



GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

OPEN TEST

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Bollywood

The term Bollywood was created by combining two names, Bombay and Hollywood. Bollywood is India's – and the world's - largest film industry in terms of the number of films produced, with over 1000 films produced every year; and also the number of tickets sold each year, its movies are watched by almost 14 million Indians everyday.



Originally Bollywood dancing was found only in places that had a significant consumption of Indian films. But today it is rising in popularity in the US, Canada and Europe. With the success of films such as the Oscar winning movie "Slumdog Millionaire", Bollywood films and dance have taken the world by storm and has now come into the global spotlight. Much of this is due to the ever expanding Indian diaspora, but a significant proportion also comes from non-Indians who are fascinated by the exotic qualities of its dances and music. Stars like Madonna, Shakira and Britney Spears have incorporated the Bollywood style of dance or music into their songs, videos and stage shows.



The highlight of Bollywood movies are elaborate dance sequences and original soundtracks. Over the years Bollywood movies have developed their own style of song and dance, which combines the rich texture of India's many classical and folk dances, fused with elements of Jazz, Hip – Hop, Arabic and Latin Forms.

These films are usually spicy movies that comprise all the ingredients like music, dance, violence and melodrama of a good entertainer. The languages of Hindi, Urdu and English are extremely common in Bollywood. The plot of movies is, more often than not, melodramatic. It usually has features like unlucky lovers and angry parents, love triangles, family attachments, sacrifice, dishonest politicians, kidnappers, criminals, courtesans with golden-hearts, long-lost relatives, theatrical reversals of destiny, brothers and sisters separated by fate and opportune coincidences.

These movies enjoy much popularity, with an audience of 3.6 billion people, which is more than half of the world's population.

ADAPTED FROM: <http://www.rhythm-india.com/bollywood-dance.html> and <http://www.mumbai.org.uk/mumbai-bollywood.html>

**1. Are these statements true or false? Correct the false ones. (2 points)**

1. Bollywood is the Hindi word for film.
2. All Bollywood movies are made in Hindi and English.
3. Initially only Indian people liked watching Bollywood dancing.
4. Most of Madonna, Shakira and Britney Spears' songs, videos and stage shows are Bollywood style.

2. Find words in the text to match the following definitions. (1 point)

- a. have been suddenly very successful
- b. people living outside their mother country.....
- c. the best or most interesting part of something
- d. exciting, interesting, especially because of being shocking

3. Choose the correct answer. (2 points)

1. What is the text about?
 - a- Bollywood in India.
 - b- The history of Bollywood.
 - c- General information about Bollywood.
 - d- The success of the Oscar winning movie "Slumdog Millionaire".
2. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?
 - a- How Bollywood started.
 - b- When Bollywood became popular.
 - c- The qualities of Bollywood dances and music.
 - d- The increasing fame of Bollywood films and dances.
3. Bollywood movies



- a- are filmed in Hollywood and Bombay.
- b- combine dances, music and melodramatic stories.
- c- are always about unlucky lovers but with a happy ending.
- d- are watched by 14 million people throughout the world everyday.

4. Bollywood films are getting more and more popular all over the world

- a- because of the recent increasing interest in exotic dance and music and the large number of Indian people living outside India.
- b- as there are many Indian people living outside India who love watching Bollywood movies and recalling their memories and Indian traditions.
- c- so India's many classical and folk dances, and elements of Jazz, Hip – Hop, Arabic and Latin Forms are fused.
- d- but people outside India find it very difficult to learn Indian exotic dances.

4. Choose the best word from the box to complete the text. (2 points)

(There are **2 words** that you don't need)

Swades: We, the People – First Indian film shot in NASA

Swades is the first Indian film to actually be shot inside the NASA (1) _____ center.



Shah Rukh Khan's (2) _____ Mohan Bhargava is working on a rainfall monitoring satellite known as the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM), which is lifted into an (3) _____ aboard a Space Shuttle.

For authenticity, Ashutosh Gowariker filmed a (4) _____ at Launch Pad 39A, at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA.

Mohan's parents were killed in a car (5) _____ while he was studying at the University of Pennsylvania, leaving him alone in the world. Mohan had a (6) _____ named Kaveriamma (Kishori Balal) who lives in India - Mohan decides to return to India and bring Kaveriamma so that he can (7) _____ her.

Mohan learns that Kaveriamma is living in a village named Chananpur. He travels there, where he also meets his childhood friend Geeta (Gayatri Joshi) who now teaches at the village (8) _____. All too soon, Mohan realises how harsh village life is after experiencing problems such as gender discrimination, child marriage, lack of education, caste discrimination and (9) _____ amongst other things.

Mohan now decides that he must help the (10) _____.

take care of	villagers	research	live
scene	poverty	character	investigate
school	nanny	orbit	crash



Write your answers here:

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

4. Write a composition of about 100 words on a film. (3 points)

Think about these aspects:

- Choose a film

Why did you choose it? What did you feel when watching it? Did it make a statement about society that you find relevant? Did it show images you had never seen before? Did it make you laugh or cry?

- Facts.

What do you know about the film? Who is the director/writer/DOP (director of photography)/producer? Who is acting in it? What do you know about them? How long is the movie? Where and when was it made? What genre does it belong to?

- Plot.

What happens in the film? Who are the main characters? Where is the film set? When does it take place? What is the main story/conflict of the movie?

- Opinion.

What do you think about the film? Did you like it? Would you recommend it? Why or why not? Which aspects of the film do you like best/least? Are there any scenes you especially remember? What are they? Why do you like them? Is there anything special or unusual about the film?

Remember: think and put your ideas in order before starting to write; you may use the last page to write a draft.

