

ANSWER KEY AND GRADING RUBRIC

First-Year First-Term Listening Quiz

Film Review: Pirates of the Caribbean / Maleficent

Total: 15 Marks

PART 1: LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

A. Film Review Elements (6 marks)

Students must discuss *THREE* of the following elements. Each element is worth 2 marks.

ELEMENT 1: _____ (Circle one: Plot / Characters / Dialogue / Premise / Ending)

SCORE
2 marks PLOT: Provides clear, detailed summary of main storyline, including key events and conflicts without revealing spoilers CHARACTERS: Describes main characters with specific details about roles, personalities, development, or performances DIALOGUE: Comments on quality, style, or effectiveness; provides specific observations about memorable lines or linguistic characteristics PREMISE: Clearly explains the film's central concept, theme, or foundational idea; demonstrates understanding of what makes the story unique ENDING: Discusses conclusion without spoilers; comments on effectiveness, satisfaction, or impact
1 mark Element is mentioned but lacks detail, clarity, or depth; description is vague, incomplete, or superficial
0 marks Does not address the element or provides irrelevant information

B. Opinion and Recommendations (2 marks)

SCORE
2 marks Expresses clear, well-supported personal opinion about the film; provides thoughtful recommendation with specific reasons (e.g., "highly entertaining," "visually stunning," "disappointing pacing")
1 mark States opinion but lacks elaboration or supporting reasons; recommendation is vague or generic
0 marks Does not provide personal opinion or recommendation
Score: ___/2

C. Target Audience (2 marks)

SCORE
2 marks Identifies appropriate target audience with clear, logical reasoning (e.g., "action enthusiasts will appreciate the sword fights," "families seeking adventure," "fans of fantasy genres," "those interested in reimagined fairy tales")
1 mark Identifies audience but reasoning is weak, unclear, or generic
0 marks Does not identify target audience or provides irrelevant information
Score: ___/2

PART 2: WRITING QUALITY (5 marks)

A. Organization and Coherence (2 marks)

SCORE
2 marks Response is well-organized in paragraph format with logical flow; ideas are clearly connected with appropriate transitions; follows coherent structure (introduction, body, conclusion)
1 mark Paragraph format is present but organization is weak; some ideas lack clear connections; transitions are missing or awkward
0 marks Lacks paragraph structure; ideas are disjointed or difficult to follow
Score: ___/2

B. Grammar and Vocabulary (2 marks)

SCORE
2 marks Demonstrates strong command of grammar with few or no errors; uses varied and appropriate vocabulary; sentence structures are varied and sophisticated
1 mark Contains several grammatical errors that occasionally interfere with meaning; vocabulary is adequate but limited or repetitive
0 marks Frequent grammatical errors significantly impede comprehension; vocabulary is very limited or inappropriate
Score: ___/2

C. Language Mechanics (1 mark)

SCORE
1 mark Proper spelling, punctuation, and capitalization throughout; minimal mechanical errors
0 marks Multiple spelling, punctuation, or capitalization errors that distract from content
Score: ___/1