

CINEMA AND TV FILMS

**Free time and
Television**



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YOU WILL HEAR THREE FRIENDS TALKING ABOUT A FILM THEY WENT TO SEE. BEFORE YOU LISTEN, READ THROUGH THE LIST OF STATEMENTS BELOW. AS YOU LISTEN, DECIDE WHETHER EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F).

1 Anna was looking forward to seeing the film. T / F

2 Maria felt hungry during the film. T / F

3 David thinks the film was very long. T / F

4 Maria says the story was very interesting. T / F

5 Anna thinks the book is more interesting than the film. T / F

6 David is going to buy the film on DVD as a present for his sister. T / F

Listening tip

Be careful when doing listening tasks in the exam. Don't just match a question to something in the recording because a word is the same. Think carefully about the meaning of the words and sentences you hear.

1. READ THE FILM REVIEW AND FILL IN THE EIGHT GAPS. THERE IS ONE WORD OR PHRASE THAT YOU WILL NOT NEED TO USE.

City of Angels

Directed by Brad Silberling and photographed by John Seale, *City of Angels* falls into the category of romantic fantasy. The story is set in Los Angeles and the two protagonists are Seth,

¹ _____ by the excellent Nicolas Cage, and Maggie - the stunning Meg Ryan.

Seth, ² _____ with all the other black-cloaked angels who watch over the city of Los Angeles, is charged with escorting the spirits of the dying to Heaven and helping the living cope with their daily problems. We meet the angels in the library where they eavesdrop on the thoughts of readers. Seth falls in love with the sensitive doctor, Maggie, and must choose between his immortality without ³ _____ the pain or the joy of physical existence and the option of becoming human.

⁴ _____ I particularly liked about this film was the excellent

performance of the actors. ⁵ _____ the dialogues between the characters might seem simplistic, the emotions seen on the actors' faces tell us more than anything they might say. ⁶ _____, the photography in the film is very impressive. Each close-up shot seems to be steeped in meaning and I am positive that ⁷ _____ scenes will evoke deep emotions in every sensitive viewer.

I have seen *City of Angels* several times myself and I can strongly recommend it to anyone who likes watching good and engrossing films. 8 _____ is definitely worth their time. The ending is totally unexpected and will leave you speechless for a long time after the credits have finished rolling.

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| A. This one | F. What |
| B. performed | G. either |
| C. What is more | H. Although |
| D. certain | I. played |
| E. along | |

Reading tip

First fill in the gaps that you are certain about. Mark each word or phrase that you have used. Then for each remaining gap, try to rule out the words or phrases that are definitely wrong. This will reduce the number of options to choose from.

II. READ THE TEXT AND FILL IN THE TABLE.

The type of the film	
The main actors in the film	
Seith's responsibility	
Emotions between the two main characters	
Seith's choice	
The reviewer's positive impressions of the film	

PASSIVE VOICE

PRACTICE



1. UNDERLINE THE VERB FORMS WHICH ARE NOT POSSIBLE.

- a. My car has being stolen.
- b. Jack was borned on a Thursday.
- c. Then I realised that none of the guests had been sent an invitation.
- d. Mary's car is being serviced today.
- e. Your order will been sent as soon as possible.
- f. The hole in the road was being repaired when I came home.
- g. This swimming pool is used by over a thousand people each week.
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2. UNDERLINE THE MOST SUITABLE VERB FORM IN EACH SENTENCE.

- a) Their new house hasn't been finished/*wasn't finished* yet.
- b) The robbers *were arrested*/*have been arrested* as soon as they left the bank.
- c) Sue told us her baby *is born*/*had been born* two weeks earlier than expected.
- d) If there is too much snow, the match *has been cancelled*/*will be cancelled*.
- e) By the time we got there, the rain *had stopped*/*had been stopped*.
- f) When *were you told*/*have you been told* about the new rules?
- g) Most of the passengers *were swimming*/*were swum* easily to the shore.

3 PUT EACH VERB IN BRACKETS INTO A SUITABLE PASSIVE FORM.

- a) I'm sorry, madam, but this carpet (already sell) *(has already been sold)*
- b) The old house on the corner (knock down)..... last year.
- c) When exactly (John give)..... his prize?
- d) Most people agree that America (not discover)..... by Christopher Columbus.
- e) All complaints about products (deal with).....by our customer services department.
- f) It (announce).....yesterday that the government has decided not to raise income tax.
- g) Good news! I (ask).....to take over as the new manager.
- h) I don't believe that this play (write)..... by Shakespeare.

VI. COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT IT HAS A SIMILAR MEANING TO THE FIRST SENTENCE, USING THE WORD GIVEN. DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. YOU MUST USE BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE WORDS, INCLUDING THE WORD GIVEN.

a) Last Thursday we appointed a new marketing manager. (was)

A new marketing manager was appointed last Thursday.

b) Smith Ltd are supplying our company with furniture. (supplied)

Our company _____ by Smith Ltd.

c) William the Conqueror built the castle in the 11th century (by)

The castle _____ William the Conqueror in the 11th century.

d) No decision has yet been made (decided)

Nothing _____ yet.

e) People believe that someone murdered Jenkins (was)

It _____ murdered.