

# PERIODIC TEST 3

## GENERAL ENGLISH 7

### I. Read the text and answer the questions.

#### What is a Masterpiece?

Have you ever looked at a painting, watched a movie, or listened to a song that made you feel something very special? That kind of great work is called a masterpiece.

People often think a masterpiece has to be very old, but we can have contemporary art and movies today that are just as amazing. A great work of art often tells a good story. Sometimes, it can be a little controversial because it makes people talk about difficult topics or think in a new way.

Great art also uses striking colors or images that catch your eye right away. If it is music or a movie, it usually has a great rhythm that keeps you interested from the beginning to the end.

Today, artists also have to think about the commercial side of their work. This means they need to sell tickets or books so they can keep making art for us to enjoy!

#### Easy Examples

- **A Great Movie:** Think of an animated movie like The Lion King. It has a wonderful rhythm with great music and songs, and it uses striking colors to show the African savanna. It is loved by families everywhere and has huge commercial success.
- **A Famous Painting:** Think of Vincent van Gogh's paintings. They are full of bright, striking colors and have a special movement that looks like a musical rhythm on the canvas.

1. According to the text, what do people often mistakenly think a masterpiece has to be?
2. What does the word contemporary mean in the context of art and movies?
3. Why might a great work of art sometimes be described as controversial?
4. How does a movie or piece of music use rhythm to keep the audience interested?
5. Why do modern artists and creators need to think about the commercial side of their work?
6. Do you agree that a movie or song can be a masterpiece even if it is brand new, or does a work need time to become one? Why?
7. Can a piece of art be considered a masterpiece if it causes a lot of anger or is very controversial, or should art always try to make people comfortable?
8. How can commercial success (making a lot of money) change the way an artist creates their work? Is it always a good thing?
9. Think of something you personally consider a masterpiece (a book, a game, a painting, or a movie). What makes it so striking and special to you?
10. Do you think modern technology makes it easier or harder to create a true masterpiece today? Explain your reasoning.

**II. Make your own sentences using the words below.**

1. Bizarre : .....
2. Striking : .....
3. Commercial : .....
4. Rhythm : .....

**III. Change the sentences into passive voice.**

1. The art academy teaches classical painting techniques to young students.
2. A famous street artist is painting a massive mural on the downtown building.
3. Vincent van Gogh created many breathtaking masterpieces during his lifetime.
4. The national gallery has displayed several controversial sculptures in the main exhibit.
5. The city council will fund a new contemporary art project next year.