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Zaporka:

(zadana riječ)

## TEST

Čitanje s razumijevanjem	12 bodova
Uporaba jezika	38 bodova
<b>Ukupno</b>	<b>50 bodova</b>

Svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na list za odgovore.

Sadržaj ove testne knjižice ne boduje se.

## Tasks 1 and 2: READING COMPREHENSION

### Task 1 – Discover the Magic of New Zealand

Read the following text and the eight headings (A-H). Choose the heading which best fits each paragraph. There is **one extra heading** that does not fit any of the paragraphs.

The task begins with an example (0).

Write your answers (**letters A-H**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

### Discover the Magic of New Zealand

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If travelling is your passion and you are always on a quest to find new and exciting locations, then look no further! New Zealand is like a treasure chest of cultures, waiting to be explored by curious minds like yours! Imagine a place where ancient traditions and exciting adventures come together in a land of natural wonders.

(1) \_\_\_\_

First, let's talk about the Māori people, who are the original Kiwis. They have been here for around 800 years. The Māori are the keepers of incredible stories and customs, and they love sharing their secrets with visitors. They even have their own special language called *Te Reo Māori*, and it is one of the three official languages in New Zealand, beside English and New Zealand sign language.

(2) \_\_\_\_

Have you ever heard of the *hongi*? It is a traditional Māori greeting where you press your nose and forehead against the person's you are greeting. It is a magical way to say hello and show respect. The Māori also create beautiful art, for example wooden carvings and tattoos called *tā moko*. These artworks are like windows into their history and culture.

(3) \_\_\_\_

In New Zealand, there is always a festival or event happening to celebrate Māori culture. One of the biggest is the *Te Matatini Kapa Haka* Festival. It is like a huge party with songs, dances, and awesome performances. Maybe you have heard of the *haka* dance before, because many sports events in which Kiwis or New Zealanders participate start with it. It is a terrifying, but magnificent war dance that used to be

performed on the battlefield, just before the clash, in order to scare the enemy. Nowadays it is used to challenge opponents on the sports field, and it is a fascinating display of power, pride, and, above all, unity.

(4) \_\_\_\_

However, New Zealand isn't just about Māori culture. It is a big, friendly melting pot of people from all over the world. You'll find folks from Europe, the Pacific Islands, Asia, and more. This mix of cultures makes New Zealand an incredibly exciting place to explore. You'll taste all sorts of delicious food, hear different languages, and make friends from all over the world, maybe even find a distant relative. Did you know that the New Zealand singer and songwriter Lorde is of Croatian and Irish origin?

(5) \_\_\_\_

One thing everyone in New Zealand agrees on is their love for nature. The outdoors is like a giant playground. You can go hiking in lush forests, swim in the crystal-blue ocean at the most beautiful beaches in the world, and camp under the stars. The smash hits "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" were filmed here so you can visit the locations and even stay in the Hobbit houses. Imagine all the adventures waiting for you!

(6) \_\_\_\_

And here's the best part: New Zealanders are known for their friendliness. They call it *manaakitanga*, which means they're very welcoming. It's like they're saying, "Come join the fun!" No matter where you're from, you'll feel right at home. So, whether you're into exploring ancient traditions, going on wild adventures, or making friends from all over the world, New Zealand has something amazing for every explorer like you. It is a land of magic and wonders waiting to be discovered!

(6 points)

### HEADINGS

- A) Welcoming Artistry
- B) Standing Invitation
- C) Cultural Blend
- D) Distant Warfare
- E) Rejoicing Movement
- F) Fascinating Mixture
- G) Linguistic Wealth
- H) Open-air Experiences

## Task 2 – Talented Taylor

Read the text about Taylor Swift. For each of the items **1-6** choose the correct answer **A, B, C or D**. The task begins with an example **(0)**.

Write your answers (**letters A, B, C or D**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

### Talented Taylor

Taylor Swift is a well-known singer-songwriter who has made a significant impact on the music industry. Born on 13 December 1989, in Pennsylvania, she developed a love for music when she was still a little girl. She started writing songs and playing the guitar when she was just twelve years old. Little did she know that her passion for music would lead her to become one of the most successful artists of her generation.

Taylor Swift's music style can be described as a mix of country and pop. Her debut album, released in 2006, gained popularity with the hit single "Tim McGraw". Since then, Taylor has released a gallery of albums, each showcasing her growth as an artist and songwriter. Her relatable lyrics and catchy melodies have resonated with millions of fans worldwide.

Apart from her musical talents, Taylor Swift is also known for her philanthropic work and advocacy for various causes. She has used her platform to speak out against bullying, and promote education, donating millions of dollars to schools and organizations. In addition, Taylor has been an advocate for artist rights, fighting for fair compensation in the music industry.

One of the reasons why Taylor Swift is considered an influential figure is her ability to empower the youth. Through her music and lyrics, she encourages her fans to embrace their individuality and stand up for themselves. Taylor has often expressed the importance of self-confidence and staying true to one's beliefs. Many young people look up to her as a role model, finding inspiration in her journey of self-discovery and success.

#### **(0) When did Taylor Swift's interest in music arise?**

- A) When she became famous.
- B) When she was twelve years old.
- C) When she was a young child.**
- D) When she released her first album.

**(1) What is the main focus of the text about Taylor Swift?**

- A) Her recent achievements in the music industry.
- B) Her fashion choices and style.
- C) Her role in empowering young people.
- D) Her personal life and relationships.

**(2) What is Taylor Swift recognized for?**

- A) Being a famous guitarist.
- B) Exhibiting at a well-known gallery.
- C) Being a prominent female figure.
- D) Writing poems.

**(3) Besides being a musician, Taylor Swift is also known as**

- A) a bully.
- B) an educator.
- C) a lawyer.
- D) a humanitarian.

**(4) How does Taylor Swift influence young people?**

- A) By writing powerful songs.
- B) By advocating artists rights.
- C) By writing empowering books.
- D) By participating in charity events.

**(5) What does Taylor Swift promote through her lyrics?**

- A) Fighting your enemies.
- B) Fitting in the society.
- C) Bragging about your success.
- D) Following your path.

**(6) What is the overall purpose of the text about Taylor Swift?**

- A) To entertain readers with interesting facts and trivia.
- B) To inform readers about Taylor Swift's life and impact.
- C) To persuade readers to become fans of Taylor Swift.
- D) To promote Taylor Swift's latest album.

**(6 points)**

### Tasks 3-7: USE OF ENGLISH

#### Task 3: Dear Alice

Read the following text. For each gap **1-8**, write **one** word that best fits the gap. Use **only one** word in each gap.

The task begins with an example **(0)**.

Write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

Dear Alice,

I hope you are OK and you are not crying **(0) over** that lousy Tony anymore. I wanted to let you know what's been happening in my life lately.

Last Thursday my dad's car broke **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ and he had to use the bus. He hasn't stopped fussing about how public transport needs more funding ever **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_! My brother and I are still laughing behind his **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_! We use buses all the time, and the one time he had to, he is out of his mind!

As for my hobbies, I've done a lot of painting recently. My mum says it looks amazing, but that's just my mum! I love painting in my room while listening to my favourite music. I'm currently working on a nature-themed series, and I'm quite proud of how it's turning **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_. Last month I started taking karate classes. I'm not very good **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ it yet, but I'm determined to get better.

Two weeks ago, I had an amazing time on a school trip to the town museum. We studied the history of our town, and it was really interesting. I especially enjoyed the part where we got to see old photographs of our town. The guide was fantastic, and he spoke of the past with such enthusiasm that I fell in love with history. Or was it just his great looks (wink, wink)? We also visited the planetarium, where we saw a breathtaking show about the stars and galaxies. Hopefully, our next school trip will be just **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ exciting as this one was.

Guess what? Next month, I'm going to a music festival with my aunt Tina and my cousin Annie. We're all really excited about it, we're going to camp out and listen to our favourite bands. I'm really looking **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

Well, that's all for now. I **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ love to hear the news about your life.

Please write back soon and tell me all about it.

XOXO

Sally

**(8 points)**

#### Task 4: Idioms

Read the following sentences. Match the beginnings **1-8** with the endings **A-K** that best fit into the text of the sentence. There are **two extra endings** that do not fit any of the beginnings.

The task begins with an example **(0)**.

Write your answers (**letters A-K**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

<p><b>(0)</b> I can't tell you that off the top of my head, I <u><b>K</b></u></p> <p><b>(1)</b> Brian and his father are both very tall, it ____</p> <p><b>(2)</b> Jake was so sad when his pet tarantula died, but he ____</p> <p><b>(3)</b> Tom has had his nose in a book for hours now, I wish he would ____</p> <p><b>(4)</b> I just can't see eye to eye with Celia on this one, we will ____</p> <p><b>(5)</b> He's been preparing for this recital for months, I hope he ____</p> <p><b>(6)</b> Logan is a really good student, but doing presentations ____</p> <p><b>(7)</b> Seeing this gorgeous dog now, it's hard to believe he ____</p> <p><b>(8)</b> I've been trying to get this thread through the needle for fifteen minutes, I ____</p>	<p><b>A)</b> be a sight for sore eyes.</p> <p><b>B)</b> must run in the family.</p> <p><b>C)</b> never get along.</p> <p><b>D)</b> put on a brave face for his baby brother.</p> <p><b>E)</b> seem to be all thumbs today.</p> <p><b>F)</b> seems to be his Achilles' heel.</p> <p><b>G)</b> take a break and talk to us.</p> <p><b>H)</b> was all skin and bones not too long ago.</p> <p><b>I)</b> won't cost an arm and a leg.</p> <p><b>J)</b> won't get cold feet at the last moment.</p> <p><b>K)</b> <del>have to consult a dictionary first.</del></p>
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**(8 points)**

### Task 5: Do Zebras Have Stripes on Their Skin?

Read the following text. For each gap **1-6**, use **one** word from the box that best fits in the text. Use **only one** word in each gap. There are **three extra words** that do not fit any of the gaps.

The task begins with an example **(0)**.

Write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

### Do Zebras Have Stripes on Their Skin?

<b>absorb</b>	<b>under</b>	<b>depending</b>	<b>likely</b>	<b>stripped</b>
<b>uniform</b>	<b>depends</b>	<b>striped</b>	<b>absorbed</b>	<b>patterns</b>

What does animal skin look like **(0) under** fur or hair - especially strikingly patterned animals such as most big cats, giraffes, and zebras? The short answer is that it **(1) \_\_\_\_\_** on the animal. For instance, zebra skin is black under their black-and-white **(2) \_\_\_\_\_** coats. And zebra isn't the only one. Giraffe skin is a **(3) \_\_\_\_\_** light brown which is similar in color to that of its coat. Unlike zebra's unique markings, its **(4) \_\_\_\_\_** are not visible.

"Cheetahs, which are actually more closely related to small cats, definitely do not have spots or lines on their skin", says Vincent van der Merwe, a biologist at *South Africa's Endangered Wildlife Trust*. "However, big cats, such as tigers, have skin markings that mirror their fur", says van der Merwe. That's **(5) \_\_\_\_\_** because the colored hair follicles embedded in the skin are visible.

Polar bears have black skin under their fur, which allows them to **(6) \_\_\_\_\_** more sunlight in the frigid Arctic. Their fur looks white on the ice, because of the way the hair scatters light, but it is actually clear. This also helps these predators blend into their polar environment.

Adapted from: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/animals-skin-colors-zebras-big-cats>

**(6 points)**



### Task 6: Spectacular Simone

Read the following text and the options below. Choose the answer (**A, B, or C**) which best fits in each gap. For each gap there is **only one** correct answer.

The task begins with an example (0).

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

Simone Biles is an extraordinary American gymnast. Her story is one of (0) **C** most amazing stories in modern-day sports. A girl from foster care, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ was dealt a bad hand in her early childhood, became the most decorated gymnast in history. Today she is widely considered the greatest of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ time.

Simone was born (3) \_\_\_\_\_ March 14, 1997, in Columbus, Ohio. She started doing gymnastics at a very young age. She first tried it when she was just six years old and loved it from (4) \_\_\_\_\_ very beginning. Simone worked hard and trained a lot. She always wanted (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the best.

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ dream came true when she competed in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and won four gold medals. Since then, she has won (7) \_\_\_\_\_ gold medals, and so far she has even had five gymnastics elements named after her.

Simone is a role model for many young gymnasts all over the globe, not only because of her unparalleled success in competitions, but also because of her incredible strength in the face of obstacles. In 2021, during the Tokyo Olympics, Simone withdrew from the finals of the individual all-around competition and the women's team finals citing mental health concerns.

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ doing that, she gave an outlet for athletes to speak up about their mental well-being, and showed the sports world that putting yourself first is an act of courage, not selfishness.

(0)

A) a

B) an

**C) the**

**(1)**

- A) which
- B) what
- C) who

**(3)**

- A) at
- B) in
- C) on

**(5)**

- A) to be
- B) be
- C) being

**(7)**

- A) much
- B) many
- C) lots

**(2)**

- A) every
- B) all
- C) any

**(4)**

- A) a
- B) an
- C) the

**(6)**

- A) Her
- B) Hers
- C) She's

**(8)**

- A) At
- B) By
- C) Of

**(8 points)**

### Task 7: Dignity of Earth and Sky

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 your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

The "Dignity of Earth and Sky" statue is a **(0) powerful** (POWER) symbol of respect and empowerment, honoring the culture of the Dakota and Lakota peoples. This captivating artwork, created by the renowned sculptor Dale Claude Lamphere, is a testament to the resilience and **(1) \_\_\_\_\_** (STRONG) of indigenous communities, and it highlights the significant role of indigenous women within these communities.

Standing over fifteen meters tall, **(2) \_\_\_\_\_** (GRACE) and proud, the statue portrays a Native American woman with her head held high, her feet firmly grounded, and her arms extended towards the sky and holding a quilt. The star in the middle of the quilt is made of 128 diamond shapes in **(3) \_\_\_\_\_** (VARY) colors of the surrounding water and sky. This imagery signifies the deep **(4) \_\_\_\_\_** (CONNECT) indigenous cultures have with the environment and the heavens. It represents a harmonious relationship with the land, acknowledging the **(5) \_\_\_\_\_** (WISE) and heritage passed down through generations.

For indigenous women, the statue serves as a symbol of empowerment. It celebrates their vital roles as caretakers of the Earth and bearers of indigenous **(6) \_\_\_\_\_** (KNOW) and traditions. "Dignity of Earth and Sky" recognizes the value of their many **(7) \_\_\_\_\_** (CONTRIBUTE) to their communities and to the preservation of their unique cultures.

In a world that sometimes marginalizes indigenous voices, this statue stands as a reminder of the spirit, resilience, and dignity of indigenous women, **(8) \_\_\_\_\_** (COURAGE) them to continue their vital work in nurturing their communities and safeguarding the environment.

**(8 points)**

**THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.**