UNIT 8: FILMS

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

IX. Complete the sentences, using although + a clause of despite/ in spite of + a noun phrase from the box.

Ben Stiller was the star of this movie
the fact that they split up over forty years ago
those poor reviews
Meryl Streep is most well know for her many Oscar-worthy performances
I didn't find the film at all frightening
being a well-reviewed hit
knowing it is not true
most critics agreed that the film was her best ever

1. _____, my brother was so scared that he couldn't watch it.
2. I was disappointed by her performance_____
3. Courage Under Fire didn't win an Oscar_____
4. _____, it was Ferrel who stole the show.
5. The movie had a successful box-office performance_____
6. _____, the Beatles are still incredibly popular.
7. _____, her status was reaffirmed after the hug box-office success of Mama Mia!.
8. We jump or yell when we see a horror movie_____

X. Join the two sentences using the word in brackets.

1. Glenne Close hasn't won a single Oscar. She has been nominated six times, (although)

_____

2. Brian Stone is a famous singer. He can't sing folk song. (despite)

_____

3. Some people said the film was terrible. I found it quite gripping. (Though)

_____

4. It was a horror film. It wasn't frightening at all. (in spite of)

_____

5. The movie was a box-office failure. It had an all-star cast. (even though)

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6. The film had good reviews. It was entirely ignored by awards bodies, (despite)

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7. People criticized the movie for being too violent. The movie was a commercial success. (in spite *of)*

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8. I liked it a great deal. I will likely never watch it again, (although)

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9. The film had largely negative reception. Penn was nominated for Best Actor. (despite)

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10. Critic reviews were favorable. The film was pulled early from theaters due to low ticket sales. (although)

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XI. Complete the sentences with *although, despite/ in spite of, however/ nevertheless.*

1. Leonardo Dicaprio is a talented actor; _____ , he only won an Oscar after six nominations.
2. _____ the negative reviews, *Jurassic World* reached $1 billion in ticket sales.
3. Linh wanted to see *Wall-E.*_____ , the showing week fell on her semesterexamination.
4._____ it has found its fans over time, *Empire Records* only made $300,000 atthe box office.
5. *Finding Nemo* was a successful animation film---------- its low budget.
6. *Out of Africa* didn't win any acting Oscars---------- starring Meryl Streepand Robert Redford.
7. The film barely made back its budget. ---------- , critics and fans had a lot of

positive things to say about it.

8. _____animation is not my favorite genre, I really like *Zootopia.*
9. Titanic is a really good movie; _____, it is not for anyone under the age of sixteen.
10. _____ it is loved by fans today, Clue had a rough start when it opened in 1985.

XII. Fill in each blank with an appropriate preposition.

1. *The Lord of the Rings* is showing _____ Odyssey Cinema---------- 10.30 a.m.
2. Watching a horror film can be very frightening---------- a child.
3. *Saving Private Ryan* is a war movie_____ soldiers fighting in World War II.
4. The film was so gripping that I couldn't take my eyes ---------- the screen.
5. Are you scared _____watching a horror film?
6. The last movie starring Julia Roberts _____a professor was *Mona Lisa Smile.*

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7. They spent Sil million_____making “Star Wars in 1977.
8. *Brokeback Mountain* is based _____ the short story by author Annie Proulx.
9. The film is_____a guy who travels back in time to save the planet.
10. We could call the cinema to see what’s_____tonight

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