



# Senior 1: October Test

**1. LISTENING: LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND SELECT ANSWER: TALKING ABOUT MOVIES.**

**1. Sci-fi films**

- a. He chooses this kind of film most often.
- b. He finds them imaginative and interesting.
- c. He has never watched a terrible sci-fi movie.
- d. He finds some sci-fi movies funny.

**2. Romantic comedies (romcoms)**

- a. He does not like romcoms.
- b. His girlfriend loves romcoms.
- c. Romcoms are predictable.
- d. They are often funny.

**3. Horror films**

- a. He usually knows what is going to happen.
- b. He prefers to watch them when he is alone.
- c. He is interested in the special effects and make-up.
- d. He doesn't find them scary now.

**4. Animated films**

- a. Children's cartoons are his favourite kind of animated films.
- b. He finds Japanese films beautiful and imaginative.
- c. He watches cartoons with a young family member.
- d. Children's cartoons can be fun for both adults and children.

**2. READING COMPREHENSION. READ THE TEXT CAREFULLY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.**

What do you think of when you read the word 'robot'? Many people think about big machines in car factories or futuristic monsters in films. Few of us think about the past. But people were building incredible machines with human abilities hundreds of years ago!

For example, Egyptian texts from 1100 BC mention moving statues which 'chose' the next king. None of these statues exists, but probably they were built using the ancient Egyptians' mechanical technology.

Another ancient robot was a big robotic arm called "The Claw". The ancient Greek writer Polybius wrote about it in 213 BC. It was built during a war with the Romans, and it hung over the city wall towards the sea. When a Roman ship came close, the arm picked up the front of the ship and lifted it into the air. Then the boat fell backwards into the sea and sank. Again, we don't know if the machine was really built, but it was possible with Ancient Greek technology.

Another ancient Greek inventor, Philon of Byzantium, built a female robot at about the same time. If someone placed a cup in her hand, it mixed water and wine to make a drink. But the robot wasn't popular because people didn't need robots to work. They had lots of slaves.

The famous artist Leonardo da Vinci loved designing robots. Few of his ideas were built, but his plans are very detailed. One modern-day robot engineer, Mark Rosheim, still uses them to get ideas when designing robots for NASA! One of da Vinci's robots was a lion. He built it for the king of France in 1515. It could walk and present flowers! In 2009, engineers used the plans to build it again. It worked perfectly.

1. What is the earliest known reference to a robot?
2. Who built “The Claw” and what was its purpose?
3. What did Philon of Byzantium invent and why wasn’t it popular?
4. What did Leonardo da Vinci design and build for the king of France in 1515?

3. Story-telling: Watch the video and re-tell the story. Use connectors and relative clauses.