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TEST

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Uporaba jezika	38 bodova
Ukupno	50 bodova

Svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na list za odgovore.

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TASKS 1 AND 2: READING COMPREHENSION

TASK 1

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

Miffy Mania - how a fictional cartoon bunny became a true icon

Miffy may just be a rabbit, and her original creator may have died many years ago, but she has been with us for a long time, and I highly doubt she is going to be leaving our sides anytime soon. Hop onboard the trend, if you haven't already, since it's just a matter of time until she captures your heart, too. This adorable little bunny was first created in 1955 by Dutch artist Dick Bruna and was originally intended for use in picture books. (0) _____ I _____ She also found fame on the silver screen with *Miffy: Colours, Numbers and Shapes* in 1984 and *Miffy and Friends* in 1996, where she was accompanied by a bear, pig and dog. (1) _____ Miffy even starred in her own feature film in 2013, which was aptly titled *Miffy the Movie* and followed the rabbit's adventure, completing a treasure hunt in the zoo.

Miffy has captured the hearts of people both young and old, but the bunny has since found herself an audience that seems to adore her more than others before – Gen Z. From the luxurious and pricey collaborations with Mulberry, Tommy Hilfiger, and Le Creuset, to collections with Peter Alexander, Uniqlo, and Converse, this little bunny seems to be everywhere these days. (2) _____ Hashtag *miffy* on TikTok has amassed over 450 million views and is becoming one of the definitive cool girl icons of 2023. Hello Kitty has had a long reign as the ambassador of cuteness for some time now, but it is safe to say that Miffy is well and truly coming for her crown.

As a Miffy buff myself, I am pretty curious about her recent reappearance and what it will mean in our society. (3) _____ We see this with the mega-successful Barbie movie and the live-action remake of *The Little Mermaid*. There are also other popular franchises and icons of girlhood, which have been eagerly brought back – which I believe shows a deeper reformation of 'girly' aesthetics that were once overlooked and mocked in our society, but, thankfully, the tide has finally turned.

Miffy is also a very popular little bunny within the East Asian diaspora, with Japan leading the way with countless Miffy-inspired shops, cafes and snacks. (4) _____ Moreover, 2023 just so happens to be the year of the rabbit in the Chinese Zodiac, which might help to explain her rising popularity across the world.

From a design perspective, Miffy can be seen as both minimalist and maximalist. (5) _____ Maximalists also find themselves indulging in Miffy accessories, scattering her image all over their outfits and houses. I happen to fall into this category, with eight Miffy teddies scattered across my collection and countless other things in my home. It is ultimately irrelevant if you grew up as a Miffy lover yourself, or if you are a newer fan – she is for all people at any given time. (6) _____ Besides all that, she is also just a nice little friend to have by your side as you go through the many anxieties of life.

(Adapted from: <https://www.frankie.com.au/article/how-a-fictional-cartoon-rabbit-became-a-bona-fide-icon-599936#:~:text=Gen%20Z%20celebrities%20and%20influencers,%23coolgirl%20icons%20of%20%232023>)

- A) It is only fitting since she represents the key elements found in the country's kawaii culture, which favours cuteness above all else.
- B) In recent months, there has been a bit of a cultural shift towards things from women's childhoods that have been growing popular in the mainstream.
- C) Miffy is an embodiment of childhood joy and the collective reclaiming of girlhood.
- D) Accordingly, Gen Z celebrities and influencers have been showing Miffy off on their outfits and accessories.
- E) However, Miffy has become an iconic character throughout generations.
- F) She possesses a timeless design of simple lines, which is why she has found a permanent spot in the minimalist apartments of all generations.
- G) Recently, we have witnessed a large wind of change influencing the post 2000s view of girly things as something unacceptable and underappreciated.
- H) Sadly, none of them reached the same level of fame as their bunny co-star.
- I) ~~Ever since, children have, as expected, remained her primary audience.~~

(6 points)

TASK 2

Read the text. For questions 1 – 6, decide whether the statements are true or false. Write T for true or F for false. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

MrBeast: How the world's biggest YouTuber made his millions

Jimmy Donaldson, the person the online world knows as MrBeast, is the biggest YouTuber on the planet - and that popularity brings large sums of money.

The 25-year-old is best known for his YouTube videos. In November 2022, Forbes estimated he earned \$54m in a year from the platform, combining advertising profit from videos and sponsorship deals. Since then, he has gained 60 million more subscribers on his main channel, reaching a total of 172 million. He also has several other channels with tens of millions of subscribers, including one for philanthropy and one for video games.

It is unclear how much money he actually earns. Donaldson has become known for putting the money he makes back into his ultra-expensive videos, some of which take millions to produce. He revealed in a podcast in June that he reinvests every penny he makes. His way of creating content might help explain why this American YouTuber attracts such great audiences.

Apart from his videos, Donaldson is known for philanthropy, as well as many business projects. He has a licensed charity which functions as a food bank to feed communities across the US, and he has helped raise tens of millions of dollars to help the environment. He also has his own fast-food chain, MrBeast Burger.

MrBeast's brand deals

Many YouTubers can rely on ads to make up a part of their income - but sometimes that doesn't cover MrBeast's costs. For example, Donaldson revealed to his Twitter subscribers in July that his latest video, which cost about \$3m to produce, earned him \$167,000 in ad payments after a few days. No matter how long the interest in the video lasts, he will never cover the cost of making it. That is where sponsorship deals come in. For some content creators, this can make up even more of their income than the ads themselves.

Lucy Edwards, a YouTuber with 705,000 subscribers, told the BBC that much of her income comes through these brand partnerships. Donaldson's content is much longer than hers, with her most popular video lasting just two and a half minutes, but reaching two million views.

'When he uploads, people click'

Donaldson's videos are sometimes difficult to describe. They typically involve a challenge, such as a video about surviving hours in Antarctica, or big cash prizes - a \$1m game of hide and seek, for example.

Steven Bridges, a YouTuber with 470,000 subscribers, told the BBC that Donaldson's creativity has influenced him a lot: "I think the interesting thing about MrBeast is his determination to make what he considers the best video possible." He also added: "When he uploads, people click. They know that when they click on a MrBeast video, there's been a lot of effort invested into making it really entertaining."

(Adapted from: <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-66372679>)

- (0) The total number of MrBeast's subscribers in 2022 was 172 million. T
- (1) Making videos is MrBeast's primary field of activity.
- (2) Every video he creates achieves financial success.
- (3) A large proportion of Lucy Edwards' earnings comes from sponsors.
- (4) Philanthropy is his only field of work from which he does not make any financial profit.
- (5) All his videos include cash prizes for challenges presented in them.
- (6) His videos attract viewers because of the quality and hard work he puts into making them.

(6 points)

Tasks 3 – 7: USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 3

Read the text. For each gap (1 – 8), choose the answer that best fits, 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.

Friends

A few months ago, the world was shocked by the passing of Mathew Perry, a famous actor from *Friends*. It is a popular American television (0) B that aired on the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) network from 1994 to 2004. It won six Emmy Awards.

Friends was created by David Crane and Marta Kauffman and is about a group of six young adults who are (1) _____ roommates or neighbours in New York City's Greenwich Village. Much of the show takes place in the friends' apartments as they visit one another.

The group of friends (2) _____ of three men and three women, whose diverse personalities and flaws help the audience identify themselves with the characters and create numerous comedic moments. At the beginning of the show, Monica Geller is a (3) _____ who often changes restaurants and boyfriends in her search for the perfect match. Her brother Ross is a paleontologist and a divorcé with a child. He has a long-standing (4) _____ on Rachel Green, a fashion-minded woman who grew up in a wealthy family, but works as a barista at *Central Perk*, a café and popular meeting spot for the group. Eventually, she (5) _____ a job with *Ralph Lauren*. Phoebe Buffay is a silly masseuse and wannabe musician with an unconventional worldview. Joey Tribbiani is a struggling actor and buffoon who often (6) _____ in Chandler Bing, who is a well-off statistics and data analyst and has terrible luck with women, and in time falls in love with Monica.

Throughout the series, the friends live together or apart in different combinations.

As the show (7) _____, each character became a household name and each cast member a celebrity. The cast was appreciated for its closeness and group

approach to their work on the series. The finale of *Friends* was watched by more than 52 million people.

In 2021 the cast returned for *Friends: The Reunion*, a TV (8) _____ in which they discussed the show.

(Adapted from: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Friends>)

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| (0) | A) film | B) sitcom | C) cereal | D) series |
| (1) | A) both | B) or | C) either | D) neither |
| (2) | A) composes | B) contains | C) comprises | D) consists |
| (3) | A) chief | B) chef | C) boss | D) director |
| (4) | A) flame | B) feelings | C) crush | D) fondness |
| (5) | A) lands | B) gains | C) offers | D) receives |
| (6) | A) turns | B) confesses | C) relies | D) confides |
| (7) | A) progressed | B) progresses | C) has progressed | D) would progress |
| (8) | A) speciality | B) special | C) specialist | D) specialty |

(8 points)

TASK 4

Read the text. For each gap (1 – 8), transform the given word to complete the text. There is an example (0) at the beginning. You must change the form of each given word. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

A (0) <u>numerous</u> Grammy Awards winner, singer-songwriter and country-pop star Taylor Swift is living every teenager's dream. Born in a small town, she has changed the way the current generations (1) _____ country music. Being compared to the likes of (2) _____ country artists such as Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson, Swift was only sixteen when she released her debut album. She is not only a great vocalist, but can also (3) _____ play instruments such as the guitar, piano and ukulele. She is the only female artist to have won two <i>Album of the Year</i> awards at the Grammy's. Her chart-busters like <i>Love Story</i> and <i>You Belong with Me</i> brought her global (4) _____. With the release of every album, she breaks her own record. She is an inspiration to several (5) _____ artists. Not only is she listed in the platinum-selling albums of all time, she also embodies compassion as she has extended unending support to several (6) _____ organisations. So far, she has won several of the most (7) _____ awards as a vocalist, which include multiple <i>Grammy</i> and <i>Billboard Music Awards</i> , and many others. With her (8) _____ song-writing skills she has found a place for herself in <i>The Songwriters Hall of Fame</i> .	(0) NUMBER (1) PERCEPTION (2) LEGEND (3) SKILL (4) RECOGNIZE (5) ASPIRE (6) CHARITY (7) PRESTIGE (8) EXCEPT
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(Adapted from: <https://www.thefamouspeople.com/profiles/taylor-swift-13896.php>)

(8 points)

TASK 5

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

with	in	to	such	its	an	on
both	like	it's	while	by		

Barbie

The film centers around Barbie, voiced (0) by a charismatic and talented actress, as she embarks on a thrilling adventure in a magical world. The animation is a visual treat, with vibrant colors and attention to detail, making it (1) _____ absolute joy to watch. From the whimsical landscapes to the meticulously designed Barbie dolls and their accessories, the animation breathes life into the beloved toys, making them leap off the screen (2) _____ charm and charisma.

The narrative of Barbie is more than just a typical princess story. It promotes empowering messages (3) _____ as the importance of friendship, embracing one's uniqueness, and believing in oneself. The film teaches valuable life lessons, making it a genuinely positive influence on (4) _____ young audience. In a world where representation and inclusivity are of greatest importance, Barbie shines as it portrays diverse characters and shows that anyone can be a hero, regardless of their background or appearance.

In conclusion, Barbie is a heartwarming and visually captivating film that successfully brings the iconic toy franchise (5) _____ life on the big screen. With its positive messages, engaging characters, and delightful animation, the movie holds appeal for (6) _____ children and adults alike. (7) _____ it may not break new ground in terms of storytelling, it excels in delivering an entertaining and empowering cinematic journey. With that (8) _____ mind, Barbie easily deserves a solid 4 out of 5 stars, making it a worthwhile watch for fans of the franchise, and anyone looking for a charming and uplifting animated adventure.

(Adapted from:

https://www.google.com/search?q=barbie+film+review&oq=barbie+film+review&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUyCQgAEEUYORiABDIHCAEQABiABDIHCAIQABiABDIHCAMQABiABDIHCAQQABiABDIHCAUQABiABDIHCAYQABiABDIHCAcQABiABDIHCAgQABiABDIHCAkQABiABNIBCDg0NTBqMG00qAIA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)

(8 points)

TASK 6

Read the sentences. For each gap (1 – 6), choose the answer that best fits, 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.

(0) Hurricane Allen, _____ hit Texas in 1980, took 269 lives.

- A) that B) who **C) which** D) whose

1. Ever since I _____ an article about fake news a few weeks ago, I haven't stopped thinking about how dangerous modern media can be.

- A) found B) have found C) founded D) have founded

2. By the way, you _____ cook dinner today, I'll do it!

- A) didn't have to B) needn't C) don't need D) aren't able to

3. We don't usually make our own jam. _____, this year we made an exception.

- A) Moreover B) Whereas C) However D) Additionally

4. I am so excited about my first party! I can hardly wait for the guests to arrive! Wait, _____ here already!

- A) Their B) they're C) there D) there are

5. Some of my friends are struggling with Maths. Unlike them, I am great at it. Each test is a _____ of cake for me!

- A) slice B) peace C) piece D) chunk

6. My friend, _____ one of the committee members, told me the name of the person who has just won the lottery!

- A) whose B) who's C) that's D) which is

(6 points)

TASK 7

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

Are computer games good for teenagers?

Just because a game is family-friendly doesn't mean that it has to (0) be dull or simple. There are so many visually beautiful and complex games that are perfect for family game nights since they can be enjoyed (1) _____ adults and teens alike. Teen gamers can find all kinds (2) _____ imaginative and challenging games that will introduce them to new cultures and ideas while entertaining them. These fun games serve many purposes, (3) _____ just providing a relaxing and joyous gaming time to teaching something valuable to their players. The most fun educational games do both (4) _____ the same time, while immersing their players in atmospheric, fantastical, or realistic worlds and epic stories inspired by myths, sci-fi, and (5) _____ human mind. Gamers can explore exciting and new video games for teenagers with beautiful graphics and intriguing stories (6) _____ will challenge, entertain, and educate them. Teen players can try dark, hilarious, and mystery-filled new games that will help them understand the world (7) _____ them better, as well as the complexity of their own emotions. While many of the video games for teens have stories that deal with more serious themes, there (8) _____ also those that provide pure fun and let their players relax and recharge while improving their critical thinking, problem-solving, and leadership skills, simultaneously helping them become more patient.

(Adapted from: <https://gamerant.com/best-video-games-for-teenagers/#kerbal-space-program-2>)

(8 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.