

First Certificate Language Practice

Entertainments & the arts

1 Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- a) I like this book, and I've read six capitals/chapters/prefaces already.
- b) It's not a proper drawing, only a rough/plan/sketch.
- c) The play is very long but there are three breaks/intervals/rests.
- d) At the cinema I don't like sitting too near the film/screen/stage.
- e) We heard a piece by Mozart performed by a German band/group/orchestra.
- f) Her second book was very popular and became a best buy/seller/volume.
- g) I like the painting but I can't stand its ugly border/frame/square.
- h) Robert's new book will be broadcast/published/typed in August.
- i) I liked the acting, and the costumes/dressing/outfits were good too.
- j) The best act/place/scene in the film is when Jack meets Kate.

2 Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

announcer	composer	critic	editor	playwright	author
conductor	director	novelist	sculptor		

- a) The orchestra would not be so successful with a different **conductor**...
- b) I want a book on art, but I don't know the name of the
- c) We must see the new film by that Italian
- d) The said that the sports programme is on after the news.
- e) Harry writes for the theatre, but he is not only a
- f) We saw some interesting metal objects made by a French
- g) That's a nice piece of music. Who is the?
- h) Peter Smith was the only who wrote in praise of the film.
- i) Charles Dickens is probably the best known British
- j) The of the newspaper usually decides what it contains.

3 Complete each sentence by putting *in*, *on*, *at* or *out of* in each space.

- a) Harry Smith is hard.....**at**.....work writing his new screenplay.
- b) The music was terrible and the singer was.....tune.
- c) I can't tell what that is..... the background of the picture.
- d) Jane's new book is coming out..... paperback next year.
- e) Is there anything good Channel 4 this evening?
- f) The school put on *Hamlet*..... modern dress.
- g) The critics found Joe's kind of writing rather..... date.
- h) In the last scene, all the actors are..... stage together.

4 Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

current electric humorous modern public special dull
gripping **live** popular readable still

- a) No recording can be as good as a..... **live** concert in my opinion.
- b) It was a very..... story and made me laugh a lot.
- c) I couldn't put that book down, it had such a..... plot.
- d) Most people find it difficult to understand art.
- e) My favourite television programmes are about affairs.
- f) Of course it's possible to like both classical and music.
- g) Everyone enjoyed the effects in the *Star Wars* films.
- h) I don't buy books because there's a good library nearby.
- i) We both found it a very..... film I'm afraid.
- j) George doesn't paint people, but mainly does life paintings.
- k) It was an interesting book, and very.....
- l) Unfortunately the boy upstairs is learning the guitar.

5 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- a) Susan's first painting was a/an..... **A** portrait.
 - A) self B) own C) selfish D) auto
- b) We all enjoyed the play so much that we for ten minutes.
 - A) booed B) screamed C) applauded D) handed
- c) Peter sings every Sunday in the local church.....
 - A) concert B) chorus C) opera D) choir
- d) I bought this book mainly because it has a very attractive.....
 - A) folder B) cover C) coat D) wrapping
- e) The play was a success and had very good in the papers.
 - A) reviews B) critics C) advertisements D) notes
- f) If you can't find what you are looking for in the book, use the.....
 - A) preface B) directory C) list D) index
- g) The average watches television for about 15 hours a week.
 - A) viewer B) audience C) spectator D) observer
- h) First we see their faces from far away, and then we see a.....
 - A) side by side B) foreground C) replay D) close up
- i) Please note that the next programme is for children.
 - A) unusual B) unsuitable C) unmistakable D) unreasonable
- j) All the members of the had a party after the play was over.
 - A) scene B) cast C) circle D) drama