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**A**  Listen to Tina Armstrong, a podcast presenter, talking about new television shows. Then read the questions and choose the correct answers.

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| <p>1 According to Tina, the main reason the series <i>The Stone of Destiny</i> is popular is because</p> <p>A it has incredible special effects.</p> <p>B viewers like the most important characters.</p> <p>C the story is interesting.</p>     | <p>3 In the game show <i>Ten to One</i>,</p> <p>A the questions are about many subjects.</p> <p>B the last questions are not as difficult as the first questions.</p> <p>C the winner always gets a car.</p> |
| <p>2 What does Tina say about <i>Movie Star Chef</i>?</p> <p>A She learned how to make a meal with eggs.</p> <p>B She was disappointed with the first episode.</p> <p>C She was surprised by the level of cooking skills of the celebrities.</p> | <p>4 Next week's show will be interesting if you</p> <p>A like writing reviews.</p> <p>B are a fan of TV movies.</p> <p>C want to be a guest on the podcast.</p>   |
- \_\_\_\_\_ / 8 (2 points each)

**B** Circle the correct answers.

- 1 John prefers *pop music / jazz* because it's fun and good to dance to.
  - 2 Ethan likes listening to *rock / classical* music. He even sings the songs in the shower!
  - 3 My parents tell me that *folk music / EDM* includes some songs which are more than 1000 years old!
  - 4 Sasha likes *rock / jazz* because the saxophone and piano make her feel calm and relaxed when she gets angry.
  - 5 My brothers like *heavy metal / country music*, but it sounds too angry for me. I don't like all the shouting!
  - 6 At a *country music / hip-hop* concert, people often wear jeans and cowboy boots.
  - 7 Mary loves *reggae / heavy metal*. Her favorite singer is Bob Marley from Jamaica.
  - 8 Last night we went to a *hip-hop / classical music* concert. They played music from the 18th and 19th centuries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ / 8 (1 point each)

**C** Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

comedy   dramas   game shows   horror   musicals   reality shows   science fiction   soap opera

- 1 I work in a hospital, and I watch hospital \_\_\_\_\_ because I understand the main characters.
- 2 You have to be intelligent to win on some \_\_\_\_\_, but on others you need to be lucky!
- 3 My sister can't watch \_\_\_\_\_ movies. She gets too scared.
- 4 The best \_\_\_\_\_ have a great story and songs that are easy to sing.
- 5 I think \_\_\_\_\_ are boring. I don't like watching other people live their lives.
- 6 My favorite \_\_\_\_\_ show is *Star Trek*. I love imagining life on other planets.
- 7 The funniest \_\_\_\_\_ is *Forrest Gump*, but it also makes me cry.
- 8 The \_\_\_\_\_ I watch is on at 2:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and follows the lives of three women and their families in New York.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 8 (1 point each)

**D** Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the words in parentheses ( ).

EXAMPLE: Did you use to have use to have (have) a TV in your room when you were a child?

1 Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (not enjoy) romantic comedies but now she thinks they are the best!

2 Nick's father \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in an orchestra.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ your parents \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to CDs when they were your age?

4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) an instrument, but I have just started playing the guitar.

5 Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) game shows, but now he prefers playing football.

6 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (take) music lessons when you were younger?

7 Stef \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to concerts, but now she goes at least once a month.

8 Before he bought his bike, Josh \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to school every day.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 8 (1 point each)

**E** Complete the second sentence with *(not) as ... as*, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

EXAMPLE: Documentaries are usually more serious than cartoons.

Cartoons are usually \_\_\_\_\_ *not as serious as* \_\_\_\_\_ documentaries.

1 The cinema in Taylor's city is very big and the cinema in Hannah's is too.

The cinema in Taylor's city is \_\_\_\_\_ the cinema in Hannah's city.

2 Sophie believes that EDM is better than classical music.

Sophie believes that classical music is \_\_\_\_\_ EDM.

3 Pete goes to the same number of concerts as Colin does.

Pete goes to \_\_\_\_\_ Colin does.

4 Making a movie is more difficult than thinking of an idea for a movie.

Thinking of an idea for a movie is \_\_\_\_\_ making a movie.

5 Liz and Nicky like country music equally.

Nicky likes country music \_\_\_\_\_ Liz does

6 Making a movie is more expensive than making an episode of a soap opera.

Making an episode of a soap opera is \_\_\_\_\_ making a movie.

7 Animated movies are longer than TV cartoons.

TV cartoons are \_\_\_\_\_ animated movies.

8 Drummers in rock bands usually play louder than drummers in jazz bands.

Drummers in jazz bands usually don't play \_\_\_\_\_ drummers in rock bands.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 8 (1 point each)

**F** Read the article. Then read the questions and choose the correct answers.

### The Rise of K-pop

In 2012, Korean musician Psy became famous with his song *Gangnam Style*, and the video became the first to reach one billion views on YouTube. But even before this, Korean music was getting more popular internationally. In 2011, the all-girl dance-pop group Girls' Generation performed with other Korean groups at New York's famous Madison Square Garden. All the tickets were sold.

K-pop, a kind of Korean popular music, is a combination of many types of music including electronic music, pop, jazz, classical music, and hip-hop. The songs are often very easy to remember and easy to sing ... if you know Korean!

But the music isn't everything; in K-pop the visuals are almost as important. Many K-pop groups wear colorful clothes, and fans love to follow their styles. A lot of the songs have complicated dance routines which the fans try to imitate, especially at concerts.

K-pop artists, called "idols," often start training to sing and dance when they are very young. In fact, a few attend school at the same time as they train. They need to practice a lot to learn the dances for their videos and concerts.

Most idols sing in Korean, but they sometimes have English words in their songs. However, not all K-pop idols come from Korea; some come from other countries such as China, Japan, and the United States.

K-pop continues growing in popularity outside Korea. One reason for this is the influence of YouTube. The biggest K-pop groups get over ten million views for their videos. The song *Gee* by Girls' Generation has over two hundred million views! To reach even more people outside Korea, some idols learn other languages, especially English.

Why not listen to some K-pop? You might not be able to sing along, but the videos are fun and colorful and will put a smile on your face!

- 1 What does the writer say about Korean music in the first paragraph?
  - A It started becoming popular with the song *Gangnam Style*.
  - B It was popular outside Korea before 2012.
  - C Girl's Generation was the most popular group in Korea.
- 2 K-pop songs
  - A mix more than one genre of music.
  - B can be sung easily by everyone around the world.
  - C always include English words.
- 3 Most K-pop "idols"
  - A follow their fans' styles.
  - B continue going to school while they are in their band.
  - C have to work hard to sing and dance well.
- 4 Which detail helps to explain why K-pop is getting more popular around the world?
  - A A K-pop group performed at Madison Square Garden.
  - B Lots of people can discover K-pop on YouTube.
  - C Millions of people have bought a song by Girls' Generation.
- 5 What is the writer's main purpose in writing this article?
  - A To describe a type of music that is becoming more popular.
  - B To explain how important K-pop is for the Korean economy.
  - C To show how important English is for pop groups who want international success.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 (2 points each)