

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

Hollywood Ranch

Hollywood, the most famous town in America, got its name in 1886 when a retired couple moved to California and built a ranch. The movies hadn't yet been born and the couple chose the location because they liked the wide open spaces around the small but bustling city of Los Angeles.

Three years later moving pictures were invented in London when William Friese-Greene gave the first demonstration of a Kinematograph. But it was the Lumiere brothers in Paris who gave the first public demonstration before a paying audience in 1895. Ironically, they thought movies had no commercial use.

The first narrative film that used actors was called "The Great Train Robbery". People went to see the film in their thousands. Each person paid five cents for admission: this is why the first cinemas were called "Nickel Odeons."

The popularity of movie boomed and the film companies joined together in order to get patent rights as a way of protecting their product. But pirate companies began to make films of their own outside the law. To avoid prosecution these film makers packed up and moved across country. They settled in a small town called Hollywood.

By 1914 this town had become the biggest film factory in the world. Other companies moved there because the sunny climate was conducive to shooting outdoors. The surrounding environment was also perfect for making westerns, the first and most popular American film genre.

The early Hollywood artists were regarded with disrespect by many people. The cinema was the upstart medium and many people resented its overnight success.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Circle the most appropriate option

1. The retired couple chose the location for their ranch because

- a) Los Angeles was a small and bustling town.
- b) they liked to live near Hollywood,
- c) they wanted to make movies.
- d) they liked the environment.

2. In 1886 Hollywood was

- a) as famous as it is now.
- b) only a small remote ranch,
- c) the most famous city in America.
- d) surrounded by wide open spaces.

3. The Lumiere brothers were the first

- a) to give a demonstration of moving pictures.
- b) to get money for the demonstration of a film.
- c) to believe that movies had commercial use.
- d) to make a film that used actors.

4. Pirate film companies

- a) made their films illegally.
- b) moved across the country illegally.
- c) wanted to work within the law.
- d) joined together to protect their products.

5. According to the text, other film companies moved to Hollywood because

- a) they wanted to avoid prosecution.
- b) they wanted to make movies outside the law.
- c) the weather conditions allowed them to make films outside.
- d) the weather was sunny most of the time.

6. According to the text

- a) "The Great Train Robbery" was a huge success.
- b) people were not enthusiastic about "The Great Train Robbery".
- c) each person gave a thousand dollars for "The Great Train Robbery".
- d) "The Great Train Robbery" was first shown in the "Odeon Cinema".

7. According to the text in the 1920s many people in America

- a) respected actors very much.
- b) thought badly of Hollywood artists.
- c) regarded Hollywood artists as noble people.
- d) were not interested in movies and actors at all.

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MAX. 8 points MIN. 6 points

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TIME: 20 min.

READING COMPREHENSION TEST

The Robot Wine Waiter

Would you like to be served in a restaurant by a robot waiter? This is what happened when a robot lost its head.

A robot that was supposed to serve wine in a restaurant ran amok instead, knocking over furniture and frightening customers, until eventually its head fell off into a customer's lap, the court of Sessions in Edinburgh was told yesterday.

The court was told that during its eventful career in a restaurant in Leith, Edinburgh, the robot spilled a glass of wine on its first test run and became uncontrollable after thirty minutes, knocking over furniture.

It was said to have been erratic and uncontrollable again during tests the next day, when it spilled more glasses of wine and ended dropping its head into a customer's lap, while its lights and voice cassette also failed.

The engineer who demonstrated the robot at the restaurant and showed a disc jockey how to use it, told the court:

"It just needed practice, and in time you can perfect it. It is almost like a conjuring trip. You speak into the microphone."

But he said that if the batteries were undercharged "the results would be catastrophic, because the radio-controlled signal would be too weak and there would be jerky movements."

The robot stood in court wearing a black hat and bow tie. It looked in a sorry state, incapable of speech or movement. After the case was settled, it was taken from the court on a trolley, its internal wiring detached from its body.

READING COMPREHENSION***Circle the most appropriate option***

1. The restaurant employed the robot
 - a) to do the cleaning.
 - b) to help the other waiters.
 - c) to taste wine for customers.
 - d) to provide wine for customers to drink.

2. During its test the robot waiter
 - a) worked properly.
 - b) did some unexpected thing.
 - c) ran away from the customers.
 - d) knocked over some of the restaurant staff.

3. During tests the next day the robot
 - a) did the same things as the day before.
 - b) sat into a customer's lap.
 - c) became controllable.
 - d) behaved properly.

4. The restaurant staff
 - a) disconnected the robot.
 - b) managed to control the robot.
 - c) gave the demonstration of the robot's operation.
 - d) couldn't stop the robot when it was working.

5. The engineer suggested that the robot
 - a) wasn't difficult to operate.
 - b) spoke into the microphone.
 - c) should charge its batteries.
 - d) was just a conjuring trick.

6. In court, the engineer
 - a) explained why the robot had behaved so badly.
 - b) couldn't think of any reason why the robot had behaved so badly.
 - c) spoke about the catastrophe in the restaurant.
 - d) showed the court how to use the robot.

7. While the robot stood in court it
 - a) behaved violently.
 - b) was in working order.
 - c) was in poor condition.
 - d) was able to speak for itself.

8. The court's decision about the case was:
 - a) More practice is needed.
 - b) Some repairs are needed.
 - c) A fine should be paid.
 - d) Not mentioned in the text.

GRAMMAR TEST**I Circle the most appropriate option**

1. He is really looking forward _____ back to school.
a) go b) to go c) going d) to going
2. I just can't make up my _____.
a) idea b) opinion c) mind d) decision
3. Why are you sweeping the leaves? You are just _____ your energy.
a) spending b) spoiling c) wasting d) losing
4. It happened _____ December 1st 2005.
a) in b) at c) to d) on
5. My sister and I can make it by _____
a) ourselves b) our own c) ours d) us
6. Yesterday we watched TV _____ we didn't have anything to do.
a) when b) since c) why d) but
7. Here is the money you asked me to _____ you.
a) lend b) take c) borrow d) receive
8. I promise I'll _____ my best.
a) make b) give c) do d) work
9. This is the third cold I _____ in six months.
a) will have b) have had c) had d) have
10. Pay attention, _____ ?
a) will you b) won't you c) do you d) don't you

II Fill in the blanks with the appropriate pronoun

1. Her sister, _____ lives in a small village, is a vet.
2. She can't visit her very often, _____ is a pity.
3. Do you know anyone _____ lives in the country?

III Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form/tense (Active or Passive) of the verbs given below. Each verb should be used only once

READ CARRY NEED SINK SEARCH HIDE FIND TAKE COME LOSE

A treasure hunter today (not) (1) _____ to have a map of an island where pirates have carefully (2) _____ their gold.

Instead he {3} _____ records about ships that (4) _____ centuries ago in storms or in battles. Ships that sailed from Europe to the Far East and the New World

usually {5} _____ valuable cargoes. According to old records, a Dutch ship,

which (6) _____ back from the Far East, (7) _____ to the bottom

during a battle in 1613. In 1980 a group of divers (8) _____ the bottom of the sea

where the battle (9) _____ place, but no treasure (10) _____.

IV Report Tom's questions

Tom: "What time did you get up, John? What did you wear? Did you catch the train?"

Tom wants to know (1) _____ and

(2) _____.

He also wants to know (3) _____.

V Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the words in brackets

Some people believe that cats bring (!) _____ (happy).

Some (2) _____ (China) believe that if your cat washes (3) _____ (it) face,

someone is going {4} _____ (visit) you.

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KEY

READING COMPREHENSION

1.d; 2. b; 3. a; 4. d; 5. a; 6. a; 7. c; 8. d

TOTAL 8 points

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1.d; 2. b; 3. b; 4. a; 5. c; 6. a; 7. b

TOTAL 7 points

GRAMMAR TEST

I Circle the most appropriate option

1. d; 2. c; 3. c; 4. d; 5. a; 6. b; 7. a; 8. c; 9. b; 10. a TOTAL 10 points

II Fill in the blanks with the appropriate pronoun

1.who; 2. which; 3. who/that TOTAL 3 points

III Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form/tense (Active or Passive) of the verbs given below. Each verb should be used only once

1. does not/doesn't need; 2. hidden; 3. reads; 4. were lost; 5. carried; 6. was coming; 7. sank; 8. searched; 9. took; 10. was found TOTAL 10 points

IV Report Tom's questions

1.... what time John got up; 2....what he wore; 3.... if / whether he caught the train TOTAL 3 points

V Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the words in brackets

1. happiness; 2. Chinese; 3. its; 4. to visit TOTAL 4 points