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The Year of the Heavyweights 大腕儿云集的一年

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The 62nd Cannes Film Festival opened with an animated movie called Up. This light-hearted and popular Disney movie about an elderly global explorer showcases cutting edge animation techniques but it has been viewed as a surprising choice to open the festival.

2009 is being hailed as the year of the heavyweights. With classic filmmakers such as Coppola, Tarantino, Ang Lee and Von Trier showing films, few expected the festival to kick off with an animated movie.

Up may have been chosen in an attempt to show the broad reach and mass appeal of animation. After all, animated movies have proved to be some of the most popular and best selling in recent in times.

This year's festival appears to have a cross-cultural theme. Asia and Europe are well represented with films such as Looking for Eric, a British movie featuring the French football hero Eric Cantona. Other cross-cultural examples include Map of the Sounds of Tokyo which is a Spanish thriller set in Japan, and a movie about a French chef set in Hong Kong called Vengeance.

Asia and Europe also dominate the judging panel for the coveted Palme d'Or for best film. Actress Shu Qi will be one of a six-strong jury who decides which of the twenty nominated feature films merits the prestigious award.

Although there has been much speculation and not a lot of agreement on who will win, one thing is for certain.

The media attention that can be gained from participation in the festival provides enough of a draw for the industry heavyweights – not to mention the typical Cannes glitterati.

So, it looks as though the celebrities and media will still be out in force even though many thought that the festival would be lower key than usual due to the current economic climate.

Glossary 词汇表

animated 动画的	dominate 主导
light-hearted 轻松的	judging panel 评选委员会
showcases 展示	coveted 隐秘的
cutting edge 前沿的, 领新的	jury 评委
hailed as 被誉为	merits 值得/应受
heavyweights 重量级人物	speculation 揣测
broad reach 触及广博	media attention 媒体的关注
mass appeal 广泛吸引力	glitterati 影视名流
cross-cultural 跨文化的	out in force 兴师动众
thriller 惊险影片	lower key 比较低调的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. The annual Cannes Film Festival has been running for over 100 years.
True / False
2. An animated Disney movie was the first film shown at this year's festival.
True / False
3. Many of the movies showing in this year's festival seem to have a cross-cultural theme. True / False
4. This year, over twenty filmmakers have been nominated for the Palme d'Or prize. True / False
5. There will be very few celebrities attending the festival. True / False

2. Phrasal Verbs 动词短语

A. Look at the phrasal verbs below. Can you match them to their definitions?

请看下列动词短语，并将它们与各自的定义对应起来。

1. kicked off	a. watch something or spectate
2. scaled back	b. began or started something
3. shied away	c. reduced in size or amount
4. look on	d. move away or withdraw from something

B. Now complete the sentences below by using one of the phrasal verbs.

现在请用以上的一个动词短语完成下列句子。

1. An animated Disney movie _____ this year's Cannes Film Festival.
2. Many thought that the festivities would be _____ as a result of the global financial difficulties.
3. Even with the global credit crunch, few celebrities have _____ from this year's film festival.
4. The celebrities will take to the red carpet as usual, while fans eagerly _____.

3. Job Descriptions 职业名称

Match each member of the movie crew (1-10) with a description of their job (a-j).

下表中的左边是电影摄制人员的不同职称 (1-10) ; 右边是对各种职称的定义(A-J). 请将它们连线配对。

1. Director	a. operates the camera
2. Cameraman	b. directs the filming of the movie
3. Make-up artist	c. performs dangerous activities such as car crashes and jumping off of cliffs.
4. Stuntman	d. applies cosmetics to actors and actresses
5. Body double	e. works with microphones and other audio recording equipment
6. Runner	f. ensures the movie is finished on time and within budget
7. Producer	g. selects actors and actresses to form the cast of the movie
8. Sound engineer	h. closely resembles an actor and stands in for them when necessary
9. Casting director	i. creates sets and backdrops for the movie
10. Set designer	j. to run errands and perform simple tasks for other members of the crew

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with types of movies in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出同电影类型有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(g)垂直的(i)或对角的(m)形式出现。

t	h	r	i	l	l	e	r	e	w	a	r
a	s	d	d	d	h	z	o	s	e	w	s
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s	c	o	a	s	r	s	c	s	t	e	c
d	h	m	m	s	r	s	o	c	e	s	t
a	e	e	u	r	o	e	m	i	r	t	r
c	c	d	s	r	r	w	e	f	n	r	u
t	k	y	i	h	o	r	r	i	r	r	m
i	e	r	c	r	b	b	t	a	n	n	u
c	h	i	c	k	f	l	i	c	k	r	c
o	t	h	r	i	l	c	o	m	e	d	o
n	e	r	t	m	u	s	i	c	a	l	m

thriller	horror	romcom	comedy
chick flick	action	sci-fi	
musical	war	western	

Answers 答案

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- h
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- f
- e
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