

Reading — Film Review

Janet is reading a film review in a magazine.

Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

Film genre: Animation (3D or 2D available)

Directed by: Mike Thurmeier & Carlos Saldanha

Story by: Jason Carter Eaton

Played by (audio): Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Queen Latifah

Music by: John Powell

Duration: 94 minutes

Language: English, Cantonese or Putonghua

Rating: I

This is not the first movie of the Ice Age **series**. This interesting series, which **achieved unprecedented** success, has gained popularity among children and youngsters in all parts of the world. There are three main characters: Manfred, a woolly mammoth, Diego, a tiger, and Sid, a sloth. Ice Age 1 and 2 focus on the friendship among the three different animals. Manfred, who thought he was the last woolly mammoth in the world, met his Ms Right, Ellie, and formed his own family.

In this episode, Ellie and Manfred are expecting their new baby. Manfred is a very **nervous** father who starts building a playground before the baby is ready to be born. This playground is **unfortunately** damaged by Sid, who has **adopted** and is **attempting** to raise three dinosaurs. At the same time, Diego decides to leave the team because he can't catch his prey. It seems that the team is going to be **disbanded**. However, Sid is caught in a mysterious

jungle, which is under thick ice, by the dinosaurs' mother. In order to rescue Sid, the other characters together begin an adventure, coming across dangerous plants, cruel dinosaurs and **fatal** smoke.

As in the last two episodes, the characters are amusing, especially the squirrel, Squat, who tries his best to get the acorn. The plot is exciting and surprising. You will never know what is going to happen unless you watch till the end. You also have to have tissues ready because you will definitely feel **touched**. All in all, if you want a film to help you fall asleep, you will be disappointed!

Review: 😊😊😊😊😊 (full marks:5)

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences and blacken the correct circles.

1. Who is the scriptwriter?

2. Mary starts watching the film at 3:30pm. When will the film end?

- A. 4:30 am B. 7:00 am
 C. 5:04 pm D. 5:30 pm

3 Who and what is Ellie?

- A. a woolly mammoth,
Manfred's wife B. a woolly mammoth,
Manfred's daughter
 C. a tiger, Manfred's wife D. a squirrel, Sid's grandmother

4. How can we know that Manfred is anxious about the coming baby?

5. "Raise" has several definitions in the dictionary. Which of the following best fits the meaning in "Sid, who has adopted and is attempting to raise three dinosaurs."

(lines 17-18)

- A. to lift something to a higher level
or to increase
- B. to build
- C. to bring up a child
- D. to put forward a motion or
an issue

6. They might meet or see the following in the forest EXCEPT _____.

- A. a flower that might swallow them.
- B. a book that might bite them.
- C. a dinosaur that might attack them.
- D. some smoke that might kill them.

7. Peggy is an Australian and does not know Chinese. Can she watch this film? Why?

8. Here is a short summary of the writer's comments. Circle the correct answers.

I am (i) amused / amusing by the characters. I burst into laughter several times in the cinema. The storyline is (ii) exciting / excited and (iii) moving / moved. You will not feel (iv) disappointing / disappointed if you watch this (v) interesting / interested film with your family members this holiday. And I am a bit (vi) surprised / surprising by the development of the plot.

9. Which of the following adjectives describes the tone of the last sentence?

- A. humorous
- B. upset
- C. angry
- D. hopeful

10. Which of the following sentences is TRUE?

- A. This is the first episode of this movie series.
- B. This movie is suitable for all audiences, including children.
- C. This movie series ends in failure.
- D. John Powell directs the film.

11. Does the writer of the review recommend this film? How do you know?

B. Fill in the blanks by using the following vocabularies.

series	achieve	unprecedented	nervous	unfortunately
adopt	attempt	disband	fatal	touched

- I missed the second episode of the _____ so I don't know what's going on now.
- Hepatitis (肺炎) is a potentially _____ disease.
- Unemployment has reached an _____ level.
- Candy formed a debate group but it was _____ a year later.
- She finally _____ her ambition to visit South America.
- They have no children of their own, but they're hoping to _____.
- We tried to get tickets, but _____ they were already sold out.
- Do you feel _____ during exams?
- I was very _____ by all the cards my friends sent me when I was in hospital.
- We should not easily give up doing something without _____ to do.

