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OPTION A

THE END OF ITALIAN OPERA

Last month, staff at Catania’s opera house staged a funeral in suitably operatic fashion, carrying a coffin through the center of the packed auditorium. The performance wasn’t a dramatic staging idea: it was a funeral for the opera house itself.

That’s because this wonderful house, where opera has been performed since the 19th century, is in deep financial trouble. The Teatro Massimo Bellini can’t afford to pay visiting artists or even its own musicians. At a recent international opera competition the orchestra went on strike, between the semifinals and the finals, because they hadn’t been paid for months.

And the Catania Opera is not alone. Florence’s Teatro del Maggio Musicale is seriously in the red, as are the opera houses in Rome, Bologna, Genoa, Parma, and Cagliari. In fact, reports Enrico Votio Del Refettiero, only three Italian opera houses are currently able to pay their bills within two months: Milan’s La Scala, Venice’s La Fenice, and Turin’s Teatro Regio. “Our opera house system is already shutting down,” he said. “It’s gone, finished.” There’s a simple reason behind the desperate financial plight of Italy’s opera houses: Italy’s economic crisis has forced the government to reduce arts funding.

QUESTIONS

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- a) What did staff at Catania’s opera house do last month?
- b) What reason does Enrico Votio Del Refettiero give to explain Italian opera houses’ financial situation?

3. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 0.5 each (4 points as a whole).

Unlike American opera companies, _____ (1.) raise money from companies and individuals, Italian opera houses have always been supported _____ (2.) the state. “They’ve been in financial trouble _____ (3.) a long time, but in the past they could _____ (4. simple) go to the bank and get loans because the government would back it,” explained Del Refettiero. “Now the banks’ supply of money _____ (5.) stopped.” That has left opera managers unable _____ (6.) pay singers and musicians. Moreover, they haven’t got enough resources to plan future seasons, a lethal handicap in an industry where the talent is booked three to five years in advance. At the Cagliari opera house, performances are now announced just one month before they _____ (7.) staged. It’s _____ (8. hard) a way to build an audience.

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OPTION B

BASIC APPS FOR YOUR NEW SMARTPHONE OR TABLET

So you've got a brand-new smartphone or tablet. Its gleaming screen is hypnotic but until you download some apps, all its amazing 21st-century potential is unrealized. Yet there are millions of apps to choose from. Where to start? Don't panic. Here's a selection of great, basic apps to get you going.

Don't forget that smartphones and tablets have more uses than merely to gossip or play games. How about using them to get directions? These apps replace that old device that you used to suction onto your car's windshield with a modern mapping system that is constantly improved by its community of users.

For more real-time data for the world around you, some apps may turn your device into a digital window. You hold your device up and the screen will show a view through the camera's lens. Superimposed on top of this view is all sorts of additional data including information like the identity of boats you can see on the ocean, or photos that Twitter users nearby have shared.

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- Apart from playing and gossiping, what can you do with your tablet or smartphone?
- What have tablets and smartphones replaced?

3. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 0.5 each (4 points as a whole).

You will probably have _____ (1. hear) of Angry Birds, a wonderfully odd puzzle game where you catapult moody avians to destroy buildings _____ (2. make) by evil pigs. The _____ (3. late), Angry Birds Star Wars 2, is free on both iOS and Android and is hilarious to play. Its puzzles and hidden levels have kept me _____ (4. amuse) for too many hours to count. There is a Windows 8 version too that _____ (5. cost) you a dollar.

For a different puzzler, check out Candy Crush Saga, _____ (6.) has been downloaded half a billion _____ (7.). It's a bit like the classic Tetris, with cute graphics and simple but addictive gameplay. It _____ (8. be) free on iOS and Android.