VIDEO TASK: BLUE VELVET

A. Pre-watch task
In pairs or threesomes tell each other about your all-time favourite movie, giving reasons why:
What was special about it? Summarise the plot.
Did you learn anything from it or was it just pure entertainment?

B. Now watch the video twice and answer questions 1 to 8 (multiple-choice & True or False)

1. When Mark Kermode first saw Blue Velvet...
   a) it really annoyed him
   b) it horrified him
   c) it put him off seeing other similar films

2. Blue Velvet is a special film for Mark Kermode because...
   a) of the acting in it
   b) of what it meant to him as a reviewer
   c) it was a turning point in his career

3. True or false: When the film was released he made unpleasant and scornful comments about it.

4. True or false: Some time after he saw the film some friends of Mark’s agreed that they had also disliked the movie.

5. After seeing Blue Velvet again, he realised that what really upset and confused him about it was...
   a) just the shocking way it dealt with sex
   b) the dreamy sort of dialogue in it
   c) the mysterious feeling surrounding it

6. True or false: In Blue Velvet we can see someone lip-syncing to an Elvis Presley song.

7. Mark Kermode advises us against...
   a) judging films on instinct
   b) misjudging films on account of the content in them
   c) assessing films on the mood they create

8. True or false: When Mark Kermode first saw Blue Velvet, he left the cinema.