THE ENTHRALLING TINSELTOWN, Handout

[A] Have you seen any of the following films? Or have you heard about them? If so, what do you like of them? What have you heard of them?

1. Jurassic Park
2. Titanic
3. 

[B] Study the following expressions. Underline the expressions you have heard of before. Circle the expressions that are new to you? Can you use them in a sentence?

on the big screen, the silver screen, a blockbuster, a psychological thriller, an adaptation of a novel, a spine-chilling ghost story, a sci-fi film, a tearjerker, a nail-biting end, do well at the box office, an award winning movie, a critically acclaimed movie, a movie that gets you on the edge of your seat, a romantic comedy, receive critical acclaim, a scene that makes you jump/leap out of your skin, mouth agape in excitement, a heart-warming tale, a heartthrob actor, a highly/widely acclaimed performance, an offbeat movie, well received by the critics, a box-office hit, a pornographic film, a cowboy movie, a Hollywood biggie, a blue film, a cult movie, cinematography, a feel good movie, the supporting cast, a lowbrow action movie, costume design, write/do the screenplay for/of/to a movie, choreography, the glitterati of the film industry, take/get a pounding from the critics, a publicity-shy actor, a star with a great pulling power, smash hits, wow audiences

[C] Discuss the following with a classmate.
1. Why do people watch movies? Is it purely for entertainment?
2. How have the movies changed over time?
3. What are the types of movies? How do they differ from each other?
4. How do you compare Hollywood with Bollywood?
Additional material for self study.
1. It’s a spine-chilling ghost story.
2. It’s a hair-raising thriller/a scary movie.
3. It deals with .../is based on .../is set against a backdrop of ...
4. The film is adapted from ... (a novel or a book)
5. The critics have described this film as a psychological thriller.
6. The film is an adaptation of ... (a novel or a book)
7. It’s an award winning movie.
8. It’s a romantic comedy.
9. It’s a real tearjerker—you can’t stop crying.
10. It’s a heartwarming tale of .../a moving story of ...
11. It’s an action packed film that will set your pulse racing.
12. It’s a science fiction/sci-fi movie.
13. The film narrates a powerful, heartrending story of ...
14. The film looks at the darker side of ...
15. It’s a light-hearted movie.
16. It’s a musical.
17. The film twines round a compelling family saga.
18. It has superb casting.
19. The lead role is played by ...
20. It’s indeed a gripping film.
21. It’s a masterpiece from one of the all-time greats of the cinema.
22. This movie is shot against a backdrop of ...
23. The movie has done well at the box office.
24. The first day first show has raked in millions.
25. It’s an Oscar nominated movie.
26. The movie has received critical acclaim.
27. It’s a movie directed by ...famed for ...
28. This is a movie worth seeing for its music alone.
29. It’s a movie that leaves you reeling with disbelief.
30. Many present-day movies are nothing more than skin flicks.
31. This movie is not for the squeamish.
32. It’s an update of an old, classic movie.
33. It’s the usual boy-meets-girl sort of film.
34. Many budding actors are victims of casting couch.

Discuss the following with a classmate.
1. What is the surefire recipe for a box-office hit?
2. How are films promoted these days?
3. What role does the media play in film industry?

[F] Prepare a presentation on your favourite movie using the following.
type, plot, cast, storyline, music, direction, stunts, promotion, etc.

You may create a poster, use PowerPoint, bring in props, etc. Your
presentation should be at least 7 minutes. If necessary, you could
work on this project independently or you may work with one other
classmate.