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**READING TEST 9<sup>th</sup> FORM VARIANT 3**

**part 1**

**Read the text below about film industry in one country. For each question (1-6) on the opposite page choose the correct answer one letter (A, B, C or D). Transfer answers to answer-sheet (the form on a separate page).**

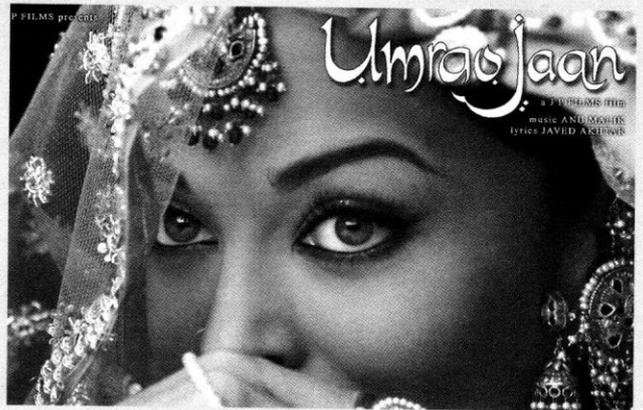
# Bollywood

line 2 ▶ The Western film industry today is closely associated with Hollywood, USA. But Bollywood, its Eastern equivalent, has gained tremendous popularity and is considered to be one of the largest film-producing industries worldwide. Bollywood got its name from the merging of the words Bombay - the former name for the city of Mumbai - and Hollywood. It is used to refer to the film industry based in that Indian city, not to all of Indian cinema as is sometimes mistakenly believed.

Bollywood films are for the most part musicals and the language spoken is Hindi. Nevertheless, due to their ever growing international popularity, more films are featuring Indian English and some are now exclusively in English.

Bollywood films have been around since 1913 when the first silent film was produced in India and by the 1930s over 200 films were produced annually. The industry has had peaks and troughs over the decades; however, in 2000 there was a boom in Bollywood film popularity around the world. A new generation of actors and actresses caught the public's eye, in particular, Aishwarya Rai – who is believed by many to be one of the most beautiful women in the world.

line 18 ▶ Bollywood films are usually a three-hour **dazzling extravaganza** of music, song and dance. Often the plot of the film is melodramatic; there are usually conflicts between characters, a lot of drama and desperate villains trying to hurt the main characters. A Bollywood film will both entertain and thrill you as well as provide you with considerable insight into Indian culture.



1. Bollywood is
  - a. about Mumbai, an Indian city.
  - b. an Eastern equal to the US.
  - c. a made-up term.
  - d. the largest film producer in the world.
  
2. In line 2 what does *its* refer to?
  - a. Bollywood
  - b. Hollywood
  - c. the US
  - d. the Eastern film industry
  
3. What is true of the Bollywood film industry?
  - a. It now only produces English films.
  - b. It was always successful.
  - c. It has some Hollywood characteristics.
  - d. It is becoming more and more popular all over the world.

4. Aishwarya Rai
  - a. starred in some of the first Bollywood films.
  - b. became known due to her extraordinary beauty.
  - c. was famous before becoming an actress.
  - d. has acted in recent Bollywood films.
  
5. In line 18 what does *dazzling extravaganza* mean?
  - a. a cultural shock
  - b. an impressive show
  - c. an unsuccessful combination
  - d. a simple storyline
  
6. On what grounds does the writer recommend Bollywood films in the last paragraph?
  - a. because they are funny
  - b. because they combine drama and music
  - c. because they can teach us a lot about Hindi
  - d. because they provide us with a culturally enriching experience