I. **Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

Kevin O'Donnell works (1) _____ Hollywood. He records (2) _____ for films. He worked on his first film in 1980: *Star Wars*. He's now 51 and he (3) _____ helped to make more than 100 films. In 1983, he did the sound on the film called *Terms of Endearment*. The film won five Oscars, but O'Donnell (4) _____win one. He was at the Oscars in 1983 (5)__he was only 26.

Now, he has (6) _____ to the Oscars 20 times. He worked on *Top Gun, Terminator 3, Spider-Man, Transformers* and other great films, but he hasn't won an Oscar (7) _____. He has written 20 speeches so far, but has never been given one. (8) _____ speeches are in a drawer in (9) _____house. Kevin doesn't mind. He knows the sound in his films is amazing. He's (10) _____ to win one day.

II. Answer the questions.

School of Rock

Have you seen the film *School of Rock?* It's about a rock musician who became a teacher. The film is based on a real music school which is run by Paul Green. Paul Green started the first *School of Rock* in 1998 in Philadelphia in the USA. He gave students rock music lessons after school, but he wanted to do more. Now he gives them the chance to play in rock concerts. "Some of our students have never played in front of a real audience before. We teach them how to do it," he says. He has already taught hundreds of young people to be rock performers, and now there are over 30 schools of rock in different towns in the USA.

1.How many schools of rock are there in the USA?

2.What is the film *School of Rock* about?

3.When did Paul Green start his first rock school?

4.What does he teach his students to do?

5.How many students has he taught?

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III. Read the text carefully then decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

Many students listen to music while they are studying, and say that it helps them learn. Many parents and teachers say that music is Just distracting, and that students are better studying in silence. Who is right?

In a study, some scientists asked three groups of students to listen to a piece of music by Mozart or a relaxation tape for ten minutes, or just sit in silence for ten minutes. The students then did a 'spatial reasoning' test (a test about remembering shapes and imagining looking at objects from different directions), and the ones who had listened to the Mozart did better in the test.

Taking part in musical activities and learning to play an instrument can improve verbal memory (the ability to remember words). The longer the training lasts, the better the improvement in the memory. So, there's no excuse to give up the piano lessons.

1. Many students think it's helpful to listen to music when studying.

2. Teachers say music helps students to better concentrate.

3. The students who had listened to Mozart did better in the spatial reasoning test.

4. Listening to Mozart music will not make you smarter.

5. Music training helps to improve memory.

IV. *Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

On weekdays, I don't have (1) _____ free time. When I get home from school, I usually (2) _____ my homework, watch some TV (3) _____ read a book. My parents bought me a new guitar for my birthday so I play that a lot (4) _____.

At the weekend, I usually (5) _____ with my friends, John and Thomas. We really like playing music together. Thomas plays the keyboards and John plays the drums. John has a set of drums in his bedroom, so we usually practice at his house. John has (6) _____ written some songs, so we are practicing them at the moment. My sister sometimes sings with us and we are hoping to (7) _____ some concerts one day!

In the holidays, I sometimes (8) _____ on day trips with my family. I am really interested in science. That's (9) _____ we often go to the Science Museum. We usually go to the beach in August. We always have a great (10) _____, but the best thing is lying on the sand and listening to music on my iPod.

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