SKILL UNIT 8 – FILMS

1. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each blank.

The world's first film was shown in 1895 by two French brother, Louis and Auguste Lumiere. Although it only [1]..... of short, simple scenes, people loved it and films have [2]..... popular ever since. The first films were silent, with titles on the screen to [3]..... the story. Soon the public had [4]..... favourite actors and actresses and, in this [5]....., the first film stars appeared. In 1927, the first "talkie", a film with sound, was shown and from then on, the public [6]..... only accept this kind of film.

Further improvements continued, particularly in America, [7]..... produced 95% of all films. With the arrival of television in the 1950s, [8]..... people went to see films, but in [9]..... years cinema audiences have grown again. More countries have started to produce films that influence film-making and there are currently [10]..... national film industries.

1. A. consisted	B. contained	C. belonged	D. held
2. A. gone	B. been	C. made	D. kept
3. A. join	B. read	C. explain	D. perform
4. A. your	B. his	C. our	D. their
5. A. reason	B. way	C. method	D. result
6. A. should	B. would	C. might	D. will
7. A. who	B. where	C. when	D. which
8. A. other	B. each	C. fewer	D. any
9. A. recent	B. now	C. modern	D. present
10. A. many	B. lots	C. much	D. plenty

EXERCISE 2 – CHOOSE A WORD AND FILL IN THE BLANK.

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although	*despite*	*in spite of*	*however*	*nevertheless*

1. ..... it was raining heavily; he went out without a raincoat.
2. ..... I heard the telephone ring; I didn't answer it.
3. I like the outdoors. ....., I don't like bugs and dirt.
4. ..... her fear, she wrapped her arms around him.
5. The sky was grey and cloudy. ....., we went to the beach.
6. ..... she had said the words "I love you" several times, he had not uttered them.
7. We have not yet won; ....., we shall keep trying.
8. And yet, ... her feelings, any relationship with him was potentially dangerous.
9. ..... the issue was not discussed, it was far from out of her mind.
10. It looks like they're going to succeed ..... their present difficulties.

EXERCISE 3 – GIVE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS IN THE BRACKETS.

1. Although *Titanic* is a ..... film, it has a sad ending.	ROMANCE
2. His recent film received a lot of ..... from the public.	CRITIC
3. I don't like horror films because they are too ..... for me.	FRIGHT
4. Do you know Daniel Day Lewis? He has won three Oscars for Best	ACT
5. The film was ..... though they spent millions of dollars making it.	SUCCEED
6. *Big Ben Down* is about a group of ..... who takes control of Big Ben.	TERROR
7. We were ..... with the cinema's service. Everything was terrible.	SATISFY
8. The film is a big ..... . It is boring from beginning to end.	DISAPPOINT
9. The film is about two hijackers who ..... to blow up the plane.	THREAT
10. I don't think it is good for young kids to see ..... on TV.	VIOLENT

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4. Find the word with a different stress pattern from the others.

1. A. drama	B. thriller	C. direct	D. western
2. A. horror	B. review	C. audience	D. agent
3. A. animation	B. soundtrack	C. comedy	D. Hollywood
4. A. critic	B. documentary	C. blockbuster	D. industry
5. A. recommend	B. mission	C. phoenix	D. character

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