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SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM

Good morning. May I have your attention, please?

This is the listening part of the State Competition.

There are two tasks in the listening part. You will hear each recording twice and you will have time to read through the statements in each task before the recording starts.

While you are listening, write your answers on the task itself. You may cross out your answers, change them, make notes, or underline words if you wish.

After the second listening, you will have 1 minute to check your answers and copy your **FINAL answers** on the separate Answer Sheet. You must do this carefully and clearly, and you must not change what you write on your final Answer Sheet in any way.

Open your tests at page 1.

You will hear a recording about strange events in Stoke-on-Trent. Listen carefully to the instructions. For numbered gaps 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. **Do not change them**. The answers will occur in the same order as the questions. You will hear the recording twice.

There is an example (0) at the beginning.

You now have 30 seconds to read through the statements in Task 1.

(30 seconds)

You will now hear the recording.

Stoke-on-Trent invaded by vicious magpies attacking cats, rats and squirrels

Parts of Stoke-on-Trent have been invaded by 'vicious' magpies, which have been attacking pets and local wildlife, such as rats and squirrels. Families in one area of the city say they are fearful after the psychotic birds, nicknamed 'Magbo', started pecking at their cats.

Video footage reveals the black and white winged assailants cornering small creatures in the street and people's back yards, before 'attacking them to kill'.

Locals are concerned for the welfare of their pets, due to growing bird infestation which is 'terrorising' Hartshill.

A video clip of a magpie attacking a squirrel has now been seen, on the same street where the birds were spotted fighting with a rat. The footage, captured by Alena Copeland, 34, shows a dramatic brawl between a small grey squirrel and a magpie unfolding in her back garden on Nelson Road.

The rodent was filmed scampering up a tree, as he tried to avoid the magpie's sharp beak before eventually making an escape by jumping over a wall onto a shed.

(Adapted from: <https://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/stoke-trent-invaded-vicious-magpies-7848765>)

(Count silently to five and then say the following:)

You will now hear the recording again.

(After the second reading, say the following:)

You now have 1 minute to check your answers and copy them on the Answer Sheet.

(After 1 minute, say the following:)

This is the end of the first listening task. Now please turn your attention to page 2.

You will hear a recording of an excerpt from an interview with singer Nick Cave. Listen carefully to the instructions. Read the sentences 1-5 and decide whether they are true (T),

false (F) or not stated (NS). The answers will occur in the same order as the questions. You will hear the recording twice.

There is an example (0) at the beginning.

After hearing the recording for the second time, you will have one minute to check your answers and copy them on the separate Answer Sheet.

You now have 30 seconds to read through the statements in Task 2.

(30 seconds)

You will now hear the recording.

Grief made me a person

Nick Cave: I do have certain memories of the night Arthur died. Yet when I try to recall what happened after that night, it's almost like there is a rupture that time and memory poured itself into. Everything disappears.

Interviewer: People tend not to want to revisit the moment of the actual trauma itself — and probably for good reason. Are you sure you even want to talk about this stuff?

NC: I don't know, Seán. I'm just kind of mystified by how little I remember, just how much I have forgotten.

I remember I was watching TV, and Arthur rings me, and I answer, but it's not Arthur; it's a stranger who had found his phone and his rucksack and shoes in a field near the black windmill outside Brighton. The stranger also says that there is police activity at the cliff near the windmill. Then there is this sudden roaring panic, and we are calling 999. Asking the operator what is happening at the cliffs! The police won't tell us anything.

Then the police come to the house. My wife Susie and I standing on the doorstep, seeing the police car pull up, and the detectives stepping out and walking towards us with their composed faces, and us just knowing. The cops standing in the kitchen and telling us the news — our boy has fallen off the cliff, his body is in the hospital, he is dead, and my head starts roaring the loudest noise in the world...

Interviewer: I don't know what to say, Nick. I just can't imagine . . .

NC: I don't remember much after that, for quite a while. Mostly, I just recall sitting on the back step of the house away from everyone and smoking and feeling the roaring body shock of it, like this alien force was going to burst out the ends of my fingers. I remember feeling like I was physically detonating, like if I made any sudden moves I'd literally explode, so stuffed was my body with despair. And then sitting next to the bed, with Susie lying completely still in the dark, like a stone, her eyes closed, and saying, "I am here, babe, I'm here," but really I'm not, I'm not there at all, I'm in a million pieces, everywhere else, all over the place.

(Adapted from: <https://unherd.com/2022/12/how-grief-made-me-a-person/>)

(Count silently to five and then say the following:)

You will now hear the recording again.

(After the second reading, say the following:)

You now have 1 minute to check your answers and copy them on the Answer Sheet.

(After one minute, say the following:)

This is the end of the second listening task. This completes the listening part of the test.

You may now continue with the other parts of the test.

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