

UNIT 3 – TEST 1

I. Choose the best options to fill in the blanks.

1. They are producing more and more ____ in the USA and they will soon spread to all parts of the world.
A. real TV shows B. reality TV shows C. actuality TV shows
2. The first episode of the film is going to be ____ next Sunday.
A. aired B. announced C. transmitted
3. Many folk songs which ____ in rural areas are still favored nowadays.
A. resulted B. proceeded C. originated
4. Nicholas Sparks is a ____ author. People love and respect him for his novels and personalities.
A. notorious B. renowned C. remarked
5. Four artists have been ____ for the prize, but only one can win it.
A. offered B. decided C. nominated

II. Choose the right words to complete the sentences.

inspirational celebrity panel conquer
audition patriotism demanding

1. It's not easy to _____ such a big competition.
2. The _____ has to give comments for each contestant after their performances.
3. You have to pass the _____ in order to advance to the semi-finals of the Idol programme.
4. His pieces of music are becoming more and more technically _____.
5. I love _____ songs because they give enthusiasm and ideas to what I do.

III. Choose the words/ phrases that are SAME in meaning to the underlined parts.

1. The band's debut album was a smash hit.
A. great success B. failure C. disappointment
2. The young singer is also passionate about composing.
A. good at B. enthusiastic C. indifferent
3. Some contestants are truly talented and make relentless efforts.
A. hard-working B. incompetent C. gifted
4. In this round, the contestants have to form pairs and choose a song to perform with their partners.
A. supporters B. competitors C. spectators
5. This TV series has different versions all over the world.
A. originals B. copies C. categories

6. His latest single was released last month. Many people had been waiting for it.

A. produced

B. finished

C. launched

IV. Choose the options that best fit the blanks.

1. David had to practice hard to compete with other contestants, for it was a highly ____ round.

A. competitive

B. passionate

C. eliminate

D. competitor

2. The Idol program ____ consists of auditions, semi-finals and finals.

A. franchise

B. step

C. round

D. process

3. Can you play any ____? - Yes. I can play the flute and the guitar.

A. musical tools

B. pieces of music

C. musical instruments

D. musical devices

4. Two of the four contestants will be ____ after tonight's show.

A. composed

B. removed

C. eliminated

D. terminated

5. Bach made significant ____ in classical music.

A. innovations

B. creativity

C. strangeness

D. newness

6. What are the major ____ of that famous composer?

A. smash hits

B. biographies

C. rating lists

D. achievements

V. Choose the options that best fit the blanks.

1. The boys are playing games, ____ the girls are watching TV.

A. so

B. nor

C. and

2. I tried my best in the final test, ____ the result was not as good as I expected.

A. but

B. so

C. for

3. He lost the key, ____ he couldn't get into the house.

A. yet

B. or

C. so

4. She loves comedies, ____ her husband is interested in action films.

A. for

B. yet

C. or

5. You must do well in the test, ____ you will not graduate.

A. so

B. or

C. for

6. Pop music is so popular, ____ the melody is simple and memorable.

A. for

B. so

C. and

7. I should practice more for the competition, ____ my health hasn't been excellent recently.

A. and

B. so

C. but

8. You can go to the movies with me, ____ you can go to the concert alone.

A. and

B. or

C. so

VI. Choose the best compound sentence for each sentence pair.

1. The boy didn't like to go to school. He went anyway.
 - A. The boy didn't like to go to school, so he went anyway.
 - B. The boy hated to go to school, yet he went anyway.
 - C. The boy hated to go to school, and he went anyway.
2. I am planning to visit Korea. I have started to save some money.
 - A. I am planning to visit Korea, but I have started to save some money.
 - B. I have a plan to visit Korea, nor have I started to save some money.
 - C. I have made a plan to visit Korea, so I have started to save some money.
3. The first season of Vietnam Idol aired on VTV in 2007. The fifth season aired in 2013.
 - A. The first season of Vietnam Idol aired on VTV in 2007, and the fifth one aired in 2013.
 - B. The first season of Vietnam Idol aired on VTV in 2007, but the fifth season aired in 2013.
 - C. The first season of Vietnam Idol aired on VTV in 2007, for the fifth season aired in 2013.
4. My uncle can play volleyball. He can't play basketball.
 - A. My uncle can play football, so he can play basketball.
 - B. My uncle can play volleyball, nor can he play basketball.
 - C. My uncle can play volleyball, but he can't play basketball.
5. Let's go to the swimming pool. It's so hot today.
 - A. Let's go to the swimming pool, for it's so hot today.
 - B. Let's go to the swimming pool, so it's very hot today.
 - C. Let's go to the swimming pool, and it's so hot today.
6. You can call the manager directly. You can email him.
 - A. You can call the manager directly, or you can email him.
 - B. You can call the manager directly, for you can email him.
 - C. You can email the manager, so you can call him directly.
7. She sang beautifully. At the end of her performance, she got a big round of applause from the audience.
 - A. She sang beautifully, yet at the end of her performance, she got a big round of applause from the audience.
 - B. She sang beautifully, for at the end of her performance, she got a big round of applause from the audience.
 - C. She sang beautifully, so at the end of her performance, she got a big round of applause from the audience.
8. It is raining very hard. The children are still playing football.
 - A. It is raining very hard, for the children are still playing football.
 - B. It is raining very hard, yet the children are still playing football.

C. It's raining very hard, so the children are still playing football.

VII. Choose the options that best fit the blanks.

1. They refuse ____ the donation from the government.
A. receiving B. to receive C. receive
2. The Bakers hire a young man ____ on their farm during the harvest.
A. work B. to work C. working
3. I heard someone ____ outside when I was watching TV.
A. to fall B. fall C. fell
4. The boy was able ____ the piano when he was small.
A. play B. playing C. to play
5. He advises Julia ____ to the dentist.
A. to go B. go C. going
6. He does not seem ____ passion for this job.
A. have B. having C. to have
7. Would you like ____ with music?
A. dance B. to dance C. dancing
8. Sam wanted me ____ there early in the morning.
A. come B. coming C. to come
9. Have you ever expected ____ an astronaut?
A. to become B. become C. becoming
10. The heavy rain forced us ____ the match last week.
A. delay B. to delay C. delaying

VIII. Use to-infinitives or bare infinitives to complete the following sentences.

1. It began _____ (rain) when I was in London last Saturday.
2. We've decided _____ (attend) the music contest at the end of this year.
3. They intended _____ (visit) Paris last year but they didn't have enough time.
4. Don't let him _____ (know) about his mother's illness now.
5. Someone saw him _____ (go) to a restaurant with his friends.
6. This song makes everybody _____ (feel) comfortable.
7. It's dangerous _____ (go) out alone late at night.
8. My father promised _____ (buy) me a comic book on my 9th birthday.

IX. Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs: *leave, change, know, come, reveal, finish, feed, share, refuse, return*

1. Nothing can make Alex _____ her mind now.
2. Please let me _____ your decision as soon as possible.
3. It's customary _____ a gift from at least once or twice before finally accepting in Japan.
4. Hurry up! The train is about _____ in five minutes.
5. She didn't know whether _____ to her friend's wedding or not.
6. There are not enough candies _____ among all the children here.
7. I saw my little sister _____ the dog yesterday.
8. I determine _____ all my homework today.
9. You can use my car but you must promise _____ it before Friday.
10. My younger sister is not reliable enough _____ my secrets to her.

C. READING

I. Read the passage and do the tasks below

Based on the original *The Voice of Holland*, *The Voice of America*, or sooner *The Voice*, officially aired on NBC on April 26, 2011 aiming to find new singing talent and soon became a big hit.

The Voice process includes Blinds Audition, Battles Rounds, Knockout Rounds, and the final live performance phase. Only those fifteen and over are eligible for the competition. There are four coaches, themselves well-known performing artists, who critique contestants' performances and form their own teams of contestants and give them guidance through the rest of the season. Coaches also have the power to decide on which contestants to advance in the next rounds. One celebrity key advisor gives assistance to the coaches and their teams during the preparation process.

The coaches and the television audience have equal power to decide who moves on to the final four phase. However, the winner is determined by votes from the television audience by online voting on the official website, SMS text and iTunes stores purchases of the contestants' performances. The declared winner receives US\$ 100, 000 and a record contract with Universal Music Group.

As an incredible success in both Holland and the U.S., The Voice has been franchised out to many other countries in the world, and has been a big rival to the *Idol* franchise.

Part 1. Choose the appropriate meaning for each word from the text.

1. *to air*
A. to broadcast on television
B. to be produced as a TV program
2. *a big hit*
A. a successful record of a song
B. a great success
3. *a season*
A. a series of a TV program
B. a TV contest
4. *process*

A. a method of doing something

B. a series of action

5. *a live performance*

A. a performance made when people are watching, not recorded

B. a performance recorded and posted on the Internet

6. *television audience*

A. people who come and watch directly B. people who watch through the TV screen

7. *to franchise*

A. to vote for a favourite contestant

B. to sell the formula to others

Part 2. Choose the best answers to the following questions.

1. What is TRUE about The Voice program?

A. It originated in Holland.

B. The Voice of Holland first aired on NBC.

C. It was a failure in Holland.

2. What is a requirement for contestants?

A. Contestants must be at least 18 years old.

B. Contestants must be at least 13 years old.

C. Contestants must be at least 15 years old.

3. Who decide on the winner of each season?

A. Coaches and television audience

B. Coaches and the celebrity key advisor

C. Television audience

4. By what means can people vote for their favourite contestant?

A. Text messages, internet, and post letters

B. Text messages and online buying of the contestants' performances

C. Youtube views and online voting on the official website

5. What is the prize for winning a The Voice season?

A. A large amount of money and becoming a The Voice coach

B. A record contract worth US\$ 100,000

C. A large amount of money and chance to work with a music company

II. Choose the best answer to fill in the blank.**WHAT IS "POP" MUSIC?**

It has always been difficult for me to decide (1) ____ "popular music" means music written for the people or it is simple music that the people like. The same problem of definition exists with jazz. So (2) ____ different types of music have been called jazz at one time or (3) ____ that is hard to say what it really is. Jazz has always been considered (4) ____ black music but when I first took an interest in it I used to hear white bands playing music that was like Louis Armstrong's in the 1920s. I found out (5) ____ that they learn to do this by playing his records over and over again until their style was (6) ____ to his for them to imitate him. Since then

white singers (7) ____ Bob Dylan have rediscovered their own folk tradition, instead of borrowing from black roots. But the main changes since 1960 have been social and technical. One is that (8) ____ have more money to spend on records at an earlier age than they used to, so Tin Pan Alley, the "pop music" industry, aims at the teenage audience. Another is that electronic equipment has developed (9) ____ extent that technicians are now capable of mixing sound to produce recordings that are quite different from a live performance. But the real problem with "pop" music is that Tin Pan Alley has always worked against (10) ____ a genuine music of the people. It takes everything original and natural out of it and replaces it with cheap commercial imitation. As the American folk singer, Woody Guthrie said: "They've always preferred the second-rate song. They've never wanted to play the good one."

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| 1. A. what | B. how | C. whether | D. when |
| 2. A. much | B. a lot of | C. many | D. plenty |
| 3. A. the other | B. the others | C. others | D. another |
| 4. A. to be | B. being | C. as being | D. that it is |
| 5. A. presently | B. afterwards | C. after | D. soon |
| 6. A. so close | B. close enough | C. too close | D. enough close |
| 7. A. like | B. as | C. for instance | D. for example |
| 8. A. the youths | B. young people | C. the youth | D. youngs |
| 9. A. in so great | B. to so great | C. in such an | D. to such an |
| 10. A. its being | B. it to be | C. being it | D. that it was |