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Zaporka:

(dobivena riječ)

### TEST

Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	38 bodova
Ukupno:	50 bodova

**Napomena: svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na List za odgovore. Sadržaj ove testne knjižice NE boduje se.**

## Tasks 1 and 2: READING COMPREHENSION

### Task 1: *One Direction: The Incredible Journey of a Boy Band*

Read the following text. Choose which sentences A – H 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.

*One Direction* took the world by storm with their catchy pop songs, charming personalities, and incredible talent. They started their journey on a TV show called *The X Factor UK*, and quickly won the hearts of millions, (0) G.

*One Direction's* story began in 2010, when five young musicians auditioned as solo artists for *The X Factor UK*. These talented individuals were Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson, and Zayn Malik. Even though (1) \_\_\_\_\_, the judges noticed something unique about their chemistry and charm. Simon Cowell, a famous music executive and judge on the show, saw their potential as a group and decided to bring them together.

*One Direction's* first single, *What Makes You Beautiful*, released in 2011, quickly made them famous. The fun and catchy pop song attracted fans everywhere, and the band's lively performances and friendly personalities won over a loyal group of fans. Their first album, *Up All Night*, was a big hit, reaching the top of the charts in many countries. As a result, *One Direction's* popularity skyrocketed, leading to sold-out concerts, and an exciting global tour (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

*One Direction's* fans, known as *Directioners*, played a crucial role in their success. These loyal fans used social media to connect with the band and with each other, (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The band continued to release popular songs like *Story of My Life*, *Best Song Ever*, and *Drag Me Down*, showing their growth as musicians and their ability to capture listeners with their catchy tunes and relatable lyrics. *One Direction's* influence went beyond their music, with a wide range of merchandise and branding, (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

As *One Direction* grew older, their music also evolved. Their third album, *Midnight Memories*, brought a change in their sound, including elements of rock and folk-pop. Their fourth album, *Four*, contained a variety of musical styles. The band members actively participated in writing songs and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to bring depth and authenticity to their music. In 2015, after five years of non-stop touring and recording, *One Direction* decided to take a break.

*One Direction's* impact on pop music cannot be overstated. They breathed new life into the boy band genre, (6) \_\_\_\_\_. As we reflect on their incredible journey, *One Direction's* lasting legacy serves as a reminder of the power of unity, talent, and the special connection between artists and their fans.

- A) that secured their status as a beloved boy band
- B) inspiring many new solo artists
- C) they were competing against each other
- D) including perfumes and fashion collaborations
- E) performing well together
- F) drew from their own experiences
- G) becoming a sensation around the globe
- H) inspiring a new wave of groups
- I) spreading their love for the band far and wide

(Adapted from: <https://medium.com/@jhalakchhapola1/one-direction-the-incredible-journey-of-a-boy-band-phenomenon-and-their-unforgettable-music-legacy-f0dd507af59a>)

(6 points)

## Task 2: *Beatrix Potter*

Read the following text. For questions 1 – 6 choose the best answer (a, b or c). There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers (a, b or c) on the Answer Sheet.

Beatrix Potter is best known as the creator of Peter Rabbit and other favourite animal characters. Her middle-class upbringing, fascination with animals, and creativity culminated in a successful career as an author and illustrator, as well as in her passion for conservation – long before conservation became popular and fashionable.

Beatrix Potter was born in London in 1866 as Helen Beatrix Potter. She lived with her mother Helen, her father Rupert, and her younger brother Bertram. Her father was a barrister, but did not work in his profession, choosing art and photography instead. Beatrix inherited his talent. The Potters took long holidays each year to the countryside in Scotland and the Lake District. There, Beatrix spent hours exploring and sketching the wildlife, which would later become the inspiration for her stories. Her fascination for painting and drawing took up most of her spare time outside lessons.

Although Beatrix had been painting for her own amusement for many years, it was not until 1890 that she had her first commercial success with rabbit pictures she sold as Christmas card designs to *Hildesheimer & Faulkener*. She also wrote tales, and decided to turn one of them into a picture book. It was rejected by several publishers, so she privately printed 250 copies of it herself. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* was a great success with family and friends.

In 1902, *Frederick Warne & Co* agreed to publish an initial quantity of 8,000. They sold out instantly and Beatrix's career as a storyteller was launched.

By 1905, Warne had published six of Beatrix Potter's books, including *The Tale of Mrs Tiggy-Winkle*. She used the profits to buy her first farm, Hill Top Farm, in Near Sawrey village in the Lake District. Along with the surrounding countryside, it became an inspiration for many of her subsequent books.

In the summer of that year, Norman Warne proposed to her and she accepted. But tragically, Norman fell ill and died during their engagement period. Beatrix threw herself into the running of her farm while working on more 'little books'. *The Tale of Tom Kitten* and *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck* were both set in and around Hill Top.

Beatrix's love of the Lake District inspired her to create some of her most famous tales, become a prominent member of the farming community and a fierce campaigner on local conservation issues. While she was passionate about preserving a way of life, she was a great businesswoman, not afraid of making changes where necessary. Beatrix met a local solicitor William Heelis and, following his advice, she bought a considerable amount of land in the Lake District. William and Beatrix later married, and she became much more focused on farming and investing in land and the local community, so she did not write much.

Beatrix worked closely with the National Trust, helping it to acquire land and manage farms to ensure long-term preservation. When she died in 1943, she left 4,000 acres of land and countryside to the National Trust.

- 0) Which of these was Beatrix Potter NOT involved in?
- a) Writing.
  - b) Illustrating.
  - c) Fashion.

- 1) Beatrix's father Rupert made a living as:
- a) A farmer.
  - b) A barrister.
  - c) An artist.
- 2) She earned her first money
- a) by selling her illustrations.
  - b) by selling her picture book.
  - c) by selling one of her stories.
- 3) Who financed her first picture book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*?
- a) Her father.
  - b) Beatrix.
  - c) The publisher.
- 4) Hill Top farm was
- a) a place where all her stories were set.
  - b) a place where she wrote all her stories.
  - c) a place which developed her creativity.
- 5) Who was William Heelis?
- a) Her first husband.
  - b) Her second husband.
  - c) Her publisher.
- 6) Which sentence best describes her relationship with the National Trust?
- a) She bought their land.
  - b) She sold them her land.
  - c) She supported their work.

(Adapted from: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/discover/history/people/beatrix-potter>)

**(6 points)**

### Tasks 3 – 6: USE OF ENGLISH

#### Task 3: Yusuf Dikec: Viral Turkish shooter at 2024 Paris Olympic Games

For items 1 – 8 choose the answer A, B, C or D that best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

The opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games captured the attention of millions of viewers around the world. Celebrities, musicians, dancers... they all contributed to the spectacular event.

The Games showcased many extraordinary athletes, **0) B** the headlines with their inspirational personal lives and stories, new sports records, and some scandals as well. Let us take a closer look at some of the athletes who have left an unerasable mark on all of us, **(1) \_\_\_\_\_** in a positive or negative way.

For example, Yusuf Dikec took the Internet by storm with his nonchalant shooting pose, which has been **(2) \_\_\_\_\_** by several athletes, including pole vault world record-holder Armand Duplantis.

However, the Turkish silver **(3) \_\_\_\_\_** revealed he was far from relaxed during his bid for the Olympic gold, despite the nickname the Internet gave him – “The King of Calm”.

The Turkish athlete **(4) \_\_\_\_\_** against wearing high-tech ear defenders or goggles in the mixed team 10m pistol event, preferring a simple pair of glasses and yellow earplugs instead. It was not long before his **(5) \_\_\_\_\_** pose, with one hand in his pocket and a nonchalant glance down the shooting range, was noticed by the world.

"I did not need special **(6) \_\_\_\_\_**," he told Turkish media later. "I'm a natural, a natural shooter." But Dikec admitted that his cold-blooded **(7) \_\_\_\_\_** was only hiding "storms" that raged inside him during the event's closing stages.

However, **(8) \_\_\_\_\_** the millions of views, likes and clicks the Turkish athlete generated, Dikec was not satisfied with the silver that he won alongside his shooting partner Seval Ilayda Tarhan. "My partner and I will get the gold at the Los Angeles 2028 Games," vowed Dikec.

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 0) A) breaking | <b>B) hitting</b> | C) filling   | D) writing     |
| 1) A) either   | B) or             | C) both      | D) neither     |
| 2) A) redone   | B) reviewed       | C) recreated | D) reworked    |
| 3) A) medal    | B) medallion      | C) trophy    | D) medallist   |
| 4) A) chose    | B) decided        | C) selected  | D) picked      |
| 5) A) causal   | B) causative      | C) causing   | D) casual      |
| 6) A) props    | B) tools          | C) equipment | D) gadget      |
| 7) A) exterior | B) interior       | C) character | D) personality |
| 8) A) in spite | B) even though    | C) against   | D) despite     |

(Adapted from: [https://www.eurosport.com/shooting/olympic-games-paris-2024/2024/viral-turkish-shooter-yusuf-dikec-iconic-pose-silver\\_sto20027637/story.shtml](https://www.eurosport.com/shooting/olympic-games-paris-2024/2024/viral-turkish-shooter-yusuf-dikec-iconic-pose-silver_sto20027637/story.shtml))

**(8 points)**

**Task 4: Simone Biles**

**Read the text. For each gap (1 - 8), modify the given word to form the word that best fits the gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet. You must change the form of each given word.**

Just about everybody on the planet knows who she is. Simone Biles – the greatest gymnast of all time. As she was in and out of foster homes in her early **0) childhood**, who would have

CHILD

known she would rise above those difficulties so **(1) \_\_\_\_\_?**

VICTORY

Today, she is a **(2) \_\_\_\_\_** name, but it might not have been so had it not been for her loving grandparents who raised her, and one **(3) \_\_\_\_\_** rainy day that lead

HOUSE

her into a gymnastics center which would become her second home. Through the years, her goals have remained the same:

FATE

to do what she loves and be the best at it. Simone has since become known around the world for her **(4) \_\_\_\_\_**

POWER

performances. To be as good as she is, you have to possess not only physical, but also significant mental **(5) \_\_\_\_\_**.

STRONG

Her exceptional willpower and **(6) \_\_\_\_\_** were especially evident during the Tokyo 2020 Olympics when she experienced a case of the “twisties”, a

DETERMINE

**(7) \_\_\_\_\_** awareness problem that sometimes happens to gymnasts and can be very dangerous. Simone is the proud owner of thirty-four Olympic and World Championship medals.

SPACE

Her **(8) \_\_\_\_\_** are a true inspiration not only to sportspersons, but to anyone who pushes through against all odds.

ACHIEVE

**(8 points)**

### Task 5: *The Writers' Museum*

For items 1 – 8 read the following text and choose the item that best fits each gap. Each item may be used only ONCE. There are three items that you do NOT need. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

belonging	equal	entitled	celebrates
connected	believed	iconic	uneven
gifted	items	accessed	associated

If you are planning to visit Edinburgh, you are probably wondering which sights you should not miss. One of them is *the Writers' Museum*, a small museum which honours three 0) iconic Scottish writers.

Hidden in a historic alley and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to the top of Edinburgh's Royal Mile, this small museum is located in a building from 1622. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ three legendary Scottish writers: Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, and Robert Louis Stevenson.

*The Writers' Museum* is a free Edinburgh institution that conserves and exhibits rare books, manuscripts, portraits, and various personal (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of these three important men, honouring their lives and legacies.

Among the highlights of *the Writers' Museum* are first editions of Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verses* and Scott's popular 19th-century novel (4) \_\_\_\_\_ *Waverley*, the printing press that produced *Waverly*, and Burns' writing desk. You'll also find Stevenson's riding boots, and a ring (5) \_\_\_\_\_ by a Samoan chief engraved with the word *Tusitala*, meaning "teller of tales". You can see his wardrobe, created by the notorious 18th-century Scottish cabinet maker Deacon Brodie, who is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to have been the inspiration for *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

The collections exhibited in *the Writers' Museum* can only be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ by climbing a narrow flight of stairs, and there is no elevator or ramp available.

The staircase at the back is particularly dangerous. The owner constructed each step to be at a(n) (8) \_\_\_\_\_ height. This was intended as an anti-burglar device. Those unfamiliar with the stairs would trip and make noise.

(Adapted from: <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/the-writers-museum>)

(8 points)

### Task 6

For items 1 – 6 choose the answer A, B or C that best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers (A, B, or C) on the Answer Sheet.

0) Yesterday I went to the shop   **C**   car to get some groceries.

1) I prefer vegetables to fruit and I eat all of them \_\_\_\_\_ cauliflower.

2) My sister is furious because she lost her \_\_\_\_\_ for the coat she bought, so now she cannot return it.

3) Something curious is happening with that parrot - \_\_\_\_\_ feathers are falling off.

4) Tiramisu is one of my favourite \_\_\_\_\_ ever. Just the perfect combination.

5) Zookeepers not only feed and clean the animals, but it's also \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility to watch for behavioural and health issues and react accordingly.

6) Would you please come \_\_\_\_\_ ? I need to talk to you about something.

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|----|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 0) | A) buy     | B) bye      | <b>C) by</b> |
| 1) | A) accept  | B) except   | C) expect    |
| 2) | A) receipt | B) recipe   | C) received  |
| 3) | A) it's    | B) his      | C) its       |
| 4) | A) deserts | B) desserts | C) deserted  |
| 5) | A) their   | B) they're  | C) there     |
| 6) | A) hear    | B) here     | C) heir      |

(6 points)

### Task 7: Why Are We So Obsessed with Nostalgia?

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

The (0) other day, while I was scrolling on TikTok, I found a video of someone replacing their current iPhone with a flip phone, stating that they missed the good old days (1) \_\_\_\_\_ phones had to be only phones. For some, opening a flip phone is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ immediately stepping into a time capsule, consequently travelling to a time of simpler days. It made me realise that the more our society is moving forward, the more our generation wants to relive old technology.

As someone who really loves old Hollywood movies, I understand why our generation loves nostalgia. But why, in a society racing toward the future, are we so influenced (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the past?

*So, what is nostalgia?*

It's a universal longing for the past; you can see it in all industries, so much that we might even say our generation (4) \_\_\_\_\_ now obsessed with the feeling of nostalgia.

*Music and the vinyl revival*

Cassette tapes and vinyl records, the old-fashioned media, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ always had the ability to provoke emotions by raw sound. Psychologically, music powerfully creates a memory-filled encounter as the vinyl sound creates a sensory and nostalgic experience (6) \_\_\_\_\_ streaming lacks.

In a way, nostalgic and older music will never become extinct, for artists can only inspire and motivate other artists.

*The psychoanalysis of nostalgia*

Research shows that people engage (7) \_\_\_\_\_ nostalgic daydreams when they're feeling low in an attempt to boost their well-being and mood. It's also shown through experimental evidence that nostalgia can increase one's quality of life and optimism for the future.

To conclude, it seems that our obsession with nostalgia is rooted in the feelings that it awakens in us, as well as in the underlying motivation for fashion, music, and movies from a different era making a comeback. There's a sense that nostalgia is another form of escaping (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the reality that we are currently living in. Maybe nostalgia is the bridge that helps carry our past into the future.

(Adapted from: <https://www.theteenmagazine.com/why-are-we-so-obsessed-with-nostalgia-in-fashion-music-and-movies>)

**(8 points)**

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