

Premium B2 Lesson 13



Complete this review

One of the best films I have ever seen is *The Last King of Scotland*, starring Forest Whitaker. His performance as Idi Amin is (1) and cleverly illustrates how strange Amin's behaviour was at times. Alongside Whitaker, newcomer James McAvoy displays some (2) as the young Scottish doctor Nicholas Garrigan, who arrives in Uganda just as Amin takes power and who eventually becomes his personal doctor.

Uganda has some amazing landscapes and the film's (3) show us the real beauty of the country. The (4) , based on a novel by journalist Giles Foden, blends fact and fiction in a very clever way, sweeping us along with the (5) that were such a tragedy for Uganda in the 1970s. There are a number of scenes of (6) and the film is frequently disturbing because of this, but at the same time it is totally gripping.

Last but not least, there is a (7) , with a wide range of African music that will have you dancing in your seat at times. I thoroughly recommend this film to you.

Tip –use this as a template when you are writing your own reviews

RUOE part 2 practice –this is also another example of a review – underline useful language

The best film I have seen is *LA Confidential*, starring Kim Basinger and Kevin Spacey. It was set (1) 1950s Los Angeles, and (2) the budget wasn't particularly extravagant, the film had very powerful images and seemed totally authentic. For example, the costumes looked just like what people (3) have worn; the cars seemed to (4) exactly what people used to drive around in. (5) of

the actors played their parts extremely well, and Kim Basinger in particular gave (6) truly outstanding performance. The film was absolutely gripping, largely (7) the storyline was so carefully put together. There were several ingredients: not only the obvious ones like murder and blackmail, but also corruption, Hollywood lifestyles and some moving family histories. (8) is an impressive film. Not to be missed!

Listening practice



06 You will hear an interview with Ryan Mackenzie, who works in a 15th-century castle. For questions **24–30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

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- 24** What is Ryan's main task early in the morning?
- A** to give instructions to other members of staff
 - B** to check the building has been properly cleaned
 - C** to find out what his boss wants him to do
- 25** During the day, his most important duty is
- A** to check that everything is working properly.
 - B** to ensure the safety of visitors to the castle.
 - C** to make sure that nobody steals anything.
- 26** He believes that employees at the castle must be
- A** experts in history.
 - B** retired police officers.
 - C** physically fit.

- 27 What does Ryan say about his uniform?
- A It looks ridiculous in the 21st century.
 - B It had to be specially made for him.
 - C It reflects the history of the castle.
- 28 What happened in the castle one night?
- A There was a fire in one of the rooms.
 - B Some visitors were trapped inside.
 - C Two people tried to steal a painting.
- 29 Ryan likes working at the castle because
- A there's always something new to learn.
 - B the other staff are always cheerful.
 - C it never gets cold inside the building.
- 30 How does he feel about living in Frankby village?
- A He says it's too close to where he works.
 - B He feels that he's lucky to live there.
 - C He thinks that it's a rather boring place.