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**DRŽAVNO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA**  
**za 2. razred srednje škole**

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**Zaokruži broj (1, 2 ili 3) kategorije u kojoj se natječeš:**

- 1 Kategorija 2.A: gimnazije**
- 2 Kategorija 2.B: ostale srednje škole**
- 3 Lista C**

**Zaporka:**

**(dobivena riječ)**

**DRUGI DIO TESTA**

<b>Slušanje s razumijevanjem:</b>	<b>10 bodova</b>
<b>Čitanje s razumijevanjem:</b>	<b>10 bodova</b>
<b>Uporaba jezika:</b>	<b>30 bodova</b>
<b>Ukupno:</b>	<b>50 bodova</b>

**Napomena: Svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na List za odgovore.**

**Sadržaj ove testne knjižice NEĆE se bodovati.**

## Tasks 1 and 2: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

### Task 1 – Early Life and Works of James Joyce

You will hear a text about a well-known Irish writer. For each of the statements **1-5**, choose the correct answer: **T** for true or **F** for false. The task begins with an example (0).

You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening. After hearing the recording for the second time, you will have one minute to check your answers.

Remember to copy your answers (**T** or **F**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

(0)	James Joyce was enrolled in a prominent Irish boarding school.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> T	<input type="radio"/> F
(1)	All of Joyce's professors at the University of Dublin were Jesuit priests.	<input type="radio"/> T	<input type="radio"/> F
(2)	Joyce only wrote novels, short stories, and short prose passages.	<input type="radio"/> T	<input type="radio"/> F
(3)	While in Dublin, Joyce decided to give up on studying medicine.	<input type="radio"/> T	<input type="radio"/> F
(4)	The topic of betrayal in Joyce's works is related to his personal life.	<input type="radio"/> T	<input type="radio"/> F
(5)	In Zürich, Joyce was faced with both health and creative difficulties.	<input type="radio"/> T	<input type="radio"/> F

(5 points)

English

## Task 2 – Movies on My Bucket List

You will hear four short texts about four interesting movies. For items **1-5**, complete the sentences using no more than ONE word for each gap. You will hear the exact words that you need to use.

You **must not** change them. The task begins with an example (0).

You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening. After hearing the recording for the second time, you will have one minute to check your answers.

Remember to copy your answers (**the correct words**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

- (0) A **privileged** English boy is living in Shanghai when the Japanese attack.
- (1) Jamie provides a \_\_\_\_\_ of hope for other captives.
- (2) The underground club fighters are fed up with their \_\_\_\_\_ lives.
- (3) A fellow support group \_\_\_\_\_ attracts Tyler's attention.
- (4) Charlotte is \_\_\_\_\_ her celebrity-photographer husband.
- (5) When Jimmy's daughter is murdered, it \_\_\_\_\_ a chain of events.

(5 points)

English

### Tasks 3 and 4: READING COMPREHENSION

#### Task 3 – The Story of the Highland Bagpipes

Read the following text and the seven headings (A-G). Choose the heading which best fits each paragraph. There are two extra headings that do not fit any of the paragraphs.

The task begins with an example (0).

Write your answers (**the correct letters**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

(0) **G** The bagpipes are one of the most ancient instruments. Contrary to popular belief, the bagpipes were not first heard in Scotland, although they are a Scottish brand. No one knows for certain where the history of the bagpipes began. It is thought that the first sort of bagpipes, which had a single pipe and a chanter with finger holes, came from Ancient Egypt. The earliest legends of the bagpipes being used in Europe came from the Greeks and the Romans.

(1) \_\_\_\_ It is inconclusive when the bagpipes were first used on Scottish shores. They were played in peace and war, to celebrate events and urge the clans towards victory, but not in the form we know them today. A single drone was probably used at first, and a second drone was added around 1500. The third drone appeared only at the beginning of the 18th century, giving us the bagpipes as we know them today. Traditionally, they were made from full animal hide. Today, they are usually made from synthetic fabric.

(2) \_\_\_\_ The bagpipes were used in some great battles in Scottish history. There is a story of them being played at the Battle of Bannockburn where the Scottish King Robert the Bruce defeated King Edward II of England. The playing of the bagpipes was banned in Scotland after 1745 by the government loyal to King George II of England. After the ban was lifted in 1785, the bagpipes began to resurface. They became very popular with Scottish soldiers who carried the instrument to every part of the world, making its sound world famous.

(3) \_\_\_\_ Ever since the bagpipes first arrived at the Scottish shores, they gradually started gaining a foothold in this mountainous region. Eventually, all the chiefs of the Highland clans employed pipers. They were considered a very important part of their households. The Highlanders were the ones to develop the bagpipes into the instrument it is now, and make it a renowned Scottish national brand. Wherever you travel in the world, where there are Scots, you can be sure to hear the sound of the Highland Bagpipes. It is one of the most recognizable symbols of the nation's honoured tradition.

(4) \_\_\_\_ Bagpipes today exist in many forms throughout the world. Most people only know of the Highland Bagpipes, as they are the most common and well-known bagpipes in the world. The basic idea of the bagpipes is the same; the only thing that varies is the number of drones and sounds. It is important to note that there are many variations in countries such as Ireland, France, and Croatia. Since 2015, bagpipe culture has been on the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, which is a great boost for its future.

(Adapted from <https://www.scotiapipers.co.uk/bagpipe-history/>)

#### **HEADINGS**

**A** Impending Changes

**B** Ever-Evolving Bagpipes

**C** Woodwind Warfare

**D** Rebranding Endeavour

**E** Cross-Cultural Connections

**F** Legacy of the North

**G** ~~Bagpipes – the Genesis~~

**Task 4 – Freedom! '90**

Read the fictional accounts of four top models who participated in the filming of the iconic music video *Freedom! '90*. They talk about their feelings, experiences, the late singer George Michael, and their recently departed colleague Tatjana. For **questions 1-6** on the next page, choose one of the people **A-D**. Some choices will be required more than once. Write the corresponding letter A-D on the Answer Sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

<b>A Linda</b>	<b>B Christy</b>
<p>Well, I didn't think it would do much for any of us, because we had already established ourselves in the modelling business, and to be honest, I only accepted the gig because the money was good, but it actually made us a lot more recognizable than we had been before. And it was a pleasant experience overall, much more than I had expected. George and I went way back, so we met the night before the shoot and had a couple of bottles of wine. Not saying we got sloshed, but let's just say I wouldn't be able to deny it under oath either, if you know what I mean. Luckily, the shooting was rather easy for me. I didn't have to do much, just sit around and lip-sync. It was a piece of cake in comparison with what some of the other girls had to do. Yeah, it definitely turned out to be one of the best experiences of my career.</p>	<p>Um, the first word that comes to mind is daunting. I had never done anything like that before, music video shooting I mean, so I didn't feel quite at home. And then, there was the timing of the whole thing. We were told to learn the lyrics by heart, the whole shebang, because we'd be asked to lip-sync. I had been doing fashion shows for days on end; it was gruelling, and I didn't have the time to learn them. I ended up flying directly from my last catwalk to the shoot, and couldn't lip-sync to save my life, so David, the director, was forced to resort to employing light and shadow play to hide the fact that I was absolutely clueless. Luckily, I had my girls, Linda and Naomi with me. As always, they were awesome and supportive. I wasn't what you'd call a happy camper back then, but in retrospect, yes, I'd do it all over again.</p>
<b>C Naomi</b>	<b>D Cindy</b>
<p>What I remember the most about that video shoot was meeting George Michael. Both being Brits and celebrities, you'd think we had met before, but somehow it didn't happen. I was absolutely gobsmacked. To tell you the truth, there was nothing particularly outstanding about him physically; he seemed quite inconspicuous, and yet there was this energy emanating from him, a sort of calmness and confidence I was immediately drawn to. The video itself? Well, I didn't think it would become that colossal. I mean, my part involved just dancing around with headphones, trying not to get tangled in all the wires while lip-syncing lyrics I didn't fully understand. Honestly, I had initially declined when they asked me to do it. I only said yes because my girls talked me into it. Now I am glad I did, for many reasons; for Michael, for another opportunity to be with the girls, and for</p>	<p>I guess the best word to describe how I felt before the shoot is stoked. It was definitely something new, something I hadn't done before, but us American girls never shy from challenges; we embrace them. As for the shooting itself, well, it was a bittersweet experience. A lot of wonderful, kind people there. I remember hitting it off with Tatjana immediately. I'm guessing it had to do with the fact that we were both fringe girls. You know, there was the Trinity, George, the team, and then the two of us. A great girl, really. As for the bitter part, the worst was lying on a wooden crate, buck naked and all wet. It was freezing and I had to give it all to calm my chattering teeth and actually be able to lip-sync. I asked them to ditch the crate, but the thing is, the bathtub would have blocked the view, so I simply endured. Would I do it again, knowing what I know now? An interesting question. I am</p>

the experience itself.	really on the fence on that one.
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Which model:

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| (0) | mentions career advancements brought on by the video?                   | <u>  A  </u>      |
| (1) | states she was awe-stricken by another person on the set?               | <u>          </u> |
| (2) | says she befriended someone on account of both of them being outsiders? | <u>          </u> |
| (3) | describes gimmicks being used on the set?                               | <u>          </u> |
| (4) | mentions a prop being an essential part of the shoot?                   | <u>          </u> |
| (5) | admits to playing things by ear?  | <u>          </u> |
| (6) | hints at reaping substantial material benefits with little effort?      | <u>          </u> |

**(6 points)**



## Tasks 5 – 8: USE OF ENGLISH

### Task 5 – David Bowie – a Star Made of Stardust

Read the following text. Use the word in brackets **to form a new word that best fits each gap**. Use only **one word** in each gap.

The task begins with an example (0).

Write the correct answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

David Bowie was one of the most intriguing musicians of our time, (0) **reinventing** (**invention**) himself continually and influencing countless others along the way.

Bowie's flamboyant persona, innovativeness, sexual ambiguity, and magnificent music kept the public (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**end**) interested and entertained. And his music definitely was magnificent. Even though his melodies were quite simple, there was this (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**insidious**) about them and the way they seeped into one's ear and remained there. Perhaps it was precisely that haunting aspect of his music that proved crucial in ensuring success that would result in a proliferation of studio albums (more than two dozen) during a career that spanned decades.

Even though Bowie will always be remembered for his (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**time**) hits such as *Let's Dance* and *Space Oddity*, those who fancy themselves connoisseurs of David Bowie's life and work will always pride themselves more in knowing some less familiar, but a lot more interesting facts about this fascinating artist.

For starters, though his eyes were seemingly of different colours, he actually suffered from *anisocoria*, a condition where the pupil of one eye is permanently dilated, thus giving it the appearance of different coloration. It was a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (**remaining**) of a teen fight. Speaking of teen years, another interesting fact is that young David founded the *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Long-Haired Men* at the tender age of seventeen. Talk about ambition and social awareness.

And ambitious he was! Apart from a successful career in music, he will also go on to achieve a remarkable career in the cinematic world, starring in a number of films, but also voicing the character of Lord Royal Highness, the emperor of Atlantis in *SpongeBob SquarePants*. Some go as far as to claim that he contributed (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**equity**) to both fields, though others would always give (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**precede**) to his music over his films.

Taking everything into account, it comes as no surprise that someone as grand as Bowie continued surprising us even after his passing. Only a few months after his death, a lock of his hair – cut off by an employee of the Madam Tussaud's Museum in London – was sold at an auction for almost 19,000 dollars. A far cry for a man who once, in his heyday, living (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (**connection**) from the real world and troubled by emotional issues and substance abuse, feared that a wizard might steal his urine.

Another post-mortem validation of his greatness came from an altogether unexpected source, when the powerhouse Mattel, marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first major hit *Space Oddity*, launched an androgynous Barbie doll with flaming red hair, a gold sphere on its forehead, black varnished nails, and a psychedelic space suit.

Love him or hate him, one cannot deny that Bowie was a colourful, one-of-a-kind character who partook in life and his art (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**condition**) and with abandon.

**Task 6 – Gap Filling**

For statements and questions 1-8, find **one word** which is appropriate for **all three gaps** in each of the following sets of sentences.

The task begins with an example (0).

Write the correct answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

- (0) Due to his substantial fortune and pleasant personality, Mark was considered a catch.  
 “You can’t handle the truth” has become such a catch phrase.  
 You!? Hunting? Please, you couldn’t catch a cold!
- (1) I was so happy in my blissful ignorance. Did you really have to \_\_\_\_\_ my bubble?  
 Seeing her graded paper, little Sasha \_\_\_\_\_ into tears.  
 Tiffany had to leave work earlier because a pipe \_\_\_\_\_ in her apartment, completely flooding the place.
- (2) Now obsolete, iron \_\_\_\_\_ were cumbersome machines that helped polio survivors breathe.  
 Upon climbing Mt Everest, she screamed at the top of her \_\_\_\_\_ with sheer joy.  
 Mark is such a gossip – always looking for an opportunity to air his \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) I am so not on \_\_\_\_\_ with you spending the summer alone with your friends, young man.  
 Our hotel offers half or full \_\_\_\_\_ at favourable prices for our guests.  
 We definitely need to \_\_\_\_\_ all the doors and windows before the storm hits fully.
- (4) He told me to \_\_\_\_\_ it, so I did. The next thing I know, we crashed into a tree.  
 The outdated green tiles were replaced by a beautiful hardwood \_\_\_\_\_.  
 He paced the \_\_\_\_\_ for hours, waiting for her to decide whether she’d accept his proposal.
- (5) I was baffled when she mentioned the great \_\_\_\_\_. It was only later that I found out it was a slang term for divorce.  
 You simply cannot \_\_\_\_\_ your time on so many activities. You will never excel at any of them like that.  
 A phrase we commonly use nowadays – \_\_\_\_\_ and conquer – actually dates back to antiquity.
- (6) Your plan is so bad it definitely sits as \_\_\_\_\_ last on my list of preferred options.  
 Gaby is such an eager beaver. She has been sending e-mails incessantly, and I’ve been ignoring them. When will she finally realize she is flogging a \_\_\_\_\_ horse?  
 Even though they were not identical twins, Barry was a \_\_\_\_\_ ringer for his brother Larry.
- (7) Despite her \_\_\_\_\_ background, Lilith quickly rose to prominence.  
 Diana is so arrogant I would love nothing better than to serve her a slice of \_\_\_\_\_ pie.  
 Being demoted from the CEO position should definitely \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- (8) I wanted to ice-skate so badly, but as soon as I set foot on ice, I landed on my \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I often have the feeling that someone had to scrape the \_\_\_\_\_ of the barrel when hiring some of my colleagues.  
 The phrase \_\_\_\_\_ feeder was coined within the field of marine biology, but has since taken on another meaning.



(8 points)

**Task 7 – The Greek Island That Banned Wheels in the 1950s**

Read the following text. For each gap 1-8 think of one word which best fits into the text.

Use only **one** word in each gap. The task begins with an example (0).

Write the correct answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

Nowadays, there is a growing number of places around the world looking to reduce their reliance (0) **on** cars. What lessons can be learned from a Greek island that never allowed them in the first (1) \_\_\_\_\_? Welcome to Hydra, the island of donkeys.

Hydra's archaic reliance on donkeys for transport stems from a 1950s presidential decree that was intended (2) \_\_\_\_\_ preserve the Greek island's architecture and tradition. It includes a rule that wheeled vehicles cannot be used there. Since the town is built on steep hills, donkeys are the only form of transport that can climb the steep steps and stone streets.

Towards the end of a holiday through the Greek islands, I was intrigued to see a place that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ never permitted cars. It was remarkably quiet; none of the screeching brakes or roaring engines typical of places elsewhere. Occasionally, I heard a donkey honking or church bells clattering, but otherwise, silence reigned.

On my first morning in Hydra, I woke up early and ambled down to the waterside dock to watch the weekly deliveries (4) \_\_\_\_\_ carried out fast. Patiently queuing to board the boat were several donkeys. The donkey drivers – all moustachioed island men – quickly led their charges away up alleys.

Our guide explained that since much of the island is inaccessible (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to its lack of roads, the local firefighting volunteer groups are unable to put out fires on their own. Everyone has to run and manually carry the water up. And fires aren't the only time when a lack of vehicles is a hindrance. The guide added that getting to the town's small medical centre can be very difficult when people have health emergencies. Often, people need to be brought down on a stretcher or on the back of a donkey to get seen by medics, which can feel rather undignifying. And what locals need, first and (6) \_\_\_\_\_, is reliable medical care.

Besides emergencies, there are a lot of other daily inconveniences that come with living in a place where vehicles aren't allowed. Finally, our guide pointed (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that getting things delivered is a pain, and the costs of transporting building materials are astronomical. Still, she reckons that most Hydriots (8) \_\_\_\_\_ rather keep the status quo if they were pushed to make a choice.

(Adapted from <https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20230108-hydra-the-greek-island-that-banned-wheels>)

(8 points)

### Task 8 – Sentence Transformations

For items 1-6, use the words in brackets to complete the second sentence so that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the first sentence.

Use **four** words, including the given word . **Do not** change the given word. **Do not** use short forms (e.g. isn't, doesn't,...).

The task begins with an example (0).

Write the correct answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

0) "It's not a good idea to invest in that company," my lawyer said to me.

My lawyer **advised me against investing** in that company. (**against**)

1) We came home late so we didn't eat with the family.

If we had come home earlier, \_\_\_\_\_ with the family. (**have**)

2) None of the new smartphones were there when we got to the shop.

By the time we got to the shop, all the new smartphones \_\_\_\_\_. (**sold**)

3) He finally paid someone to fix his roof last summer.

Last summer, he finally \_\_\_\_\_. (**had**)

4) I believe you should have spoken to your wife sooner.

If \_\_\_\_\_ to your wife sooner. (**only**)

5) We can't wait to hear your field trip anecdotes.

We \_\_\_\_\_ your field trip anecdotes. (**forward**)

6) The party was great even though the club was overcrowded.

\_\_\_\_\_ the club was overcrowded, the party was great. (**fact**)

(6 points)

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