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SKILLS TEST 11 & 12

READING

1 **Read the article quickly. Match the headings (a–h) to the paragraphs (1–8).**

Where is everybody?

There is no life on other planets. We are alone in the universe. This is what physicist Enrico Fermi decided, and his theory went like this: It's known that there are 100 billion galaxies, each with millions of stars. Many of these are bound to have planets like ours, and it's highly likely that some of these have life on them. It's possible that some of this life is intelligent, and able to travel in space. Because of this, aliens should have visited us by now. But, it seems that they haven't. As Fermi asked, 'Where is everybody?' He speculated that because aliens have never visited us, that means they certainly don't exist. Or do they?

1 It may be, of course, that there is life on other planets, but it isn't intelligent enough to travel into space. As a result of this, _____.

2 Think about our own planet. As we become more intelligent, we build better machines for fighting each other, or more cars and factories. Due to this, _____. Perhaps it is normal for intelligent life to end when it reaches a certain point.

3 Space is big. It may take thousands of years just to travel from one planet to another. This _____. Maybe aliens sent us a message thousands of years ago, but it hasn't arrived yet.

4 Humans are intelligent, but we've only been here for a short time. The radio telescope was only invented in 1937. Because of this, _____. That's nothing.

5 We might think of aliens as being dangerous – wanting to take over our planet. But it may be the other way around. It's possible that aliens think humans are too dangerous to contact, and _____.

6 In science-fiction movies, aliens are often a little bit like us – with two arms, eyes, and a similar way of talking. But maybe aliens are really nothing like us, and have ways of communication we can't begin to understand. Maybe their idea of time is completely different to ours, and consequently, _____.

7 Perhaps aliens just don't want to communicate with us at the moment. Maybe we're too boring. Or, they might want to watch us sometimes, but otherwise leave us alone, in the same way that _____. Another theory is that aliens know that we aren't ready to meet them yet, and they are waiting for us to 'grow up'.

8 Lastly, it's possible that aliens might have already visited us. They might even be here now. If they are smart enough to travel across the universe, then _____ …

a Intelligent life destroys itself. [2]

b Intelligent life is too far apart. [ ]

c It's not safe. [ ]

d There are no other intelligent species in the universe. [ ]

e They are already with us. [ ]

f Aliens might be completely different to us. [ ]

g Aliens don't want to contact humans. [ ]

h Humans haven't existed for long enough. [ ]

[ ] **7**

2 **Read the article again. Match the missing extracts (a–h) with the gaps in the paragraphs (1–8).**

a would make it very difficult for communication to take place [ ]

b we pollute our environment, and destroy our own world [ ]

c animals in a rainforest aren't really aware of humans [ ]

d they want to hide from us [ ]

e it may not have invented tools or machines yet [ ]

f they would be smart enough to come here without us noticing [ ]

g we've only been able to 'listen' to outer space for about 70 years [ ]

h it takes them a thousand years just to say the word 'hello' (in their language) [ ]

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LISTENING

3 **Listen to a talk about discovering life on the planet Mars. Match the things the speaker mentions to the information.**

1	Mars	a	has not been found yet
2	water on Mars	b	has been found on Mars, which may be a sign of life
3	life on Mars	c	scientists think it may exist in extreme environments on both planets
4	methane	d	a rock from Mars landed here
5	2019	e	our closest neighbour
6	Antarctica	f	scientists are doing research in a place which is similar to Mars
7	bacteria	g	exists on Mars, but is difficult to find
8	the UK	h	a new machine might discover something

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4 **Listen again. Complete the summary with one word the speakers use.**

1 Mars is a similar _____ to Earth, but no life has been found there yet.

2 There is water on Mars; it is thought to be beneath the _____ .

3 A _____ has recently been discovered on Mars, which may be a sign of life.

4 In the next few years, a _____ will be used to search for life on Mars.

5 A rock from Mars, containing _____ possibly made by bacteria was found in Antarctica.

6 Scientists are also searching for bacteria in a place called Boulby Mine, which was filled with _____ water 250 million years ago.

7 Boulby Mine is similar to Mars, because of its lack of oxygen, water or _____ .

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WRITING

5 Write a report (190–220 words) about the situation below. Use the plan to help you.

Humans are eating more and more meat. However, raising animals uses up a lot of land. Cows, for example, need a lot of land. This means that forests are cut down so that these animals have somewhere to live. Not only that, but these animals need to eat food. So, more land is needed to grow plants for cows to eat. It is believed that producing one hamburger uses up as much CO_2 as driving a car for 30 kilometres.

- Write an introduction, saying what the report is about.
- Write a second paragraph, outlining the problem.
- Write another paragraph, suggesting a solution.
- Use phrases like *as a result of*, *because of*, *due to* and *however* to link your ideas together.

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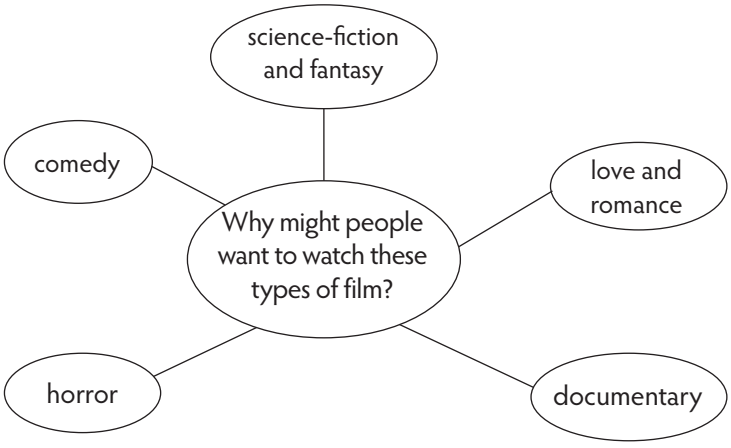
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SPEAKING

6 Work in pairs. Look at the ideas below, showing types of film. First, talk to each other about why people might want to watch these types of film. Then decide which type of film would be most popular in your class.



7 Now discuss these questions in pairs. Use some of the language below to speak more persuasively.

1 What types of film do you usually choose to see?
2 What types of films do you never watch? Why?
3 What can we learn about the world from watching films?
4 Why do you think some people prefer reading books to watching films?
5 Are films an important part of culture?

- adjectives and adverbs used to make a point strongly (*more and more … brilliant, awful …*)
- question tags (*isn't it? don't they?*)
- conditionals clause to show urgency (*If you watch … you will …*, *If people don't make films, we will never …*)

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TOTAL SCORE 70

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