

## Reading comprehension

*Choose the correct answer from A, B, C or D.*

1. Which film does the reviewer refer to as a “charmer”?  

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| A. Once         | C. Sing Street |
| B. Emerald Isle | D. Begin Again |
2. The main character starts a band to:  

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| A. influence a girl | C. play music       |
| B. become famous    | D. make new friends |
3. The film is set in:  

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| A. Manhattan        | C. the UK |
| B. the Emerald Isle | D. Dublin |
4. According to the text, the director’s main themes are:  

|                                       |                                   |
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| A. growing up and having laughs       | C. growing up and making music    |
| B. falling in love and Eighties music | D. falling in love and growing up |

*Choose the correct phrase from the text to complete the following sentences.*

5. During the 1980s bands like Duran Duran were ...
6. Conor’s family are in financial trouble so they send him ...
7. Conor immediately has problems at his new school with ...
8. Conor is soon attracted to Raphina who has ambitions to become ...
9. At first Raphina seems uninterested in ...
10. However, Conor’s boastful lie means that ...

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**11.** According to the storyline, Conor's band is:

- A.** a total disaster
- B.** an unexpected success
- C.** a useless gesture
- D.** a copy of another band

**12.** In the film the music is:

- A.** at the centre of every scene
- B.** always in the background
- C.** featured in most scenes
- D.** occasionally featured

**13.** Overall the reviewer thinks the film is:

- A.** catchy
- B.** humorous
- C.** laughable
- D.** committed

**Read statements 14 to 24. Complete the chart by giving your opinion about the content of the review above. The first statement has been done for you.**

| The review of Sing Street                                                       | Your opinion:<br>Agree/disagree/<br>not sure | Evidence in<br>the review of<br><i>Sing Street</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Example: Informs the reader of the subject matter                               | Agree                                        | It mentions the title of the film                  |
| <b>14.</b> Summarizes the plot of the film                                      |                                              |                                                    |
| <b>15.</b> Describes the main characters of the film                            |                                              |                                                    |
| <b>16.</b> Analyses the film in terms of its artistic merit and technical skill |                                              |                                                    |
| <b>17.</b> Comments on the acting, direction, cinematography and script         |                                              |                                                    |

**18.** Gives the price of tickets to the show

**19.** Analyses the film in terms of its messages and values

**20.** Compares the film to similar films that came before it

**21.** Entertains the readers with its comments

**22.** Helps people to decide which film is most worth their time and money

**23.** Alerts parents about whether or not the film is appropriate viewing for children

**24.** Comments on the special effects and music soundtrack