



ŠKOLSKO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA

za 8. razred osnovne škole

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Kategorija 8.A: osnovne škole

Zaporka:

(zadana riječ)

TEST

Čitanje s razumijevanjem: 12 bodova

Uporaba jezika: 48 bodova

Ukupno: 60 bodova

Napomena: svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na List za odgovore. Sadržaj ove testne knjižice se ne boduje.

TASK 1

Read the text. For questions 1 – 6 decide whether the statements are true or false. Write only T for true or F for false. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Venice succeeds in keeping its UNESCO World Heritage title

As of August 1, 2021, Venice no longer allows large cruise liners, heavier than 25,000 tonnes, to enter its lagoon. More precisely, they are not allowed to sail along the Giudecca Canal, which leads to the favourite tourist spot - St Mark's Square. The decision was made by the Italian government as an attempt to avoid putting Venice on the "UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Danger" list.

The list, frequently referred to as the red list, contains World Heritage sites that UNESCO considers to be endangered, mostly due to consequences of overtourism. Over the past decade, Venice has been torn between two sets of interests – the economic benefits of cruise liners, creating jobs for thousands of people in the area, and the environmental protection groups, such as *No Grandi Navi* (No Big Ships), trying to protect the lagoon.

UNESCO believes that large cruise ships have been major polluters which put Venice in danger. Not only do they pollute the air with exhaust fumes, but also put an increased water pressure on the underwater foundations of the historic buildings, thus making them unstable. In addition, they threaten the sensitive ecosystem of the lagoon. Due to coronavirus restrictions, cruise ships have not been seen in Venice for a long time anyway, leading to improved water quality in the lagoons.

However, other downsides of mass tourism put Venice in immediate danger. Venice was awarded The World Heritage title in 1987 because the entire city contains masterpieces of architecture and the best artists in the world, such as Titian and Tintoretto. Every summer floods of tourists pour into the streets of Venice. Roughly 16 million visitors came to see the landmarks of Venice in 2019, doing further damage to the city, which brought it closer to the UNESCO's red list. Tourists arriving on large cruise ships to see the masterpieces seem to do more harm than good since they spend little money in the city itself. The Italian government was prepared to take any measures to keep the World Heritage title for Venice, and it succeeded in its efforts.

However, the World Heritage Organization points out that if a city is put on its red list, it should not be seen as punishment, but rather as an effort to safeguard it for future generations. Currently, large cruise ships dock at the Marghera industrial port instead. It is not as picturesque as the city centre, but it is the only acceptable solution at the moment.

Ships weighing over 25,000 tonnes are banned from entering the city.

(0) T

World heritage sites are in danger because of large masses of tourists visiting them.

(1) _____

Ban on cruise ships docking in the city centre was an easy decision for Venice to make. (2)

Large cruise liners cause damage to the city both above and below the water surface.

(3) _____

Marine life in Venice has also been endangered by cruise liners. (4)

Every summer the city of Venice is hit by floods. (5)

Docks in the Maghera port offer as spectacular views to tourists as the city centre itself.
(6) _____

(6 points)

TASK 2

Read the following article. Choose which of the sentences A – H best fit into the numbered gaps 1 – 6. There are two extra sentences which do not fit any of the gaps. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

China Puts a Ban on Online Video Games

In August 2021, China made a decision that took the world by surprise. Its government decided to limit the time young people are allowed to spend playing online video games. (0) E

What were the reasons for such a decision?

Many parents have had problems with children who disobey them when it comes to limiting online gaming time. Children would always find a way to prolong the time they were allowed for gaming, not respecting their parents' authority. (1) _____ Some parents even say that their children have become completely different people. Therefore, the ban on gaming is seen by many of these parents as an attempt of the state to help them take better care of children. Another important thing that should be mentioned is the fact that young people are still in the process of physical and mental development. (2) _____

The number of young people who are addicted to gaming has been rising for a long time. Some children spend as much as 7 or 8 hours a day playing video games, which can be taken as a sign of serious addiction. Chinese media have compared video games to drugs (opium), stressing how addictive they are. (3) _____ The treatment they offer is a combination of therapy and strict exercise - drills.

However, not only does gaming have a dangerous effect on children's school achievement, but also on their health. (4) By limiting the time allowed for gaming, children will be encouraged to work out more and to engage in social activities with their peers.

Another important health issue is near-sightedness, or myopia. It is a vision condition that usually affects the younger population. People with myopia can see clearly all the objects that are near them, but they see distant objects as blurry. It is believed that spending too much time in front of the screen can cause this kind of eye disorder.

What does the ban consist of?

Because of all the reasons mentioned above and hoping to put a stop to gaming addiction, (5) _____ Therefore, they will be able to play them on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. This rule will apply to public holidays as well.

How does the state monitor gamers?

All Chinese citizens, as well as tourists, are required to use their real names when playing online video games. Still, it can be expected that children will try to use their parents' personal information. (6) _____ Parents can enable it on their computers in order to prevent children from playing video games after the allowed time has run out. However, the ban on gaming

refers to online video games only. This means that children will be able to play them longer than an hour a day if they are not connected to the Internet. It is the duty of parents and teachers to supervise children's activities on a computer to make sure the law is respected.

A Chinese government decided to allow young people to spend 3 hours a week playing video games, on weekends only.

B They are not strong enough to control themselves when it comes to playing video games.

C Poor grades are just one of the consequences.

D A growing number of children spend all their free time indoors, which affects their physical fitness.

E A similar law had previously been passed only in South Korea.

F To avoid that, another feature can be used - facial recognition.

G The country has also opened clinics for young people with "gaming disorders".

H These include date and place of birth, address and social security number.

I Once they become addicted to gaming, negative changes can be seen in their behaviour and personality.

(6 points)

TASK 3

Read the text. For each gap (1 - 12), choose the answer that best fits, A, B, C or D. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

The Blue Cave of Biševo is (0) **A** terribly easy to visit.

Firstly, you must (1) _____ yourself to the Croatian island of Vis, by ferry from the city of Split. (2) _____ there, travel by bus or motorbike to the other side of the island, to the tiny fishing town of Komiža. There, (3) _____ a boat or join a tour to take you to the island of Biševo, about an hour boat ride from Komiža. Then you will (4) _____ the cave via a small rubber raft, which is just small enough to enter the tiny cave entrance.

The Blue Cave (Modra špilja) is located at the Balun Cove (5) _____ the eastern side of the island. Even though Croatian fishermen (6) _____ known of the blue cave since ancient times, it wasn't (7) _____ 1884 that an opening was blasted out with dynamite. Before this small hole in the side of the rock was opened, the only (8) _____ into the cave was to dive underneath the rock wall in just the (9) _____ spot.

The cave is at its most beautiful between 11 am and noon on a sunny day. The bright blue glowing (10) _____ is created when the sun's rays enter through the water and reflect off the limestone floor of the cave. The bright sun lights up the water, and the glowing sea illuminates the cave walls a brilliant blue, creating (11) _____ unique glowing blue grotto.

Though not an easy trek, it is a rewarding one – the blue cave is a truly enchanting natural (12) _____.

(adapted from <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/blue-cave-of-bisevo>)

(0) **(A)** not

B no

C nor

D never

(1) **A** arrive

B come

C get

D go

(2) A As soon as	B As long as	C Whenever	D Once
(3) A lend	B borrow	C hire	D employ
(4) A approach	B arrive	C leave	D exit
(5) A in	B on	C at	D under
(6) A have	B has	C haven't	D hasn't
(7) A in	B by	C before	D until
(8) A entrance	B entry	C gate	D door
(9) A correct	B accurate	C right	D exact
(10) A affect	B effect	C impact	D outcome
(11) A a	B an	C –	D the
(12) A miracle	B gift	C wonder	D wander

(12 points)

TASK 4

Complete the text. For gaps 1 - 12, write one word which fits best. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Naomi Osaka – Tennis Champion and Activist

Since winning her first U.S. Open (0) title in 2018, Naomi Osaka, 24, has taken the tennis world by storm. Quickly becoming a fan favorite, she rose (1) _____ the ranks as a fierce competitor. And while the athlete is known for being a tough opponent on the tennis (2) _____, in the past year, Naomi has (3) _____ famous for her work advocating for marginalized communities and mental health.

In 2020, she flew (4) _____ St. Paul, Minnesota, to pay homage to George Floyd after he was murdered in May and hit the streets to protest police brutality. During the 2020 U.S. Open, she (5) _____ seven face masks with various names written on them. Each mask represented Black-Americans unjustly killed (6) _____ police officials or civilians.

In 2021, Naomi continued to (7) _____ up against prejudice. First, she fought to destigmatize mental health in sports by sharing her struggles and publicly announcing her decision to drop (8) _____ of the French Open to prioritize (9) _____ well-being. Most recently, she's developed KINLÒ - Skincare designed (10) _____ the people who are melanin-rich, to provide Black, Brown, and Asian-Pacific communities (11) _____ access to sun care products. For Naomi, using her voice to highlight injustice is (12) _____ only option.

(12 points)

TASK 5

Complete the dialogue. For numbers 1 – 6 write the missing parts of the sentences. Use between two and four words. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Anne: Hi, James, I haven't seen you in ages! (0) How are you ?

James: Fine, thanks. I returned from my holiday last week.

Anne: Where (1) _____ to?

James: We went to Australia, on a road trip from Melbourne to Adelaide.

Anne: It's a long way to drive. How long (2) _____ you?

James: Not that long, only 8 hours.

Anne: Did your children come with you?

James: No, they didn't. Their feelings (3) _____ when I told them they couldn't go, but they are simply too young for such a strenuous trip.

Anne: How much did the whole trip cost?

James: (4) _____ around \$3000.

Anne: (5) _____ nice?

James: Yes, but it was very hot – sometimes even too hot.

Anne: (6) _____ would you recommend me to visit?

James: Oh, you should definitely visit Kangaroo Island, it's an incredible place.

(6 points)

TASK 6

Read the text. For numbers 1 – 12 transform the given word to complete the text. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write only the transformed words on the Answer Sheet.

Let us give you some important advice on how to behave in (0) social (SOCIETY) situations when visiting Britain. Just try to follow a few basic rules of (1) _____ (BEHAVE). Firstly, the British are not very keen on displaying their emotions (2) _____ (PUBLIC). Therefore, it is important to respect the British desire for (3) _____ (PRIVATE). Don't ask (4) _____ (PERSON) questions about family background, money issues or political preferences. It is also considered very (5) _____ (POLITE) to push ahead in a line. If you have to wait, do it (6) _____ (PATIENCE). When it comes to clothes, there are no limits on how to dress unless you're dressing up for a special occasion, such as a holiday dinner or (7) _____ (CULTURE) event. It would be very (8) _____ (APPROPRIATE) to show up at the theatre wearing a miniskirt or a sleeveless top. Finally, if you're meeting someone

for the first time, look them in the eye and offer them a (9) _____ (FRIEND) smile. Show your (10) _____ (KIND) by saying 'pleased to meet you'. Try to listen to what people are saying in order to avoid any (11) _____ (COMFORT) situations later on. However, if you still feel (12) _____ (SURE) about how to behave, you can always ask your British friends for advice.

(12

points)

TASK 7

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given.

Do NOT change the word given. Use between TWO and FIVE words. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write only the missing parts on the Answer Sheet.

(0) After the match, they introduced us to the players. (WE)

After the match, we were introduced to the players.

(1) I never played tennis when I was young. (USE)

I _____ tennis when I was young.

(2) Would you like to go to the cinema with me? (KEEN)

Are you _____ to the cinema with me?

(3) I last saw John in 2019 when he was visiting his parents. (SINCE)

I _____
2019 when he was visiting his parents.

(4) It is possible that John is in his office. (COULD)

John _____ in his office.

(5) If you don't ask him nicely, he won't come to the party. (UNLESS)

He won't come to the party _____ nicely.

(6) They are listening carefully to what the teacher is saying. (ATTENTION)

They _____ what the teacher is saying.

(6 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!