



Grade 12/ Advanced

reading : part 1

Films

In media studies, films are analysed according to genre, and while most films will fit into one of the main categories, others do not. There are, however, certain features we would expect to see in a particular genre. An obvious example is an action film, where you are going to have some type of battle, stunt or scene of destruction. Additionally, there are the 'good guys' and the 'bad guys' and the latter rarely win. The Western is a good example of an action movie, as there is normally a gun fight at the end.

Adventure films are similar to action and, in some cases, it is hard to distinguish between the two categories. This genre commonly has exciting storylines and interesting locations and can, for instance, be set in the past with the main characters searching for treasure. Some film critics argue that science fiction movies are actually part of the action or adventure genres, the only difference being they rely more heavily on special effects and have unusual settings such as, on distant planets or in deep space. However, we can all think of sci-fi movies that are horror stories and this shows it isn't easy to decide on a specific genre.

Having said that, there are films that fit easily into a genre. Drama and Comedy are examples of this. Dramas are serious films that have believable characters in real-life locations and situations. The stories usually focus on main character development and the interactions between people. Although there are sub-types within this classification, such as historical dramas or love stories, most critics agree these movies, which make up the largest genre, are easy to categorise.

Finally, we should throw the spotlight on how to describe a film which crosses different genres and really can't be put neatly into one category.

In such cases, it's better to avoid a specific label and, instead, define it as the work of a certain director. Using genre for analysis is useful, but it does have its limitations.



1-Genre analysis relates to the _____ within a movie.

1. features
2. storyline
3. characters

2-According to the text, what does an action film typically involve?

1. A hero
2. A message
3. A conflict

3-Adventure films _____.

1. usually take place in the past
2. can be difficult to classify
3. are a type of action movie

4-Sci-fi movies are unusual because they _____.

- 1- extend over various genres
- 2- are always set in space
- 3- are based on horror films

5-Which statement is true for dramas?

1. They often include humour
2. They focus on one main character
3. They have an everyday setting

6-How can some films be analysed?

1. By using a special label
2. By referring to the director
3. By highlighting the story

7-Which of the following best describes the text?

1. It is not always easy to classify films
2. The pros and cons of filmmaking



3. Improving the status of film analysis

reading: part 2

A Visit

A week later I returned to the large house and the old lady told me to go into a room, pointing at the door behind me with her withered hand, and said, "Wait there till I come."

I crossed the staircase landing and entered the room she indicated. From that room, too, the daylight was completely shut out, and it had an airless smell that was heavy. There was a fire in the damp old-fashioned grate, and it was more likely to go out than to burn up. The only other source of light was certain wintry branches of candles which faintly lighted the place. It was a spacious room, and I think it had once been beautiful, but now everything in it was covered with dust and mould.

The most noticeable object was a long table with a tablecloth spread on it, as if a celebratory meal had been in preparation when the house and the clocks all stopped together. In the centre of the table was a decoration. However, it was heavily covered with cobwebs that its shape was quite hard to see.

As I was looking, I saw speckled-legged spiders with blotchy bodies running home and running out from it, as if there was some important event in the spider community.

I heard mice, too, rattling behind the walls, as if the same event were important to them, too. But the black beetles took no notice of this excitement, and groped about the hearth in a slow, elderly way, as if they were short-sighted and hard of hearing, and not familiar with one another.

These crawling things had fascinated my attention, and I was watching them from a distance, when the old lady returned and put a hand upon my shoulder. In her other hand she had a stick on which she leaned, and she looked like the wicked queen of the place.

1-The writer had _____.

- a. pointed out the old lady
- b. been to the house before
- c. waited inside the room



2-The atmosphere in the room was _____.

- a. harsh
- b. damp
- c. dry

3-The most obvious thing in the room was the _____.

- a. table
- b. dust
- c. fire

4-The spiders were using the table item as a _____.

- a. wall
- b. meal
- C- house

5-How did the beetles behave?

- a. They moved around noisily
- b. They became very excited
- c. They ignored the mice

6-What did the woman do when she came back?

- a. Touched the writer's shoulder
- b. Watched the creatures
- c. Picked up a stick

7-Which is the best description of the writer's surroundings?

- a. The house was cold and full of decorations
- b. The house was dark and frightening
- c. The house was falling to pieces



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maze

Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.

The 1 (host / development / launch) of communication is a fascinating topic. 2 (Besides / When / During) people lived in small communities, stories were passed 3 (in / for / down) through 4 (oral tradition / voice activation / digital revolution). Then, as people started to 5 (travelling / travelled / travel) more and trade became important, words were represented through 6 (messages / pictures / networks), such as the hieroglyphs 7 (used / found / performed) by Ancient Egyptians. Technology has played a 8 (deafening / major / limit) role in the expansion of communication systems. With the 9 (expository / invention / background) of the telegraph, information could be 10 (explored / created / distributed) quickly over a wide area.

Working in Computing

Ahmad works for a company that develops video games. Computing experts and software engineers from all over the world want to work at the UAE branch of this organization because of its distinctive management style. It is because of this that the company receives more than a thousand job applications every day. Additionally, the office building has several quiet rooms where the employees can go to relax. These rooms have interesting names such as 'Poetry' and 'Ecology' and these areas create a relaxed and comfortable working environment.

The company culture includes several perks for the employees. These include a free breakfast, as well as free drinks and snacks throughout the working day. Also, new parents receive paid maternity and paternity leave. The company is about to introduce a plan which means the employees can spend some time each week working on their own personal projects. The company ethos is that, if workers are happy, they will be more productive in their job.

Although the perks are important, one of the best things about working for this company is the variety of fascinating jobs, such as a research engineer and animation artist. Ahmad also mentions that all the employees have the opportunity to participate in the innovative field of computing. This exciting area includes the development of new technologies and virtual reality which are making it possible to create a diversity of interactive games for different platforms including mobile phones, smart TV and game consoles.

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There is a lot of competition between older forms of entertainment, such as movies and music, and the increasingly popular world of video gaming. In fact, online streaming of game playing to an audience, is now a fashionable branch of entertainment. Ahmad believes this is an upwards trend, as the screen time of this group of gamers is increasing significantly.



Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

1 - 7

10.00 Marks

19:05

The company is a popular place to work because it _____.

a. employs the best people



b. has a unique business style



c. creates video games





Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

2 - 7

10.00 Marks

16:29

What makes the office space special?

a. Its relaxation rooms

b. Its entertainment areas

Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

3 - 7

10.00 Marks

15:16

The workers enjoy perks such as _____.

a. extra holidays



b. free meals all day



c. time for projects



Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions

4 - 7

10.00 Marks

14:53

Employees have the chance to _____.

a. be part of a new area of work

b. have more than one job

c. conduct fascinating research



Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

5 - 7	10.00 Marks	14:32
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Technological developments mean there are more _____ choices for games.

- a. durable
- b. platform
- c. console

Choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

10.00 Marks

14:02

_____ says that online gaming will _____.

continue to grow



become more popular than movies



have a new audience



Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

7 - 7

10.00 Marks

13:41

What is the aim of the text?

a. To persuade the reader to study computing



b. To promote the video game industry



c. To give information about an organisation



Extreme Weather

I thought I knew about extreme weather, but that was before I experienced a hurricane. I had recently moved to a town on the coast. It was such a beautiful location and the people were really welcoming. Now, I wish I had listened to my neighbour who told me to prepare for the hurricane season.

All the houses have a basement, and I was advised to make this underground room into a safe place which could be used during a severe storm. My basement was full of old electronic equipment including computers and keyboards and, provided that bad weather didn't hit the region during the next few weeks, I knew I had time to make it ready to use. That was in July and the hurricane season is typically in late August or early September.

A few days later, I was travelling back home when I noticed the sky behind me was very dark, with black clouds that were full of rain. Suddenly, the wind speed increased and, just as I arrived home, it started to rain. Within twenty minutes, the wind was so strong it felt like the house was shaking. The rainfall also increased, and the street started to look like a river. I quickly ran down the stairs into the basement.

As the hurricane became even stronger, I could hear the sound of a window breaking in the room above. Then, there was an extremely loud noise and I guessed that the large tree near the garden wall had fallen down. I was scared that water would rush into the basement and trap me without anything to eat or drink. I spent three hours in that dark cellar, but the worst part was I had nowhere to sit except on the cold floor.

Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. Y
1 to 7.

1 - 7

10.00 Marks

19:39

The local people _____.

- a. were very friendly
- b. liked beautiful weather
- c. seemed to be good at listening



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2 - 7

10.00 Marks

18:10

The room under the house was used as a _____.

a. hiding place



b. storage area



c. computer lab



Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

3 - 7

10.00 Marks

17:51

What did the writer notice first about the changing weather?

a. The rainfall

b. The wind

c. The sky

Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

4 - 7

10.00 Marks

17:30

The powerful storm made the _____.

a. river expand



b. house appear to move



c. writer run straight home



Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

5 - 7

10.00 Marks

17:10

What did the writer hear?

a. A wall falling down



b. Glass breaking



c. Flowing water



Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Question 1 to 7.

6 - 7

10.00 Marks

16:49

The terrible experience was made worse by _____.

a. sitting on the ground



b. being in the dark



c. having no food



Read the choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You have 20 minutes to complete Questions 1 to 7.

7 - 7

10.00 Marks

16:29

What is the main message of this story?

a. Listen to a neighbour's advice



b. Hurricanes are very rare events



c. It's too dangerous to live near the sea





12G. Maze (Reading Exam. P3)

The Abu Dhabi Film Festival is a **1 (too / possible / really)** exciting occasion. **2 (Streaming / Talented / Dubbed)** local and international filmmakers **3 (perform / attend / episode)** this event and it's a good way to meet fellow **4 (artists / audience / atmosphere)** in the movie industry. The film screenings **5 (normal for / tend to / stand out)** be in the evenings but there are plenty of other attractions **6 (throughout / beginning / started)** the day. This year two Emirati documentary makers have been **7 (nominated / entertained / published)** for important **8 (domains / subscribers / awards)**. There are also literary prizes for both the best scriptwriter and **9 (subscriber / journalists / report)**. The organizers say this **10 (will be / ought to / should have)** the best festival so far.