

Read the following dialog and answer the questions

Speaker 1: Sunday sees the final evening of this year's Dubai International Film Festival at Madinat Jumeirah. The success of this incredible event depends on the hard work and energy of hundreds of young volunteers. We went behind the scenes to find out what it's like to be involved as a volunteer and what they thought of the films. Hi Amaya, you're volunteering for this year's festival. What does your role involve?

Amaya: Well, I'm an usher for the stars as they walk along the red carpet, stopping to have their photograph taken. I tell them either where to stand or where they should go as they walk into the main hall. It's been a brilliant experience to get so close to some of the biggest names in cinema.

Speaker 1: And you get to see all the films at the festival for free, right? Which one has been your favourite?

Amaya: Yeah, that's a real bonus. I must say I've enjoyed all the films I've seen. I think my favourite is a film called *Green Light*. I mean the acting is just amazing – the star, Michael Washington, is totally convincing as the main character.

The plot is really gripping – you never know what's going to happen from one minute to the next. Oh, and the ending ... Wow! Well, I won't tell you or it'll spoil it for you.

Speaker 1: Hi! I can see that you're volunteering. What's your role here at the film festival?

Mira: Well, today I'm working in the back office – I have to invite all the journalists and media people to the press conference tomorrow – that kind of thing. But I've also been helping out at the box office, selling tickets and giving information to visitors at the festival. I enjoy both the administrative work and dealing with the public.

Speaker 1: And what's the best film you've seen so far?

Mira: Ahhh! There was a beautiful Emirati film on last night called *Going to Heaven*. It's set here in the UAE. It's a wonderful story of two young boys who go on a journey from Abu Dhabi to Fujairah. I loved this film. It made me laugh, it made me cry and the cinematography – you know, the look and feel of the film – is just breathtaking. It really shows the beauty of our land. Highly recommended!

Speaker 1: Hi! Sorry, I can see that you're really busy. Are you volunteering too?

Samira: Yes. I saw the website for the film festival and thought I would try it. Neither my brother nor my sister wanted to do it, but I want to work in marketing and event management in the future ... So, here I am volunteering at the festival and meeting some amazing people! Right now I'm checking all the final details for tonight's prize-giving ceremony. I want to be sure that everything is perfect!

Speaker 1: Have you had any time to see any of the films in the competition?

Samira: Yeah, after work we can go to the film screenings for free. I've enjoyed seeing them all really, but the one that impressed me the most was a really lovely film from France. It's called *Birds of Passage* and it's a bittersweet story of friendship between two girls. The dialogue is great and the soundtrack is brilliant too – I've been listening to it on my headphones all day.

Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Amaya works closely with famous actors and actresses during the festival.
- 2 Amaya thought the film *Green Light* was a bit boring.
- 3 Mira likes working in the office and dealing with the public.
- 4 Mira feels that the film *Going to Heaven* is a good advert for the UAE.
- 5 Samira volunteered for the festival with her brother and sister.
- 6 Samira especially enjoyed the music on the film *Birds of Passage*.