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UNIT 5



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (B1+)

1 Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences.

- 1 People like Bruce Willis and Steven Seagal usually play _____ who fight and save people's lives.
a casts
b action heroes
c actors
- 2 The _____ of the film *Gone Girl* is very similar to the book of the same name, with just a few changes.
a plot
b scene
c special effect
- 3 All of the _____ of *Avengers Assemble* acted brilliantly in my opinion, especially Robert Downey Jr.
a characters
b cast
c performance
- 4 The stories in the *Alien* series of films are mainly _____ on a spaceship.
a starred
b played
c set
- 5 My favourite _____ in *Titanic* is at the beginning when they discover the sunken ship.
a plot
b scene
c character
- 6 *Memento* was an enjoyable film, but some parts were difficult to follow because the _____ was so complicated.
a performance
b cast
c plot
- 7 _____ films like *Frozen* and *Toy Story* appeal to children because they are so well-drawn they seem almost real.
a Special effects
b Action
c Animated
- 8 Most people think that Jennifer Lawrence was great in the film *The Hunger Games*; personally, I thought she gave a terrible _____.
a performance
b cast
c character

2 Complete the film reviews with words from the box.

amusing	disappointing	dull	enjoyable	intelligent
ordinary	predictable	silly	surprising	violent

SIN CITY 2

Although many people may think the plots of the *Sin City* films aren't very clever, this second film is in fact an ¹ _____ thriller with a clever and complicated story. It's hard to predict how things are going to turn out, so the ending is quite ² _____. Action-packed throughout, there really isn't one ³ _____ moment in the film. Be warned though, it's as ⁴ _____ as the first film in the series and definitely not for children – but plenty of fight scenes for adults!

BEGIN AGAIN

This comedy starring Mark Ruffalo and Keira Knightley has its ⁵ _____ moments so I found myself laughing out loud a few times, but like many romantic comedies, it was obvious from the start what was going to happen. The ending was completely ⁶ _____. This was a bit ⁷ _____, because it could have been much better than the average rom-com. However, overall it's still an ⁸ _____ movie with some good acting, so don't be put off seeing it.

LOVE IN SPACE

With some of the action set in a space station, this is definitely no ⁹ _____ love story – you could say it's out of this world in fact! At times though, it's just too unbelievable and unfortunately rather ¹⁰ _____. But you definitely won't see another film like it this year!

3 Choose the correct answer from the words in *italics*.

- 1 In my opinion, it's absolutely **essential** / **important** that a computer game has a great story as well as excellent graphics.
- 2 Although the main actor in the play last night was extremely **good** / **brilliant**, the rest of the cast were quite disappointing.
- 3 If the next programme in the series is absolutely **bad** / **awful** like the last one, I won't be watching any more of them!
- 4 Unfortunately I didn't enjoy the film, which is a shame, as the original book was very **interesting** / **fascinating**.
- 5 It's very **infuriating** / **annoying** that no one told us the concert had been moved to a different time! I'm going to complain to the manager and demand my money back!
- 6 That new Swedish thriller on TV is very clever, but extremely **difficult** / **impossible** to follow. I'm not really sure what's going on!
- 7 This movie isn't recommended for children, as some of the action is very **scary** / **terrifying**.
- 8 Do you think it's a very **good** / **brilliant** idea to sit so far from the stage? I'm not sure we'll get a good view in these seats.

4 Complete the sentences with words/phrases from the box.

above all as well especially Meanwhile On the one hand

- 1 I bought my sister a book for her birthday and got her some flowers _____.
- 2 _____, I can see how talented the best sports stars are, but on the other, I think some of them get paid too much.
- 3 The internet has changed the way people communicate, _____ now that you can use it on a smartphone.
- 4 Can you call a taxi to arrive for 7.30? The concert starts at 8 p.m. _____, I'll start getting ready.
- 5 Accountants need to be good with numbers but _____, they should be honest.

5 Choose the correct answer from the words in *italics*.

Nowadays, watching films and TV programmes online is becoming more and more popular, ¹ **especially** / **as well** with the rise of on-demand streaming services like Netflix. ² **On the one hand** / **Meanwhile**, the prices are usually very reasonable and ³ **what's more** / **especially**, you can choose from a very wide selection. ⁴ **On the one hand** / **In addition** it's a really convenient service for the lifestyles most of us have today. ⁵ **What's more** / **Meanwhile**, traditional live television and the cinema seem to be becoming less popular, especially with young people.

6 Complete the text with the PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE form of the verb in brackets.

BOLLYWOOD

Known as 'Bollywood' and based in Mumbai, the Indian version of Hollywood ¹ _____ (make) hundreds of popular films since early last century. Usually with a romantic plot, these films are incredibly successful both in India and around the world. The man who really ² _____ (start) the Indian film industry was Dhundiraj Govind Phalke. He ³ _____ (direct) and ⁴ _____ (produce) the first Indian silent film in 1913. Since then, Indian cinema ⁵ _____ (develop) to include sound, song and extremely colourful sets. Although there are still many people who ⁶ _____ (see) a Bollywood film yet, their popularity is increasing with each year. One of the most popular Bollywood films is called *Chennai Express*. It ⁷ _____ (make) nearly US \$5 million on its opening day and now millions of people around the world ⁸ _____ (watch) it. Film critics all over the world ⁹ _____ (give) it excellent reviews when it was first shown and audience numbers ¹⁰ _____ (continue) to grow ever since.

7 Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box. There are two phrases that you don't need.

as good as	I expected it to be	I'd really recommend	I'm pretty sure
	it sounds	really worth	than I thought

Aliyah I really can't find anything to watch on television these days. I just don't think television here is ¹ _____ the programmes we get back home.

Jinan In that case, ² _____ looking online. There are lots of websites where you can pay for films and watch them on your laptop.

Aliyah And do you get a good choice?

Jinan Yes, there are hundreds of films to choose from. At first ³ _____ mainly American programmes and films, but there's actually a really good variety of films from all around the world.

Aliyah Well, ⁴ _____ fantastic!

Jinan Yes, it's ⁵ _____ having a look to see what's available.

8 Read the article about comics and graphic novels. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). If there is no information about this, choose 'not given' (NG).

- 1 The popularity of comics has changed a lot in the past 100 years.
- 2 Comics sell more now than they did in the 1960s.
- 3 Digital comics are less popular than they were ten years ago.
- 4 There may be twice as many girls and women reading comics and graphic novels as five years ago.
- 5 Comics are more popular with boys and men than graphic novels.

Comics: the new popular fiction

Comics and graphic novels have been popular all around the world for over a hundred years or so and their stories have focused on everything from superheroes to politics to just simple entertainment for children.

Their golden age is widely accepted as being during the first half of the twentieth century, when the appearance of action heroes such as Superman made them extremely popular. However, the development of other forms of entertainment from the 1960s saw them drop in popularity as the public became more interested in TV and cinema instead.

But this has all begun to change in the past ten years and it seems we are starting to go back to buying comics and graphic novels again. Sales of both paper comics and digital downloads have increased, and, perhaps surprisingly, while digital sales are impressive, they are not nearly as big as sales of the paper versions. Paper sales of comics and graphic novels in the United States and Canada reached US \$870 million in 2013, whereas digital comic sales were around \$90 million. One estimate is that print sales have increased by 18% – extraordinary figures when you consider what happened to films and music when the digital revolution arrived.

One explanation may be that, as with books, people still like to be able to hold a comic, and see them as something they want to collect. The graphic novel has apparently become one of fastest-growing categories in libraries, and they are becoming increasingly popular with schools using them to teach English as a second language. It seems that there are also more girls and women reading them than in the past, and the audience no longer consists of just teenage boys. In fact, one bookstore owner has estimated that the female audience has doubled in the last five years. And while they are still in the minority, an increase in the number of women readers will no doubt have an effect on the content.