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Zaporka:

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TEST

Slušanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	36 bodova
Ukupno:	60 bodova

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

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

This is the listening part of the test and it has two tasks – Task 1 and Task 2. You will have time to read each task before listening to the recording. You will hear each recording twice.

TASK 1

You will hear a radio interview with Mr Tatayah talking about the extinct dodo bird and its remains found in Oxford. For numbers 1-6, decide whether the statements are true or false. Write T for true and F for false. Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet. There is an example at the beginning (0).

(0) Mr Tatayah expected to see the remains of the real dodo bird at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. F

(1) The Dutch were not the first inhabitants of Mauritius.

(2) The dodo bird is the national animal of Mauritius.

(3) Dodos felt threatened by predators.

(4) According to the speaker, a single dodo bird could not produce more than one chick per year.

(5) Mr Dodgson was actually a writer.

(6) Nowadays, we are doing our best to protect nature and animal species.

(6 points)

TASK 2

You will hear a recording about two kinds of tea. For numbers 1-6, complete the sentences with the exact words from the text. Use one word only. Copy your answers on the Answer sheet. There is an example at the beginning (0).

(0) Lately, tea has become a comfort drink for many people.

(1) Many different types can be found in big _____ chains as well as in restaurants and at home.

(2) In the UK _____ percent of households drink tea on a regular basis.

(3) In the world, tea is the _____ most drunk liquid after water.

(4) Some of the oldest _____ of tea are both the masala tea and the green tea.

(5) Green tea _____ in the Yunan region of China.

(6) Both kinds are known for their _____ benefits. No matter how old you are, you need to look after your body.

(6 points)

READING COMPREHENSION

TASK 3

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). Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Pinterest bans climate misinformation in ‘first’ by major social platform

Pinterest has announced that it is banning climate misinformation across its platform.

The company says that this makes it the first major social network to lay out clear rules on spreading false or misleading climate change information, including conspiracy theories, across content and adverts.

Pinterest was founded more than a decade ago and has 431 million monthly users. It’s popular with people looking for lifestyle inspiration across categories including fashion, home decor, diet and travel.

The company says that searches related to living a greener, more sustainable life are on the rise. Compared to 2021, searches for “zero waste tips” were six times greater; “recycling clothes ideas” were four times higher; “recycled home decor” increased by 95 per cent and “zero waste lifestyle” increased by 64 per cent.

The company policy update, published on Wednesday, bans content that could harm the public’s “well-being, safety or trust”, including that which denied the existence or impact of climate change and the human influence on it.

More than 99.9% of peer-reviewed studies from climate scientists now state that the climate crisis is caused by humans, while the latest chapter of a sweeping assessment, from the UN’s authoritative Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), reported this week that we have less than three years to reverse course on still-rising planet-heating emissions and avoid catastrophe.

In February, the IPCC called out misinformation and political divisions over science as specific barriers to much-needed climate action in North America. It found that vested industry and political interests have undermined climate science, downplayed the risks and “created polarization in public and policy domains”.

Pinterest also said that it would be removing content that spreads false or misleading information about climate change solutions, or misrepresents scientific data, including by omission or cherry-picking, in order to erode trust in climate science and experts.

The platform also said it would not tolerate harmful, false or misleading content about public safety emergencies including natural disasters and extreme weather events.

Sarah Bromma, Pinterest’s head of policy, said the move was an expansion of earlier guidelines first developed in 2017 to address public health misinformation.

“The expanded climate misinformation policy is yet another step in Pinterest’s journey to combat misinformation and create a safe space online,” she said, in a statement.

The social media platform worked with experts at the Climate Disinformation Coalition and the Conscious Advertising Network to create the new policies.

We encourage others to take note of Pinterest’s efforts to reduce climate change disinformation,” he added.

(adapted from www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/pinterest-climate-change-environment-pins-b2052339.html)

(0) No other social network except Pinterest has banned posting false information. T

(1) You will no longer be able to find advertisements or read about conspiracy theories on Pinterest.

(2) So far, in its ten-year existence, Pinterest has attracted a total of 431 million users.

(3) Pinterest users have become more interested in reducing their impact on climate change.

(4) Company policy now bans posts which minimize the role of human beings in climate change.

(5) A lack of trust that people have in climate science has by no means been caused by economic interests.

(6) You will no longer be able to read false information regarding hurricanes on Pinterest.

(6 points)

TASK 4

Read the following article. Choose which of the sentence parts (A – J) best fit into the numbered gaps (1 – 6). There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Not smart but clever? The return of 'dumbphones'

Seventeen-year-old Robin West is an anomaly among her peers - she doesn't have a smartphone.

Instead of scrolling through apps like TikTok and Instagram all day, (0) C .

These are basic handsets, or feature phones, with very limited functionality compared to say an iPhone. You can typically only make and receive calls and SMS text messages. And, (1) _____, but definitely not connect to the internet or apps.

These devices are similar to some of the first handsets that people bought back in the late 1990s.

Ms West's decision to ditch her former smartphone two years ago was a spur of the moment thing. While (2) _____ she was lured by the low price of a "brick phone".

Her current handset, from French firm MobiWire, cost her just £8. And because it has no smartphone functionality (3) _____.

"I didn't notice until I bought a brick phone how much a smartphone was taking over my life," she says. "I had a lot of social media apps on it, (4) _____."

The Londoner adds that she doesn't think she'll ever buy another smartphone. "I'm happy with my brick - I don't think it limits me. I'm definitely more proactive."

Dumbphones are continuing to enjoy a revival.

"It appears fashion, nostalgia, and them appearing in TikTok videos, have a part to play in the dumbphone revival," says Ernest Doku, mobiles expert at price comparison site Uswitch.com. "Many of us had a dumbphone as our first mobile phone, (5) _____."

Mr Doku says it was the 2017 relaunch of Nokia's 3310 handset - first released in 2000, and one of the biggest-selling mobiles of all time - that really sparked the revival. "Nokia pushed the 3310 as an affordable alternative in a world full of high-spec mobiles."

He adds that (6) _____ when it comes to performance or functionality, "they can outshine them in equally important areas such as battery life and durability".

Tech expert, Prof Sandra Wachter says: "It makes sense that some of us are now looking for simpler technologies and think that dumbphones might offer a return to simpler times. It might leave more time to fully concentrate on a single task and engage with it more purposefully. It might even calm people down. Studies have shown that too much choice can create unhappiness and agitation."

Yet back in London, Robin West says that many people are bewildered by her choice of mobile. "Everyone thinks it's just a temporary thing. They're like: 'So when are you getting a smartphone? Are you getting one this week?'"

(Adapted from: https://www.bbc.com/news/business-60763168?fbclid=IwAR11juQu75L1i8GubgUaZDNY11OylPTuDyt2NE_qO4QUNySORUusz-C_fuE)

A searched for replacement handset in store

B while it's true that dumbphones can't compete with the latest premium Apple and Samsung models

C ~~she uses a so-called "dumbphone"~~

D so it's natural that we feel a sense of nostalgia towards these classic handsets

E which were mainly free of charge

F if you are lucky - listen to radio and take very basic photos

G and I didn't get as much work done as I was always on my phone

H she doesn't have an expensive monthly data bill to worry about

I looking for a replacement handset in a second-hand shop

J so it's natural we would like to upgrade to newer models with high-tech features

(6 points)

USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 5

Complete the text. For each gap (1 – 8), use a word from the box. There are three words you do not need. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

developed	taken	brought	finished	established	
sent	inspired	surrounded	graduated	joined	elected

Kamala D. Harris is the Vice President of the United States of America. She was (0) elected Vice President after a lifetime of public service, having been elected District Attorney of San Francisco, California Attorney General, and United States Senator.

Kamala was born in Oakland, California to parents who emigrated from India and Jamaica. She (1) _____ from Howard University and the University of California, Hastings College of Law. She and her sister, Maya Harris, were (2) _____ by their mother, Shyamala Gopalan, a breast cancer scientist, who received her doctorate the same year Kamala was born. Her parents were activists, teaching Kamala a strong sense of justice. They (3) _____ her to civil rights demonstrations and introduced role models, such as a Supreme Court Justice or a civil rights leader, whose work motivated her to become a prosecutor.

Growing up, Kamala was (4) _____ by a diverse community and extended family. In 2014, she married Douglas Emhoff. They have a large blended family that includes their children, Ella and Cole.

In 1990, she (5) _____ the Alameda County District Attorney's Office where she specialized in sensitive crime issues. Next she was elected District Attorney of San Francisco in 2003. In that role, Kamala created a ground-breaking program to provide first-time drug offenders with the opportunity to earn a high school degree and find employment. The program was (6) _____ as a national model of innovation for law enforcement by the United States Department of Justice.

In 2010, she was elected California's Attorney General and oversaw the largest state justice department in the United States. She (7) _____ the state's first Bureau of Children's Justice and started several first-of-their-kind reforms that ensured greater transparency and legal responsibility in the criminal justice system.

As Attorney General, Vice President Harris won a \$1.1 billion settlement for students and veterans who were (8) _____ advantage of by a for-profit education company. She defended the Affordable Care Act in court, enforced environmental law, and was a national leader in the movement for marriage equality.

(adapted from <https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-harris/>)

(8 points)

TASK 6

Complete the text. For each gap (1 – 7), write one word which fits best. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

“My dear Mr. Sherlock Holmes,

You really did (0) it very well. You took me in completely. Until after the alarm of fire, I had not a suspicion. But then, when I found how I had betrayed myself, I began to think. I had been warned (1) _____ you months ago. I had been told that, if the King employed an agent, it would certainly be you. And your address had been given to (2) _____. Yet, with all this, you made me reveal what you wanted to know. Even after I became suspicious, I found it hard to think evil of (3) _____ a dear, kind old clergyman. But, you know, I have been trained as an actress myself. Male costume is nothing new to me. I often take advantage of the freedom which it gives. I sent John, the coachman, to watch you, ran upstairs, got into my “walking clothes”, (4) _____ I call them, and came down just as you departed.

Well, I followed you to your door, and so made sure that I was really (5) _____ object of interest to the celebrated Mr. Sherlock Holmes. Then I, rather imprudently, wished you good-night, and started for the Temple to see my husband.

We both thought the best resource was flight, when pursued by so formidable an antagonist; so you will find the nest empty when you call tomorrow. As to the photograph, your client may rest in (6) _____. I love and am loved by a better man than he. The King may do what he will without hindrance from one whom he has cruelly wronged. I keep it only to safeguard myself, and to preserve a weapon which will always secure me from any steps which he might (7) _____ in the future. I leave a photograph which he might care to possess; and I remain, dear Mr. Sherlock Holmes,

Very truly yours,

Irene Norton, née Adler.”

(adapted from *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle)

(7 points)

TASK 7

Read the text. For each gap (1 – 7), choose the answer that best fits, A, B, C or D. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

Grace was (0) B high school sophomore at Groves High School in Beverly Hills when she was charged (1) _____ assault and theft last year. She was placed on probation in mid-April and, (2) _____ other requirements, was supposed to complete her schoolwork. Grace, who has ADHD and receives special education services, struggled with the transition to online learning and (3) _____ behind. She had an education plan that provided support from teachers and extra time to (4) _____ assignments.

Finding the girl had violated probation, an Oakland County judge on May 14 (5) _____ her to detention. After spending the initial weeks in secure detention at a juvenile detention center in suburban Detroit, Grace is now in a residential treatment program at the facility. Grace and her mother, who have been (6) _____ many phone calls but only three visits during the past two months, have pleaded with the judge to permit her to go home.

Now, members of Congress and officials in Oakland County have called for Grace's (7) _____.

(adapted from <https://www.propublica.org/article/thousands-demand-that-michigan-freegrace-after-the-teenager-was-incarcerated-for-not-doing-her-schoolwork>)

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|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| (0) A an | B a | C – | D the |
| (1) A to | B by | C with | D on |
| (2) A among | B between | C in | D from |
| (3) A let | B left | C felt | D fell |
| (4) A write | B complete | C fill | D fulfill |
| (5) A charged | B jailed | C sentenced | D tried |
| (6) A allowed | B admitted | C let | D forbidden |
| (7) A ransom | B imprisonment | C release | D relief |

(7 points)

TASK 8

Read the text. For each gap (1 – 7), transform the given word to complete the text. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write only the transformed words on the Answer Sheet.

Why are some school subjects perceived as more difficult than others? The general (0) assumption (ASSUME) that some subjects are more valuable than others may have something to do with it. A very common misinterpretation of the idea that abstract subjects, such as Math or Physics, are more valuable than those associated with actual experience, (1) _____ (PRACTICAL) and the body, such as Physical Education, often make teachers very angry and cause a feeling of (2) _____ (SECURE) when it comes to the role they play in the educational process. This feeling is then (3) _____ (EASY) passed on to their students who, as a result, spend countless hours worrying about calculus and algebra rather than dedicating their time to physical activity, playing an instrument or just analysing beautiful artwork. The general belief that true (4) _____ (MATH) are born that way, doesn't make the situation any better. The truth of the matter is, however, that subjects like Math or Physics do require (5) _____ (METHOD) work and dedication if students want to master it properly, but an excellent grade is not (6) _____ (ACHIEVE) for hard-working students whose teachers (7) _____ (TRUE) understand that balance is the key to good education.

(7 points)

TASK 9

Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning to the first, using the word given. Do NOT change the word given. Use between TWO and FOUR words. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write only the missing parts on the Answer Sheet.

- (0) Have you come up with any new ideas yet? (OF)

Have you thought of any new ideas yet?

- (1) This semester has been so stressful that I need a long break. (SUCH)

It has _____ semester that I need I long break.

- (2) Ben is faster than Michael. (NOT)

Michael is _____ Ben.

- (3) I demand to see the manager to file a complaint. (INSIST)

I _____ the manager to file a complaint.

- (4) My neighbour was involved in a scandal. (PART)

My neighbour _____ in a scandal.

- (5) The English teacher was teaching us new words. (BEING)

We _____ new vocabulary by the English teacher.

- (6) Students are advised to make good use of the information. (ADVANTAGE)

Students should _____ the information.

- (7) I wasn't pleased with the offer, so I rejected it. (DOWN)

I wasn't pleased with the offer, so _____.

(7 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!