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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 se ove testne knjižice ne boduje.

TASK 1

You will hear a recording called “Teenagers and Art”. For sentences 1 – 6 decide whether they are true or false. Write T for true and F for false. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

- (0) It is a general opinion that many people cannot understand art. T
- (1) Many teenagers believe that an artist’s message is usually not very clear. ____
- (2) A work of art should be analysed only from an artist’s perspective. ____
- (3) How you feel doesn’t play a role when it comes to appreciating art. ____
- (4) A work of art can’t provoke strong emotions. ____
- (5) Art can make you feel good about yourself. ____
- (6) Interest in art can make you a better student. ____

(6 points)

TASK 2

You will hear a dialogue between a hotel guest and a receptionist. For questions 1 – 6, choose the correct answer, A, B or C. Write your answers (A, B or C) on the Answer Sheet.

(1) When did Mr Lannister arrive?

- A) On Monday.
- B) On Tuesday.
- C) On Wednesday.

(2) How does Mr Lannister feel when he gets his room key?

- A) Tired.
- B) Amused.
- C) Deafening.

(3) How much time will Mr Lannister spend at the spa center?

- A) 60 minutes.
- B) 75 minutes.
- C) 90 minutes.

(4) How much will Mr Lannister pay for his spa visit?

- A) \$55.
- B) \$63.
- C) \$70.

(5) How is the masseuse's name spelled?

- A) Libbia.
- B) Lybbia.
- C) Lybbya.

(6) What will Mr Lannister have for dinner?

- A) Cod.
- B) Calamari.
- C) Veal.

(6 points)

TASK 3

Read the text. For questions 1 – 6, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D. Write your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

The Cranberries

Many bands aspire to be timeless or have a sound that does not lose its appeal due to changes of musical fashion. But the Cranberries have achieved that. Play one of the Irish rock group's early hits such as "Linger" or "Dreams", and they sound as fresh and deliver as much of an emotional punch as when they captured a generation's hearts in the 1990s.

The Cranberries were an Irish rock band formed in Limerick in 1989. The band consisted of lead singer Dolores O'Riordan, guitarist Noel Hogan, bassist Mike Hogan, and drummer Fergal Lawler. They became internationally successful in the 1990s with their debut album, "Everybody Else Is Doing It, So Why Can't We?", which spawned the hit singles "Linger" and "Dreams". The band's music was a mix of alternative rock, folk rock, and pop, and was characterised by O'Riordan's distinctive voice, an instrument that could be angelically soft or harshly angry to equally stunning effect. She was impossible to imitate and the fans went crazy.

They released a total of six studio albums before 2003 and after a relentless decade of recording and touring, all four of the band were ready for a break. They went on hiatus, with each pursuing their own separate musical projects. When they reunited in 2009, filled with energy and enthusiasm, new and different experiences were poured into the band's music resulting in a couple of albums that continued the success of the previous ones.

The Cranberries often drew inspiration for their songs from personal experiences and social and political issues. Lead singer Dolores O'Riordan wrote the majority of the band's lyrics, and many of their songs addressed themes of love, loss, and relationships. The band also tackled political and social issues in their music, such as the Troubles in Northern Ireland, domestic violence, and corruption. In an interview with The Guardian, O'Riordan said that she wrote about "the things that affected me and the things that affected the people around me." The band's music was also influenced by their Irish heritage and culture, which was reflected in the use of traditional instruments and the Irish language in some of their songs.

One of their biggest hits, "Zombie", describes the impact of violence and political conflict on the lives of ordinary people, particularly children. The chorus of the song repeats the line "It's

the same old theme since 1916,” referencing the year of the Easter Rising, a rebellion against British rule in Ireland that paved the way for the Irish War of Independence. The song’s title, “Zombie,” is a metaphor for the numb, dehumanised state of those who have been affected by violence and conflict. It was a commercial and critical success, reaching the top of the charts in several countries and winning the Best Song award at the 1995 MTV Europe Music Awards.

Following O’Riordan’s tragic death in 2018, the remaining members of the band announced their disbandment in 2019, after the release of the album “In The End”, which was completed just before the accident. Guitarist Noel Hogan said in an interview: “We will do this album and then that will be it. We’d have to develop a whole new identity and that’s not what we want. There is no need to continue.”

(Adapted from <https://www.allmusic.com/artist/the-cranberries-mn0000784814/biography>,
<https://www.cranberries.com/biography>, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Cranberries,
<https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-42702781>, <https://www.joe.ie/music/the-cranberries-final-album-640720>)

(1) Which word best describes the Cranberries’ music, according to the first paragraph?

- A) Evergreen.
- B) Fashionable.
- C) Cheesy.
- D) Generational.

(2) The band quickly became very popular because

- A) the singer was a woman.
- B) their first album was full of hits.
- C) they played folk music as well.
- D) the lead singer’s voice was special.

(3) What was the period between 2003 and 2009 like for the band?

- A) Exhausting.
- B) Useful.
- C) Lonely.
- D) Successful.

(4) What was O’Riordan’s intention when writing the lyrics for their songs?

- A) To make the audience feel romantic.
- B) To promote and support a political party.
- C) To give voice to personal and social problems.
- D) To teach the audience the Irish language.

(5) What is the idea behind the song “Zombie”?

- A) That people must fight for their rights in any possible way.
- B) That songs about politics can make a lot of money.
- C) That every nation should be independent and free.
- D) That wars and violence make us less human.

(6) What is, most probably, the reason why the Cranberries disbanded after O’Riordan’s death?

- A) Because the other band members couldn’t write lyrics.
- B) They were too sad and grief-stricken to focus on work.
- C) They knew the band would need to change.
- D) They were afraid the audience would reject them.

(6 points)

TASK 4

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

At the westernmost edge of Ireland, the magnificent Cliffs of Moher proudly rise to 213 metres above sea level. The stunning cliffs are considered by many to be the best place to visit in Ireland, not just for the beauty but history as well. Formed over 300 million years ago, they boast a fascinating mythology. (0) D

The formation of the cliffs started about 320 million years ago, when the region was far closer to the equator than it is today. (1) _____ Heavy rainfall on this piece of land caused massive floods that washed sand and mud into rivers that moved towards the sea. (2) _____ And thanks to the movement of the earth's plates, these rocks would move further north — establishing the Cliffs of Moher as they are today. Even if you're not an expert, you can see the advanced age of the cliffs thanks to each rock layer telling its own story that represents a particular event in the history of the ancient delta. (3) _____

As for the cliffs themselves, they got the name from a fort called Mothar or Moher, which once stood near the rock formations and was destroyed to provide material for a signaling tower at the southern point of the cliffs — *Hag's Head*. The name comes from a legend about a witch known as Mal, who was obsessed with an Irish warrior. (4) _____ Although he jumped to a nearby piece of land, Mal still followed. However, she eventually lost her footing and fatally crashed into the rocks.

Another tale includes a mermaid, a fisherman and a magical cloak. (5) _____ The mermaid triumphantly returns to the sea after spending years with the fisherman against her free will.

The most famous of legends, however, includes the Lost City of Kilstiffen, which is said to have sunk at the foot of the cliffs after the leader lost the golden key that opened the castle doors. Some say the key is hidden underneath a gravestone. (6) _____ And as for the city itself, some visitors have claimed to see the city shining below the surface. So if you ever decide to visit the famous cliffs, look closely and you may see it sparkle.

(Adapted from <https://allthatsinteresting.com/cliffs-of-moher>)

- A – As the story goes, she chased her love all over Ireland until he got to the Cliffs of Moher.
- B – In the millions of years that followed, the sediment became solid rock.
- C – But this one has a happy ending.
- D – ~~From mermaids to a lost city, there's no question that these cliffs have inspired some of the most interesting Irish folktales.~~
- E – Around this time, a landmass was located to the southwest of an ancient marine basin.
- F – However, she manages to find the cloak years later, while her husband is out fishing.
- G – What's more, these rock formations can clearly be seen above sea level.
- H – Others claim it's in a lake on top of a mountain.
- I – And if you're lucky, you might also be able to spot the Aran Islands.

(6 points)

TASK 5

Complete the text. For gaps 1 – 8, write ONE word which fits best. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

The Fairies as Fallen Angels

The islanders, like all (0) the Irish, believe that the fairies are the fallen angels who were cast down by the Lord God out of (1) _____ for their sinful pride. And some fell into the sea, and some on the dry land, and some fell deep down into hell. The fairies of the earth and the sea are mostly gentle and beautiful creatures, who will do (2) _____ harm if they are let alone. They want to be allowed to dance in the moonlight (3) _____ their own sweet music, undisturbed by the presence of mortals. But the devil gives to these in hell knowledge and power, and sends them to earth where they (4) _____ much evil.

(5) _____ a rule, the people look on fire as the great preservative against witchcraft, because the devil has no power except in the dark. So they put a live coal into the large container for transporting milk, and, if the cow seems sickly, they wave a lighted stalk of straw above (6) _____ head. When it comes to the pigs, they take no trouble, because it is said the devil has no longer any power over them now. As soon as they have lit a candle, people cross (7) _____, because the evil spirits are then clearing out of the house in fear of the light. Fire and Holy Water are believed to be sacred and powerful, and the best safeguard (8) _____ all things evil, and the most reliable test in case of suspected witchcraft.

(Adapted from *Ancient legends, Mystic Charms & Superstitions of Ireland* by Lady Wilde)

(8 points)

TASK 6

Read the text. For gaps 1 – 8 choose ONE answer which fits best, A, B, C, or D. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

Pets are part of the family and have been so for (0) generations. They write their own stories within our (1) _____ and offer much more than just companionship. Throughout the history there have been countless stories of pets that have (2) _____ a legendary status. One of such stories is the story of Hachiko, whose life (3) _____ become the stuff of legend, inspiring a couple of tear-jerking movies. Sitting patiently at the now world famous Shibuya station in Tokyo, Hachiko (4) _____ for his master to return from his workplace for hours on end. The local vendors soon grew so accustomed to the lovely pooch that they started taking care (5) _____ him. Unfortunately, Hachiko's master, who was a professor at the Tokyo Imperial University, did not return one day in May of 1925 because he had unexpectedly passed (6) _____ at work that day. The dog spent the rest of his days visiting the same spot near the train station every day, hoping his master and best friend would again return, something he did for ten years (7) _____ he himself died. There now (8) _____ a bronze statue, erected in 1934, to mark the spot outside the station, which has become one of the most visited tourist sights in Tokyo.

(Adapted from <https://www.brilliant-online.com/post/tales-of-legendary-and-famous-pets>)

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| (0) A) in | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B) for | C) during | D) over |
| (1) A) life's | B) lives' | C) lives | D) living |
| (2) A) gained | B) made | C) given | D) found |
| (3) A) has | B) have | C) had | D) having |
| (4) A) is waiting | B) was waiting | C) waits | D) has waited |
| (5) A) of | B) at | C) after | D) on |
| (6) A) off | B) in | C) by | D) away |
| (7) A) during | B) because | C) since | D) until |
| (8) A) stands | B) is standing | C) stood | D) will stand |

(8 points)

TASK 7

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

just	further	weeds	belong	benches	hidden
only	close	pot	own	bustling	outlet

Wendy's Secret Garden

After Wendy Whiteley's husband died in 1992, she realized she needed an (0) outlet for her grief. To distract herself from the pain, she began clearing garbage and (1) _____ from a patch of land overlooking a railway yard. She's spent the past 25 years transforming the patch of land into something incredibly beautiful: a secret, (2) _____ garden.

No one ever told her to stop. Fueled even (3) _____ by the later grief of the loss of her only daughter, Wendy kept transforming the forgotten lot into what it is today. She doesn't actually (4) _____ the land, but in 2015, the New South Wales Government gave a 30-year lease to North Sydney Council that will allow the garden to continue evolving and thriving.

The garden is a quiet alternative to the (5) _____, more touristy parts of Sydney Harbour. It's a lush, green landscape, full of vivid greenery and a handful of whimsical sculptures. Pathways wind through the maze of flora, leading to various nooks and crannies.

With dozens of secluded (6) _____ scattered throughout, and several small tables in strategically private places, this is a great place to come to write, eat, or meet with friends while feeling like you're the only ones there. Not (7) _____ is the garden itself gorgeous, it also offers several stunning plant-framed views of Sydney Harbour and the iconic Harbour Bridge.

If you're looking for a unique, beautiful, and peaceful spot to visit in North Sydney, this is your place. Just a few minutes past Luna Park, you'll want to keep a (8) _____ eye out for the entrance under the train tracks, as the garden entrance itself isn't well marked (it is, after all, a secret garden!).

(Adapted from <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/wendys-secret-garden>)

(8 points)

TASK 8

Read the text. For gaps 1 – 6, 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.

Australia has a long and (0) fascinating (**fascinate**) history that stretches back tens of thousands of years. The earliest known human (1) _____ (**inhabit**) of the continent were the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who have a rich cultural heritage and a deep (2) _____ (**connect**) to the land. When the British arrived in 1788, as many as 250 different languages were spoken across the nation.

The first recorded European contact with Australia was in the early 16th century, when a Dutch (3) _____ (**navigate**) Willem Janszoon and his crew landed on the west coast of the Cape York Peninsula. However, it wasn't until the late 18th century that the British established a permanent (4) _____ (**present**) in Australia, with the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788.

The British established a penal colony in New South Wales, and over the next several decades, more convicts were transported to Australia as the colony expanded. The discovery of gold in the 1850s led to a significant increase in the number of (5) _____ (**immigrate**), and the colonies of Australia began to unite and work towards federation.

In 1901, the six British colonies became the Commonwealth of Australia, a self-governing nation within the British Empire. Since then, Australia has developed into a modern, diverse, and (6) _____ (**prosper**) country with a strong economy and a high standard of living. It has also played an important role in international events, including both World Wars and more recent conflicts in the Middle East.

(Adapted from <https://insiderguides.com.au/brief-guide-history-australia/>)

(6 points)

TASK 9

Choose the correct ending to finish the sentences. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

Write your answers (A, B, or C) on the Answer Sheet.

(0) Even though he lost the match,

- ☒ A) he gained in experience and is now more confident.
- ☐ B) he ran up huge debts.
- ☐ C) he lost faith in himself.

(1) Child safety gates prevent small children

- ☐ A) to wander away and get lost.
- ☐ B) from falling downstairs.
- ☐ C) in case there is a fire emergency.

(2) That dress is so elegant

- ☐ A) that it makes anyone look like a model.
- ☐ B) for her to wear on this special occasion.
- ☐ C) to be taken to the dry cleaner's regularly.

(3) John handled the task very well

- ☐ A) when a good instructor should help.
- ☐ B) thanks to his co-operative nature.
- ☐ C) despite being a trained professional.

(4) Tessa prefers reading a book

- ☐ A) than wasting time on social media.
- ☐ B) to watching movies when she wants to relax.
- ☐ C) when she'd rather go to the cinema.

(5) The company is taking on workers

- A) following the new cost reduction plan.
- B) who showed no interest in the progress scheme.
- C) due to recent increase in sales.

(6) She denied crying about it but

- A) her red eyes gave her away.
- B) her sympathy made everyone feel uneasy.
- C) she is well-known for her lack of understanding.

(6 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.