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## ŠKOLSKO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA

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Zaporka:

(zadana riječ)

### TEST

Čitanje s razumijevanjem:

12 bodova

Uporaba jezika:

38 bodova

**Ukupno:**

**50 bodova**

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

## Tasks 1 and 2: READING COMPREHENSION

### TASK 1: Bang! Bang!

**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 (T or F) on the Answer Sheet.**

Bang Bang (Thomas Dudley) was an eccentric elderly gentleman who became a famous character in Dublin in the 1950s and 1960s. A big fan of cowboy films, Bang Bang used to hop on the buses and trams of the city. He would point his gun and start shooting at passengers (that is how he got his nickname). Only, he did not use a real gun. He carried a large key in his pocket, which he used as a gun. Dubliners, who enjoyed his good-natured games, happily joined in, sometimes ‘returning fire’ by pretending they had a gun in their hands and shouting ‘bang bang’ back at him, or by falling down ‘dead’ on the city streets when he suddenly appeared at the back of a bus or tram and ‘shot’ them. Some witnesses said that everyone was happy to join the game – even postmen left their packages aside while playing. On one occasion Bang Bang even entered a theatre, started ‘shooting’ the actors, and stopped the play. Both the actors and audience were thrilled. Radio and television presenter, Paddy Crosbie, wrote of Bang Bang in his book “Your Dinner’s Poured Out”:

*“Bang! Bang! belonged to the entire city. His favourite hunting-ground was the trams, from one of which he jumped, turning immediately to fire ‘Bang Bang’ at the conductor. Passengers and passers-by accepted the game, and soon an entire street of grown-ups were shooting at each other from doorways and from behind lamp-posts. He was a very young man at this time. “Bang! You’re shot. If yeh don’t die, I’m not playin!”. My father was very fond of him, and seemed to come across him very often in different parts of the city. He told us about one incident with Bang Bang in Marlboro’ Street, where the shooting game went on for nearly half-an-hour and some visiting Americans joined in. They thought the whole thing was really humorous.”*

Thomas Dudley got the inspiration for his daily shooting games from the many cowboy films that he had watched in his early years. Since he was a huge fan of John Wayne, the news of the death of his film idol made him sad. It is believed he did not get over this shock, as he died shortly afterwards.

Bang Bang died in 1981. He is widely remembered by some of the older Dubliners. His death was reported by The Irish Independent:

*“One of Dublin’s best known and most beloved characters Tommy ‘Bang Bang’ Dudley has died in a home for the blind. He was 75. He was a legend in Dublin during his lifetime. He carried a huge key with him around the city, funnily pointing it at strangers and shouting ‘Bang Bang’.”*

Bang Bang has entered the folklore of Dublin as an eccentric but harmless individual who amused the citizens with his games. He is still mentioned in books and TV programmes. The City of Dublin decided to exhibit his key in the reading room of the Dublin City Archive. This is a wonderful way of showing that people who are different from the majority can be accepted, and, as the example of Bang Bang shows, they can make our lives richer.

*(Adapted from: <https://stairnaheireann.net/2019/02/03/bang-bang-5/>)*

- Bang Bang used to jump in front of the buses to stop them. (0)   F
- One of the ways in which people reacted to Bang Bang's act was to pretend to be dead. (1)
- Bang Bang regularly started the same game with actors in theatres. (2)
- Many people did not want to participate in the game and they hid behind the doors. (3)
- Bang Bang always followed the same route. (4)
- American tourists did not find the situation funny. (5)
- The news of his death could be found in the media. (6)

**(6 points)**

## **TASK 2: The Importance of Cutting Down on Your Screen Time**

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

There is a lot of discussion about how much screen time everyone is spending using technology nowadays. Our screen time will only get worse as time goes by. That is why it is very important to try and reduce it whenever possible. Obviously, for most people it is impossible to give up digital gadgets completely. (0) C

### Benefits of cutting down on screen time

Decreasing your screen time is important for numerous reasons. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Using some of those hours to connect with the people around you is always a healthier move rather than spending seven hours watching YouTube.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Your body needs to move around more. Whether it is about your posture or a sudden weight gain, exercising or going out for a walk will do wonders for your body.

Screen time also influences your sleep. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ However, if you do not use any electrical devices for one or two hours before bedtime, your body will produce the melatonin needed for sleep.

### Ways to cut down on screen time

One of the best ways to reduce your screen time is to try and listen to your body. If you are bored and just scrolling through, that might be a sign that it is time to stop.

Also, try not to eat in front of a screen. This has become a habit for so many people and it will only make you more addicted to a screen. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

### Screen time and mental health

Screen time is related to mental health as well. Maybe you are spending your fifth hour of screen time, in your bed, with lots of snacks around, and that is okay every once in a while. However, for a lot of people it becomes a habit only because they have mental problems. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ It is easy to say that in order to improve your mental health you need to cut your screen time. In reality, though, it is your mental health that pushes you over your screen time limits.

So many people go through this, but everyone feels alone doing it. At first, doing the smallest things that might not be life-changing will help you get out of that situation. Simply tidying your room or doing any other household chore could be a great win for you and a fantastic step in the right direction. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Fighting back even in the smallest ways is simply necessary. Take back control!

*(Adapted from: <https://youth-time.eu/the-importance-of-reducing-screen-time/>)*

A If you are staying up late, binge-watching a show, or just scrolling through social media, you might forget to check the time.

B On the other hand, they need to find professional help in order to deal with the problem successfully.

~~C However, slightly bringing down the screen hours on a daily basis might be a healthy move.~~

D Another key benefit of reducing your screen time is related to physical health.

E The combination of too many calories and not enough exercise may lead to serious illnesses.

F Although we physically control our screens, most of the time they seem to control us mentally.

G Firstly, in order to find your circle of friends, you need to be active and not just spend all your time online.

H Moreover, your eyesight can be seriously damaged.

I This is a good way for them to reduce the stress of life, but it could really be a symptom of depression.

**(6 points)**

### Tasks 3 - 7: USE OF ENGLISH

#### TASK 3: Did you know...? Ireland

For items 1 – 8 pick the answer A, B, C or D that best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

- 0) In the 9th century, the Vikings were the ones who first (0)   B   the city we now know as Dublin.
- A) found
  - ☒ B) founded
  - C) find
  - D) left
- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the population of the Republic of Ireland live in the cities, with only three in ten people living in the countryside.
- A) majority
  - B) size
  - C) large
  - D) major
- 2) Cork, on the south coast, is known as “the \_\_\_\_\_ capital of Ireland” because of its many local producers of cheese, meat, butter, beer and much more.
- A) fine
  - B) flood
  - C) former
  - D) food
- 3) Galway is the fourth largest city in the Republic of Ireland. It is also known as “Ireland’s true \_\_\_\_\_ heart” thanks to its growing number of museums and galleries.
- A) cultural
  - B) city
  - C) capital
  - D) camping

4) The Irish language is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ living languages in the world and it has been in use since the 4th century AD.

- A) eldest
- B) oldest
- C) last
- D) newest

5) Over 10% of the total \_\_\_\_\_ of Ireland are red-haired, which is a lot since the rest of the world has less than 2% of red-haired people.

- A) number
- B) people
- C) living
- D) population

6) Old Irish stories are full of fairies, leprechauns and many other fantastical \_\_\_\_\_, such as beasts, gods, goddesses and elves.

- A) beings
- B) books
- C) animals
- D) events

7) The beginnings of Halloween, a popular holiday we \_\_\_\_\_ on October 31st, could be found in Ireland as early as 2000 years ago, when they held “the end of summer” festival.

- A) create
- B) find
- C) celebrate
- D) bring

8) The Emerald Isle is a \_\_\_\_\_ for Ireland, which it got thanks to its beautiful green countryside.

- A) official name
- B) false name
- C) nickname
- D) pen-name

**(8 points)**

#### TASK 4: Harry Potter Fans Know

Read the text. For each gap (1 - 8), 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.

The best (0) C to get to Hogwarts is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Hogwarts Express, a famous train (2) \_\_\_\_\_ awaits students of the famous wizarding school at Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  at the start of each term. Getting to the platform, of course, is an adventure (3) \_\_\_\_\_ itself. You must have magical blood and be brave in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to pass through what looks like a brick wall and reach the other side of the platform.

Details of Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  became famous when *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, J.K. Rowling's first book, was published in 1997. Kings Cross station appeared several times (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the series as the setting for some of the most important scenes. The station was later used as a filming location in the Harry Potter films. For several years now, Kings Cross has celebrated (6) \_\_\_\_\_ role in the beloved books by putting up a metal (7) \_\_\_\_\_ *Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$* , below which a baggage trolley can be seen disappearing into the brick wall.

Construction of Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  on Kings Cross Station (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 2005 and 2012, however, made this magical platform even more difficult to find than usual, because it was moved to different locations around the station several times. Finally, in 2012 it became known that this famous platform would be located between Platforms 9 and 10, right where you would expect it.

(Adapted from: <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/platform-9-3-4>)

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|----|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| 0) | A time       | B period  | <u>C</u> way | D manner |
| 1) | A aboard     | B abroad  | C get off    | D climb  |
| 2) | A what       | B whose   | C whom       | D which  |
| 3) | A of         | B for     | C in         | D out of |
| 4) | A way        | B order   | C fact       | D time   |
| 5) | A throughout | B threw   | C through    | D along  |
| 6) | A his        | B their   | C it's       | D its    |
| 7) | A label      | B poster  | C sign       | D chart  |
| 8) | A from       | B between | C since      | D for    |

(8 points)



### TASK 5: The Start of a Refreshing Idea

For items 1 – 8 read the following text and choose the item that best fits each gap. Each item may be used only once. There are three answers that you do not need. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

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where	only	for	an	the	because

The product that gave (0) the world its best-known taste was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 8, 1886. Dr John Pemberton, a local pharmacist, invented (1) \_\_\_\_\_ recipe for Coca-Cola, and carried the new product down the street to Jacobs' Pharmacy, where it was tasted, called "excellent" and placed on sale (2) \_\_\_\_\_ five cents a glass as a soda fountain drink. Sparkling water was combined (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the new syrup to produce a drink that was both "Delicious and Refreshing," a theme that continues today wherever Coca-Cola is enjoyed.

Dr Pemberton's partner, Frank Robinson, suggested the name and wrote the now famous trademark "Coca-Cola" in his own handwriting. The first newspaper (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for Coca-Cola soon appeared in The Atlanta Journal, inviting thirsty citizens to try "the new and popular soda fountain drink". During the first year, the usual sales reached (5) \_\_\_\_\_ nine drinks per day. Nowadays, people enjoy over 1.9 billion Coca-Colas in more than two hundred countries (6) \_\_\_\_\_ day.

Dr Pemberton never realized the potential (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the drink he created. He sold parts of his business bit by bit to different partners and, just before his death in 1888, sold his remaining share in Coca-Cola to Asa Candler. Mr Candler, an Atlantan with a great sense for business, opened the first factory in 1895 in Dallas, Texas, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Coca-Cola is made to this day.

**(8 points)**

*(Adapted from: <https://www.coca-colacompany.com/company/history/the-birth-of-a-refreshing-idea>)*

## TASK 6

Read the sentences. For the beginning of each sentence (1 – 6), choose the sentence end that best completes it (A – J). There is an example at the beginning (0). There are three extra endings which you will not use. Copy your answers (A – I) on the Answer Sheet.

0) Tom Holland, a popular actor,   J  

A) must take my dog out for a walk.

1) While other people were sitting comfortably in their homes, I         

B) as it was not home-grown.

2) When you improve your studying habits,         

C) wasn't homemade.

3) After biting into a dark brown muffin, I was disappointed         

D) rarely turned off.

4) She did not win the baking competition because her cake         

E) never turned on.

5) My electricity bill is huge because my lights are         

F) had to remove snow from my driveway.

6) When she opened the door, a strange brown puppy suddenly         

G) you will pass the final exams.

H) showed up.

I) because it was savoury.

~~J) is one of the best paid people in the movie world.~~

(6 points)

### TASK 7: The Elvis Mystery

Read the text carefully. For each gap (1 – 8), write one word that best fits into the text. Use only ONE word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Elvis Presley is one of the most famous names in the world. His records still sell millions (0) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ copies every year, and everywhere pop music of all kinds shows his influence. Elvis was called The King by his fans. For more (1) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty years he was the most important figure in popular music. Even the other rock groups of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1960s and 1970s said that Elvis was the man they admired most.

Elvis Presley's first big hit record was *Heartbreak Hotel*, in 1956. In the next twenty years he made almost one hundred hit records, and fifteen of them reached the number one position in the British top twenty. He made a lot of films, television appearances and concert tours, and became one of the richest and most famous men (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

He died at his home Graceland, in Memphis, Tennessee (4) \_\_\_\_\_ August 16, 1977. He was 42 years old.

Millions of people all (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the world were shocked to hear of the death of The King. They did not believe he was dead. They said the man who made rock'n'roll popular could (6) \_\_\_\_\_ die. More and more people believe that Elvis is actually alive today. There is a lot of evidence (7) \_\_\_\_\_, they say, proves he is not dead. There is even a recording of him speaking. Was he speaking (8) \_\_\_\_\_ he 'died'?

This is the Elvis mystery - the mystery of one of the most famous, yet also one of the most mysterious men of our time.

(Adapted from: *The Elvis Mystery* by John McRae)

**(8 points)**

**THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!**