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Video game music scores are to be recognised at the Ivor Novello awards, which (21) ___ excellence in music writing.
 As games have increased in (22) ___, their soundtracks have progressed from the bleeps and blips of the Pac-Man era.
 The London Symphony Orchestra features on a Tomb Raider game, while the Los Angeles Philharmonic (23) ___ concerts of music from Final Fantasy and Halo 2.
 The new award will be one of just six categories at the Ivor Novellos, which take place (24) ___ 20 May, 2010.
 (25) ___ ceremony saw indie rockers Elbow win two prizes - best song for One Day Like This and best contemporary song for Grounds For Divorce.
 Other categories are for best album, best film score and best TV soundtrack.
 Announcing the new award, Mark Fishlock, director of the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors (BASCA) and a member of The Ivors committee, said: «The Ivors has always (26) ___ to reflect the ever-changing world of songwriting and composing.
 «The video games market has matured (27) ___ recognition and big budget orchestral scores are regularly being commissioned.
 «Writing music for games also requires a number of specialist skills compared with conventional film scoring, such as non-linear and (29) ___ composition.»
 Under standard Ivor rules, all entries must have a British or Irish composing contribution of at least one third.
 The Bafta video game awards already recognise video game composers. Last year’s prize went to survival horror Dead Space, with (30) ___ up including fantasy adventure Fable II and the whimsical Little Big Planet.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/8465150.stm>

	A	B	C	D
21	halt	help	hold	hail
22	skill	scale	scroll	skull
23	stores	stocks	stacks	stages
24	on	in	at	for
25	last year’s	last year	last years’	last years
26	bought	fought	sought	thought
27	beyond	beneath	below	before
28	are being regularly commissioned	are regularly being commissioned	regularly are being commissioned	are being commissioned regularly
29	multi-partite	multi-cloured	multi-vocal	multi-layered
30	defendants	athletes	runners up	joggers

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Call of duty for new games panel

The way video games are being evaluated before they go on sale in the United Kingdom is set to change. The British Board of Film Classification will hand over responsibility to a newly created Video Standards Council advisory panel. The VSC panel will have to power to effectively ban a video game from supply in the UK. But, only if it breaks the agreed limits set out in the Digital Economy Bill.

The newly announced expert advisory panel includes Tony Lake, the former Lincolnshire Police chief constable. BBC Lincolnshire's Breakfast Show presenter Rod Whiting spoke to Tony about his new role and the aims of the advisory panel.

«The games industry is absolutely colossal, not just for children but for adults as well. The purpose of the advisory panel is to ensure that games are properly graded to their content,» says Tony.

In 2007 the controversial video game Manhunt 2 was banned, following a nine month battle between makers Rockstar and UK censors. The British Board of Film Classification had taken the fight to ban the game to the High Court, saying the game «went too far».

An edited version of the title was later released with an 18 certificate.

One of the most successful video games to date, Activision's Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2, received an opening night preview in London's Leicester Square, normally the reserve of blockbuster movies. It sold more than a million copies in its first week of UK sales.

31. The British Board of Film Classification
- a. is currently giving grades to video games
 - b. will soon be in charge of grading video games
 - c. is going against the Digital Economy Bill
 - d. might take over the VSC

32. Tony Lake is a member of
- a. the British Board of Film Classification
 - b. the Video Standards Council advisory panel
 - c. Lincolnshire Police
 - d. the High Court

33. Leicester Square is the place in London where
- a. successful video games are sold
 - b. all the video games are previewed
 - c. video games are turned into films
 - d. opening nights for some films are held

34. The role of the advisory panel is
- a. to decide where video games can be sold
 - b. to suppress violence in video games
 - c. to grade video games
 - d. to decide who can sell video games

35. The original Manhunt 2
- a. has been banned in the UK
 - b. has been allowed in the UK
 - c. has had some scenes censored
 - d. is still waiting for a court ruling

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Amazon faces a fight in new chapter for e-book

In the world of paperless books, the Kindle is king. At least, that's how it has been so far. The Amazon-designed device allows users to download thousands of titles over the mobile-phone network and, since its launch in November 2007, it has become the dominant electronic reading tool. Amazon now sells six e-books for every ten actual books. But rivals are queuing up for a slice of the digitally delivered reading market, which accounted for only 1 per cent of last year's total North American book sales, worth \$2.28 billion (1.48bn). Analysts at Credit Suisse expect this to expand rapidly to more than 20 per cent of the market by 2015.

However, competition for this growing revenue stream is intensifying. Apple is within weeks of launching its iPad, which will include an electronic bookstore when it hits the shelves next month. Google is in the midst of developing its own reading device and, though details are slim, there are suggestions it could be closer to reaching the market than many suspect.

The pending launch of iPad is one of the main reasons behind Amazon's laggard share performance so far this year, a fact not lost upon Amazon founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos. Reporting Amazon's fourth-quarter results the day after Apple's big iPad debut on 27 January, Bezos sought to throw the spotlight on his own firm's e-reader.

«Millions of people now own Kindles,» he noted. «And Kindle owners read, a lot. When we have both editions, we sell six Kindle books for every 10 physical books,» he said.

The evolution of actual books to e-books is an important issue for Amazon, because reading material accounts for a large proportion of the company's revenue base. Although Seattle-based Amazon does not break out the precise percentage contributed by books, overall media sales of books, video games, music and DVDs accounted for 52 per cent of its \$24.5bn in total global sales last year. That figure rises to 58 per cent in countries where Amazon operates, outside North America, including the UK, Germany, France, Japan and China. For customers in these countries, Amazon launched the international version of Kindle in October 2009. Brian McBride, managing director of Amazon UK, said there are plans to introduce a dedicated UK version of Kindle, though he declined to give any dates. He added that it was early days yet for the electronic book market in the UK, but predicted that would change.

<http://www.scotsman.com/business/amazon-faces-a-fight-in-new-chapter-for-e-book-1-1364762>

36. Within the next five years the number of e-books sold in North America is expected to be multiplied by

- a. 2
- b. 10
- c. 20
- d. 58

37. Kindle is a device marketed by

- a. Amazon
- b. Credit Suisse
- c. Google
- d. Apple

38. Amazon sells

- a. three times as many paper books as e-books
- b. as many e-books as paper ones
- c. less paper books than e-books
- d. over half as many e-books as paper books

39. In the UK the market for e-books a. is booming b. is as good as the North American one c. is the best one in Europe d. is just starting
40. More than 50% of Amazon profits come from a. media sales b. DVDs c. audio video equipment d. books

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The Budget: Knock-out boost for games industry

The Scottish games industry has predicted growth of more than 150 new jobs and £20 million worth of investment on the back of the Chancellor’s tax relief announcement.

It will put software designers such as Rockstar North, based in Edinburgh – best known for creating Grand Theft Auto – and Dundee firms Realtime Worlds and Denki on an even playing field with rivals in Australia, Canada, France, South Korea, and the US, which already receive tax breaks.

Colin Macdonald, studio manager at Realtime Worlds said: “This decision will mean we can continue to invest in UK talent and prevent a brain drain to our overseas competitors.”

Colin Anderson, managing director at Denki, added: “Games tax relief will stimulate much-needed investment and innovation.”

Dr Richard Wilson, chief executive of TIGA, the body which represents the games industry, estimated that the announcement would mean 175 new jobs and 22.5m worth of new investment in Scotland.

In his Budget speech, Alistair Darling said: ‘This is a highly successful and growing industry, with half its sales coming from exports.’

Culture minister Fiona Hyslop said: «The Scottish Government and the games industry has been calling on Westminster to provide tax relief for the sector for some considerable time and I’m pleased that the Chancellor has finally listened.»

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/the-budget-knock-out-boost-for-games-industry-1-796445>

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41	at the back	on the back	for the back	in the back
42	such as	like	so as	same as
43	an odd	a different	an even	an unbalanced
44	promote	favour	finance	prevent
45	stimulate	cripple	prevent	hinder
46	people	corpse	core	body
47	high success	highly successful	successful high	highly successfully
48	has been called	is calling	has been calling	called
49	provide	shelve	suppress	axe
50	has	did	is	do