



# “Movie Ratings”

Intermediate Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

A PG-13 rating is an advisory issued by the Ratings Board to parents to determine whether children under age 13 should view the motion picture, as some material might not be suitable for them. A PG-13 motion picture may go beyond the PG rating in theme, violence, nudity, **sensuality**, language, adult activities or other elements, but does not reach the restricted R category. The theme of the motion picture by itself will not result in a rating greater than PG-13, although **depictions** of activities related to a mature theme may result in a restricted rating for the motion picture. Any drug use will initially require at least a PG-13 rating. More than brief nudity will require at least a PG-13 rating, but such nudity in a PG-13 rated motion picture generally will not be sexually **oriented**. There may be depictions of violence in a PG-13 movie, but generally not both realistic and extreme or persistent violence. A motion picture’s single use of one of the harsher sexually-**derived** words, though only as an expletive, initially requires at least a PG-13 rating. More than one such usage requires an R rating. Nevertheless, the Ratings Board may rate such a motion picture PG-13 if, based on a special vote by a two-thirds majority, the Raters feel that most American parents would believe that a PG-13 rating is appropriate because of the context or manner in which the words are used or because the use of those words in the motion picture is **inconspicuous**.

## Questions:

- 1) What is the main goal of this passage?
  - A. To mention various movie ratings.
  - B. To explain various movie ratings.
  - C. To explain the difference between PG-13 and R movie ratings.
  - D. To explain the PG-13 movie rating.
- 2) The theme of the movie...
  - A. has little impact on its rating.
  - B. has a large impact on its rating.
  - C. should be entertaining.
  - D. should be suitable for children.
- 3) Drug usage...
  - A. should not be allowed in movies.
  - B. is scary.
  - C. warrants a PG-13 rating.
  - D. All of the above.
- 4) More than brief nudity...
  - A. requires a PG-13 rating.
  - B. must not be sexually oriented in PG-13 rated movies.
  - C. requires an R rating.
  - D. Both A and B are correct.
- 5) A movie with 2 uses of expletives...
  - A. requires a PG rating.
  - B. requires a PG-13 rating.
  - C. requires an R rating.
  - D. requires an NC-17 rating.

## Vocabulary:



- 1) **Sensuality** refers to...
  - A. lewd conduct.
  - B. unlawful behavior.
  - C. disrespect.
  - D. an aberration or abnormality.
- 2) A **depiction** is a...
  - A. scene.
  - B. movie.
  - C. representation.
  - D. plot.
- 3) The way something is **oriented** involves the way it is...
  - A. positioned or directed.
  - B. maintained or upheld.
  - C. forecasted or predicted.
  - D. born or raised.
- 4) If something is **derived**, it...
  - A. is given away.
  - B. is taken from something else.
  - C. is taken organically.
  - D. comes from its own source.
- 5) If an expletive is used **inconspicuously**...
  - A. it is obvious.
  - B. it is subtle.
  - C. it is reasonable.
  - D. it is truthful.