 - D. Because language helps you express your emotions in music.
5. Which of the following words is closest in meaning to the word **celebrate** in the final paragraph?

A. spread	B. increase	C. highlight	D. express
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III Read the following passage and do the tasks that follow.

Music is an almost **everlasting** presence in our lives; whether it's the latest song playing every time we turn on the radio, or a long-forgotten classic playing in the shops. Thanks to MP3 players, you will never be without music. As long as you have a pair of earphones, you can listen to your favourite artists, without any **interruption**.

My favourite artist, the singer-songwriter Ben Howard, is currently on tour in Europe. Although it sounds **tempting** to me to write about Ben Howard and his musical genius only, it could be boring for anyone who isn't as interested in him as I am.



Instead, I would concentrate on something that he is famous for, and which many people love: live music. If you've ever been lucky enough to see your favourite band in concert or go to a music festival, then you know what I mean. Perhaps, you play an instrument yourself - like the guitar, for example - or sing in a choir. Any kind of musical talent means you can enjoy live music any time you feel like it as you can perform yourself!

There is something so uniquely special about experiencing music live. Beautiful, well-played pieces of music can be **electrifying**. There are songs that can make the hair on the back of your neck stand up. It can make you want to laugh or cry; it can make you want to sing or dance along; it can transport you far away from anything troubling you in your daily life.

There is nothing that compares to standing in the middle of a crowd, watching your favourite singer or band perform their greatest hits. So if you get the opportunity, go and see them live - it will be something you never forget.

(Adapted from the post by KatB)

1. Match the underlined words with their meanings.

- A. _____: attractive and making people want to do it
 B. _____: continuing forever
 C. _____: very exciting
 D. _____: a time when an activity is stopped



2. Choose the underlined words in the passage to complete the sentences.

- A. All the audience danced to the music at the _____ performance.
 B. The first time I played the piano was the beginning of my _____ love for classical music.
 C. School closures, _____ to classes, and the cancelation of examinations have had bad effects on students.
 D. It is _____ to help kids through something tough quickly, but their children need time to learn.

3. Read the passage and decide whether the following statements are TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN.

Statements	TRUE	FALSE	NOT GIVEN
A. You can listen to the latest song, a classic or your favourite artists in shops.	☐	☐	☐
B. Although Ben Howard is a musical genius, he never performs live.	☐	☐	☐
C. Music has the power to change your mood.	☐	☐	☐

4. Which of the following statements is the writer of the passage most likely to agree with?
- A. Listening to music on an MP3 player can be as exciting as attending a live show.
 - B. You must know how to play a musical instrument to enjoy live music.
 - C. Enjoying live music can be an unforgettable experience.
 - D. Everyone should only experience music live.
5. What is the best title for the passage?
- A. The magic of live music
 - B. Never without music
 - C. Your taste in music
 - D. Music in our lives

SPEAKING

IV Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the best response to each of the following exchanges.

1. Mr. William, a teacher, is talking to Henry, his student.

Mr. William: Congratulations! You have passed the exam.

Henry: _____

- A. Oh, thank you. That's music to my ears!
- B. Really? It was a disaster.
- C. Oh, it's a piece of cake.
- D. No way! You must be kidding!

2. Kate and Melinda are chatting while listening to music.

Kate: Have you ever heard this song before?

Melinda: _____

- A. Sometimes. I have no idea who sings it.
- B. So so. It's my favorite.
- C. Yeah. This is my first time.
- D. Maybe. But I can't remember whether I have heard it.

V Complete the dialogues with the words/ phrases given.

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Carlos: Do you like traditional music?

Christina: It's easy for me to name some songs. But to be honest, I'm (1) _____ this kind of music.

Carlos: What's your favourite kind of music?

Christina: I am (2) _____ Korean music. I always (3) _____ with news related to Korean showbiz.



WRITING

VI Choose the sentence which has the closest meaning to the original one.

1. *Music can connect people of different cultural backgrounds or ages.*
 - A. Despite its cultural backgrounds or ages, music can connect people.
 - B. The power of music can connect people with their cultural backgrounds or ages.
 - C. Because of their cultural backgrounds or ages, people are connected by music.
 - D. Thanks to music, people of different cultural backgrounds or ages can be connected.
2. *The Internet has changed the music industry in both positive and negative ways.*
 - A. The Internet has changed the music industry not only positively but also negatively.
 - B. Although the Internet has changed the music industry in a positive way, it is negative.
 - C. Positively, the Internet has changed the music industry, and it can affect that industry negatively.
 - D. While the Internet has changed the music industry positively, it can be negative.
3. *Researchers suggest that people define themselves through music.*
 - A. According to researchers, music defines people by themselves.
 - B. It is suggested that researchers define themselves through music.
 - C. According to researchers, it is through music that people define themselves.
 - D. What researchers suggest is music, through which people define themselves.
4. *Life would be incomplete and colourless without music.*
 - A. If there is no music, life would be incomplete and colourless.
 - B. Were it not for music, life would be incomplete and colourless.
 - C. Unless there was music, life would be complete and colourless.
 - D. If music hadn't existed, life would be incomplete and colourless.
5. *As for me, listening to music is more interesting than playing games.*
 - A. I find it interesting to listen to music, but not to play games.
 - B. I would rather listen to music than playing games.
 - C. I prefer listening to music to play games.
 - D. I think playing games is not as interesting as I listen to music.

6. *We tend to prefer the music that we are familiar with.*
- A. We are more and more drawn to the music we are the most familiar with.
 - B. We have preferences for the music that is familiar to us.
 - C. The more we prefer the music, the more familiar we are with that genre.
 - D. We prefer the kind of music, so we are familiar with it.
7. *Although the weather was bad, the musical performance was a success.*
- A. Despite the bad weather, the musical performance was successful.
 - B. The musical performance was a success, however bad weather.
 - C. The bad weather made the musical performance successful.
 - D. While the musical performance was a success, the weather was bad.

VII Write a blog of 120-150 words to share your experience at a musical event. Use the following cues for your writing.

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- * When:
- * Where:
- * Who with:
- * Atmosphere:
- * What you did:
- * How you felt:
- * What you liked most:
- * What you disliked:

