Eng.(301) **Unit (6) Literature and Film** **Date: / / 2021**

What's good and bad | Opinion and recommendations | Background | Plot and setting

A- I was surprised to know that *Skyfall* is the 23rd James Bond film and Daniel Craig is the 6th actor to play 007. This new film came out on the 50th anniversary of the first film. It is an original screenplay and not adapted from one of the James Bond books by Ian Fleming. In the film we learn a bit about James Bond's past, and his relationship with his parents. There are also many clever references to past Bond films. Directed by Oscar winner Sam Mendes(American Beauty ,Revolutionary Road),he has made a film which is adventure in parts, but exciting in others.

B-The writers have created the script which is interesting and also funny in places. Of course, as you would expect with any James Bond film, the action sequences are generally exciting and well done, and it's good to see there are no completely stupid special effects like in some previous Bond films. The opening chase is particularly exciting. As always with Bond, there are a variety of nice locations such as Istanbul, Shanghai and Scotland, although much of the actions take place in London.

C-The really good thing about the film ,though, is once again Daniel Craig as Bond. He is definitely the best since Sean Connery. His acting is always good and in some scenes he is very funny. His co-stars, especially Javier Badem as the baddy , are also good. The title song by Adele is very powerful, as is the best of music. The film is very long at over two and half hour, and some scenes are quite boring, especially the last 30 minutes when the action moves to Scotland.

D-The worst thing about the film was the product placement which was truly bad. I don't want to see brand names everywhere when I watch a film. This is a shame as other Bond films are usually good in this respect. The last part of the film was for me totally uninspiring. The ending of the film was too over the top even for the usual exciting Bond-style conclusion. Overall, however, it is great cinema and I would certainly recommend this to any Bond fan or film lover.

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