

Unit 8 Basic Test ★

Listening

- 1 [1.09] Listen to a radio programme about children's books. Circle the words you hear. (10 marks)

book voted reading film prize brave coat
adapted thriller mystery fantasy tiger writing
awards nominated popular

Vocabulary

- 2 Read the definitions and write the correct film or book genre. (10 marks)

- 1 a story about space travel: s _ _ _ _ e fiction
- 2 a funny story: c _ _ _ _ y
- 3 a story that is very frightening: h _ _ _ _ r
- 4 a story about love and relationships: r _ _ _ _ e
- 5 an animated Japanese adventure: m _ _ _ a
- 6 a film that has lots of singing: m _ _ _ _ l
- 7 a cartoon film, like *Toy Story*: a _ _ _ _ _ n
- 8 a story about criminals and detectives: c _ _ _ e
- 9 a story with exciting adventures: a _ _ _ _ n
- 10 a film about people's lives: d _ _ _ a

- 3 Choose the correct words. (5 marks)

- 1 Daniel Craig is the most recent **actor** / **writer** to play the character of James Bond.
- 2 The *Harry Potter* book series was **starred** / **written** by J.K.Rowling.
- 3 Many of the writer's books have been **nominated** / **adapted** for film.
- 4 Meryl Streep has had more Oscar **nominations** / **stars** than any other actor.
- 5 The new *Star Wars* film was **acted** / **directed** by J. J. Abrams.

Language focus

- 4 Complete the passive sentences with the correct affirmative (✓) or negative (✗) form of *be*. (10 marks)

- 1 The film _____ written by the book's author. (✓)

- 2 The film's actors _____ nominated for Oscars. (✓)
- 3 Each year, more Bollywood films _____ made than films in Hollywood. (✓)
- 4 The TV series _____ shown last month. (✗)
- 5 We _____ usually given the script until a week before filming. (✗)
- 6 The first episode of the new series _____ watched by 20 million viewers. (✓)
- 7 Unfortunately, the film _____ predicted to do very well at the box office. Let's see. (✗)
- 8 Part two of the film _____ released until five years after the first. That was a long wait. (✗)
- 9 This book _____ based on a true story. (✗)
- 10 _____ a Golden Globe awarded to TV actors too? (✓)

- 5 Complete the passive sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (5 marks)

- 1 Hollywood film stars _____ (know) by millions of people around the world.
- 2 The actor _____ (teach) to speak with a Scottish accent.
- 3 The animals _____ (train) for the film.
- 4 The film's director _____ (nominate) for a special award.
- 5 Actors _____ (not allow) to talk to the media about the film's ending.

- 6 Order the words to make questions. (10 marks)

- 1 was / called / the / what / film / ?

- 2 film / who / was / the / by / directed / ?

- 3 filmed / when / was / it / ?

- 4 where / film / was / made / the ?

- 5 the / was / what / on / film / based / ?

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Reading

The bloopers

Nearly any film, even a really good one, can have errors and mistakes. Here are five of the most famous.

Gladiator (2000)

During the scene about the Battle of Carthage, a Roman chariot hits a wall and turns over. A gas container is shown, hidden in the back.

Braveheart (1995)

Fans of actor Mel Gibson's historical drama know there are many errors in this film. But the most embarrassing has to be a white van that was seen driving along in one of the battle scenes.

Spider-Man (2002)

When Peter fires his spider web at his bedroom lamp, it smashes against the wall and breaks. But seconds later, the lamp is back in one piece.

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003)

In one scene on the deck of the ship, a cameraman appears wearing a cowboy hat.

Django Unchained (2012)

The hero of director Quentin Tarantino's film, which is set in 1858, wears a pair of sunglasses throughout a major part of the film.

7 Read the article and choose the correct answers. (10 marks)

- 1 A **mistake / scene** in a film is called a blooper.
- 2 *Gladiator* was released in **1995 / 2000**.
- 3 A **car / chariot** was seen in the film *Gladiator*.
- 4 *Braveheart* is a historical **fantasy / drama**.
- 5 A **blue / white** vehicle was seen in *Braveheart*.
- 6 *Spider-Man* was released in **2002 / 2003**.
- 7 Spider-Man fires a web at his bedroom **door / lamp**.
- 8 **An actor / A cameraman** appeared by mistake in *Pirates of the Caribbean*.
- 9 *Django Unchained* was **acted / directed** by Quentin Tarantino.
- 10 *Django Unchained* was set in **1858 / 2012**.

Communication

8 Complete the conversation. (5 marks)

A: How ¹ a _ _ _ t watching *Love Actually*?

- B I don't ² f _ _ _ y watching a romantic comedy. I'd ³ r _ _ _ _ r see an adventure film.
- A You might ⁴ p _ _ _ _ r *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.
- B I wrote about that for my last project. I'd prefer to ⁵ s _ e something else.
- A What about *The King's Speech* starring Colin Firth? It's a drama.
- B OK. It had great reviews.

Writing

9 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. (5 marks)

about called characters genre set

- 1 The book is _____ *Finding the Lost World*.
- 2 It's _____ in the year 2075.
- 3 It's _____ a voyage into space.
- 4 You can really relate to the main _____.
- 5 The _____ is a mix of action and comedy.

10 Write sentences about a film that you have seen recently. You can use the questions and the phrases in the box to help you. (5 marks)

*I enjoyed ... because ... It's about ...
It's set in ... It's a mixture of ...
It stars ...
The main character(s) is / are ...
The thing I liked most about ... was ...*

1. What was the film called?
2. What was the film about?
3. Where was the story set?
4. What genre of film was it?
5. What did you like / not like about it?

Total marks:

Listening ____ / 10 Vocabulary ____ / 15
Language focus ____ / 25 Reading ____ / 10
Communication ____ / 5 Writing ____ / 10
TOTAL ____ / 75