UP English Center

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1. Read the text and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

The Fascinating History of Movie Popcorn

When you think of going to the cinema, you probably think of a large bucket of warm, salty popcorn. Today, it is the most famous movie snack in the world. People love eating it while watching exciting blockbusters or funny cartoons. However, the history of movie popcorn is full of surprises. Many years ago, movie theatres did not welcome popcorn at all, and they even banned it from their buildings.

In the early 1900s, watching a movie was a very elegant experience. Movie theatres were beautiful and luxurious places. They had expensive furniture, crystal lights, and thick, beautiful carpets on the floor. The owners wanted their theatres to look like high-class opera houses for rich customers. Because of this, they believed that popcorn was a terrible snack. First, it made a very loud noise when people chewed it, which disturbed other viewers. Second, children often dropped the popcorn on the floor, and the oily snack made the expensive carpets very dirty.

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However, they still wanted to go to the cinema to escape their daily problems and relax. Popcorn was a perfect snack because it was very cheap to make and buy. Since the cinemas banned it, smart street vendors started bringing portable popcorn machines to stand right outside the theatres. People bought the popcorn on the street and hid it inside their bags or coats before walking past the ticket collectors.

Soon, the theatre owners realized they were losing a big business opportunity. They decided to change their rules. At first, they allowed street vendors to sell popcorn inside the theatre lobby for a small fee. Later, the owners bought their own machines and started selling popcorn themselves. This decision actually saved many cinemas from going broke during the hard economic times.

Today, the cinema industry is very different. Ticket sales are not enough to pay for all the theatre costs. In fact, cinemas make most of their profits from selling popcorn, candy, and soft drinks. Next time you buy a box of popcorn at the movies, remember that this simple snack once changed the history of cinema forever!

1. What did movie theatres look like in the early 1900s?

A. They looked like cheap street markets.

B. They were beautiful and looked like high-class opera houses.

C. They were simple buildings without any carpets.

2. Why did the theatre owners think popcorn was a terrible snack at first?

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A. Because it was too quiet and tasted bad.

B. Because it was dirty for the carpets and noisy when people chewed it.

C. Because only rich people liked to eat it.

3. During the Great Depression, how did people get popcorn into the theatres?

A. They bought it from the cinema kitchen.

B. The ticket collectors gave it to them for free.

C. They bought it from street vendors and hid it in their bags or coats.

4. Why did theatre owners decide to sell popcorn themselves later?

A. Because they wanted to make more money and saw a big business opportunity.

B. Because street vendors asked them to stop selling.

C. Because they bought new and cheaper carpets.

5. According to the text, how do modern cinemas make most of their profits today?

A. Mainly from selling expensive movie tickets.

B. From selling snacks like popcorn, candy, and drinks.

C. From renting out their beautiful furniture.

2. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

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1. She felt very (envious / jealous) when she saw her friend's new smartphone.
2. I was so (bored / boring) during the long math lesson that I almost fell asleep.
3. The loud noise from the street made him a bit (angry / annoyed) because he was reading.
4. He always feels (afraid / nervous) before he speaks in front of the class.
5. Her parents were very (proud / arrogant) of her when she won the English competition.
6. Are you (afraid / nervous) of dogs?

3. Complete the dialogue by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct form using causative have or get.

Dialogue: Preparing for the party

A: Are you ready for the birthday party tonight?

B: Almost! I will get my brother (hang) _____ up the balloons.

A: Great! Who is going to decorate the living room and prepare the food?

B: My mom is having a local bakery (make) _____ a big cake, and I just got my new dress (wash) _____ this morning, so we are all set.

Dialogue: Fixing up the study corner

A: Your study corner looks so different today!

B: Thanks! I just had my brother (fix) _____ the broken lamp.

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A: It looks much brighter. Did you repaint that old desk yourself?

B: No, I got it (repaint) _____ white, and I also got my dad (assemble) _____ these new bookshelves for me.

Dialogue: Preparing for the school book fair

A: Are we ready for the school book fair tomorrow?

B: Yes, I will get the volunteers (arrange) _____ the tables in the morning.

A: Great. What about the permission form and the books?

B: I already had the teacher (sign) _____ the form, and I got all the old books (collect) _____ yesterday.

4. If you had a time machine, would you travel to the past or the future? In your writing, you should write about:

- Whether you would go to the past or the future, and which year or period you would visit.

- Who you would want to meet or what you would want to see there.

- What you would do or change during your visit.

- How you would feel when you returned to the present.

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