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Zaporka:

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TEST

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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: Read the text. For each of the **statements 1-6**, write the correct answer: **T** for true or **F** for false. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (letters **T** or **F**) on the Answer Sheet.

Modern technology seems to be rewriting everything from the way we communicate to the way we learn, shop, or even drive. It is, therefore, not surprising that mental health treatment has undergone some serious changes as well. Conventional therapy, which involves face-to-face meetings with a professional therapist, is still considered the gold standard. However, it seems that the rise of artificial intelligence is now providing new approaches to the ways our mental health can be treated. When traditional therapy isn't possible due to cost, location, or time, many are looking at mental health apps, online therapy services, and even AI-powered chatbots, as options through which they can seek help.

Some of these platforms use AI to engage users through different mental health strategies. The AI chatbots can ask about your day, any problems you may have faced, coping skills, and at times suggest exercises, such as journaling, as a means of maintaining good mental health. The most appealing factor is probably their convenience: they can be used 24/7, mostly on your phone, and usually at little or no cost. More importantly, for most people who have never seen a therapist, AI-driven tools could be the first step towards fixing their mental health. The level of access is critical, as millions of people around the world cannot get mental health care. Whether one cannot afford to pay for therapy, cannot get an appointment, or there is prejudice against treatment, too many are kept from getting help that is needed. AI-powered platforms have the potential to break down some of those barriers by offering immediate, judgment-free support. Additionally, AI processes enormous volumes of information and can, therefore, identify various types of behaviour and mood. As a result, it can remind the user to practise coping strategies, suggest exercises based on mood, track symptoms, and point at some underlying problems such as anxiety or depression.

The question we're left with is whether AI is truly capable of replacing human therapists. While it may be able to provide necessary tools in terms of mental health support, there are some very real issues with it ever replacing the human element of therapy. Therapy is not about providing advice or reading from some sort of script; it is about establishing trust, understanding the complexity of emotions, and providing

empathetic care on an individual level. These are areas at which human therapists excel since they are able to read between the lines, ask the right follow-up questions, and offer emotional support. It is this emotional connection offered by human therapists that no algorithm or chatbot can completely replicate. What we are most likely to see is a future where AI and human therapists work hand in hand when it comes to mental health care.

(Adapted from: <https://www.theteenmagazine.com/could-ai-be-your-next-therapist>)

- (0) New technology affects different aspects of human life. T
- (1) Traditional mental health therapy remains the best one. _____
- (2) AI chatbots are not available at all times and are often unaffordable. _____
- (3) Artificial intelligence does not discriminate against users of AI-powered mental health apps. _____
- (4) Despite a large amount of data it can use, AI is incapable of signalling certain changes in emotions and possible mental health issues. _____
- (5) Human therapists have the ability to understand the deeper meaning behind their clients' words. _____
- (6) The author believes future coexistence of AI and traditional therapy to be highly improbable. _____

(6 points)

Task 2: Choose which sentences from **A-I** 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 (letters **A-I**) on the Answer Sheet.

Look how far we've come! Just 14 short years ago, *The Great British Bake Off* first appeared on TV, proving once and for all that televised baking contests weren't as boring and dull as the industry previously thought. **(0) E**.

This October, a new, deliciously terrifying baking show, aptly named *Killer Cakes*, is coming to Prime Video. The two-part special will premiere exclusively on the platform in more than 240 countries worldwide. **(1) _____**. It features terror-loving amateur bakers from across America coming together for a horror-filled baking competition, and they are determined to show off their culinary expertise. **(2) _____**. The two-episode special also recruited some true horror legends, whose task is to assess and help. In the spirit of a true competition there is a pair of terrifying judges who have the experience and will back up the contestants by giving advice and cheering them on. Nikk Alcaraz, an experimental food artist and baker, is famous for his haunting, yet mouth-watering creations. This time, however, he's not here to bake. **(3) _____**. Then there is Danielle Harris, the famous 'Scream Queen', who started out her career as a young protagonist in the *Halloween* franchise. Her long-standing filmography has seen her take on and defeat some of the scariest onscreen characters. **(4) _____**. There's also Matthew Lillard, an actor who has managed to offer a new, terrifying performance for each generation of fans. Best known for his performance in the movies *Scream* and *Five Nights at Freddy's*, this horror veteran is here to entertain. **(5) _____**. Besides helping the contestants with their TV performance, his role is to be funny and help them to relax so that they can create disturbing, yet realistic cakes. **(6) _____**. Raspberry sauce blood coming out of a coconut-flavoured monster's head, killer mermaid on top of a giant muffin, and cupcakes covered in spiders are just some of the ideas the contestants come up with.

So, if you have any interest in baking and happen to like some drama served on your plate, look no more. *Killer Cakes* are here to get you!

(Adapted from: <https://deadline.com/2024/08/killer-cakes-gory-competition-baking-special-prime-video-matthew-lillard-danielle-harris-nikk-alcaraz-1236043889/> and <https://collider.com/matthew-lillard-killer-cakes-trailer/>)

- A) He brings technical knowledge to the competition that ensures each contestant's creations are as delicious as they are disgusting.
- B) Judging by the trailer, those will be the stuff of nightmares.
- C) They'll end up glued to the screen.
- D) Due to his extensive experience in front of the cameras, it makes perfect sense for him to host *Killer Cakes*.
- E) ~~What followed was a never-ending display of competitive cooking and baking shows such as *MasterChef* and *Crime Scene Kitchen*.~~
- F) What's even better, future chefs are not the only ones bringing the scare to the table.
- G) By doing so, they risk being sent home and not winning the \$20,000 prize and the Golden Knife Trophy.
- H) True royalty of the horror genre, but not the only legend the special has brought in.
- I) The streamer also released some first-look photos of the show, produced by one of the best production companies in the US.

(6 points)

Tasks 3 – 6: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 3: 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.

<p>Uluru/Ayers Rock is one of Australia's best-known (0) <u>tourist</u> destinations. It was named after Sir Henry Ayers, a former South Australian prime minister, and is considered the world's largest monolith. A (1) _____ of Australian Aboriginal peoples have long worshipped the rock, calling it Uluru. Composed of sandstone, the rock changes colour according to the position of the Sun. It is (2) _____ most striking at sunset, when it is coloured a (3) _____ orange-red. Shallow caves at the base of the rock contain carvings and (4) _____.</p> <p>Most visitors arrive there via Alice Springs, about 450 km northeast by road, although there are scheduled (5) _____ to a small airport near the town of Yulara, just north of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Yulara also has a hotel, a hostel, and camping (6) _____, as well as restaurants and other guest services. There are no overnight facilities within the park. A cultural centre near the base of the monolith has a fascinating collection of (7) _____ that introduce visitors to Aboriginal society and culture.</p> <p>Hiking around the base of the rock is a popular activity, as is climbing up the rock itself. However, the local Aboriginal people strongly (8) _____ visitors from scaling the monolith.</p>	<p>(0) TOURISM</p> <p>(1) VARY</p> <p>(2) VISUAL</p> <p>(3) FIRE</p> <p>(4) PAINT</p> <p>(5) FLY</p> <p>(6) ACCOMMODATE</p> <p>(7) EXHIBITION</p> <p>(8) COURAGE</p>
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(Adapted from <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Australian-Aboriginal>)

(8 points)

Task 4: 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.

then	from	lack	do	for	dairy	than
reviews	contemporary		both	critics	temporary	

British food has long been categorized as bad for its supposed poor taste, **(0) lack** of imagination, tasteless puddings, and weak tea. However, like anywhere else in the world, there are **(1)** _____ good and bad foods throughout England. The general opinion that the country's food is not delicious comes **(2)** _____ the popular misconceptions held about British food rather than what it actually tastes like. You may discover that many of England's **(3)** _____ dishes are actually modern, well-prepared, and quite delicious. So let's tear down some of those bad British food myths.

According to one of them, the Brits only eat fish and chips and roast beef, while the Scots mostly consume porridge and haggis. The Irish can't **(4)** _____ without potatoes and the Welsh adore leek. Truth be told, the British do eat some of these, but they also eat many other foods, including classic foods that come with a long history. There are meats, cheeses, **(5)** _____ products, bread, fresh fish, and seafood on British menus. By the way, who was it that invented the sandwich? The Brits, of course.

Then there is the myth that the UK offers no decent places to dine. It may have been true 30 years ago when British restaurants were, for the most part, nothing more **(6)** _____ glorified steakhouses offering the usual steak-chips-onion rings combination, but these days things have changed. And it's not just true **(7)** _____ London. Throughout the British Isles and Ireland great places to eat are found everywhere. Just make sure you read a couple of **(8)** _____ before you choose where to dine.

(Adapted from: <https://www.thespruceeats.com/british-food-is-bad-myth-reality-435484>)

(8 points)

Task 5: Read the text. For each gap 1-8, write one word that fits best. You must use **ONE** word in each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Have you **(0) ever** asked yourself what perfect silence feels like? Do you sometimes wonder what a complete lack of noise is like, and whether it could give you much needed **(1)** _____ of mind? Well, it seems that everybody is looking for some serenity these days, but even such a reasonable idea can go too far. The quietest place on Earth, an anechoic chamber at Orfield Laboratories in Minnesota, was built by Microsoft in 2015 and has since **(2)** _____ up the reputation for being the most silent place on the planet. The background noise in this custom-built chamber is measured in negative decibels, **(3)** _____ means it's below the threshold of human hearing. It is known as "anechoic" because it was designed to stop sound waves from reflecting off the walls, silencing unwanted echoes of noise. It is so disturbingly noiseless that visitors have used it to see how long they can stand the sound of **(4)** _____ own bodies. Very few people have managed to survive in this room for a long period of time – at most **(5)** _____ hour – because in such perfect silence you are able to hear your bones cracking and your blood flowing through your body. It can most certainly drive you insane as there aren't **(6)** _____ sounds from the outside world to get in the way, and absolute silence will gradually turn into an unbearable ringing in your ears. However, the room isn't only for the adventurous visitors. Products are often tested in it to work **(7)** _____ exactly how loud they are. The famous motorcycle company, Harley Davidson, used the room to make its motorcycles quieter **(8)** _____ maintaining the signature sound.

(8 points)

Task 6: Read the sentences. 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 (letters **A, B, C** or **D**) on the Answer Sheet.

(0) There is no point in having a lot of extra time **D** it is used well.

A) if **B) whether** **C) although** **D) unless**

(1) Don't let lousy friends stand between you and your dreams. It's your decision whether to put _____ such friends, or find supportive ones.

A) up with **B) down with** **C) on** **D) off**

(2) The projects were finished on time and the teacher praised the _____ hard work.

A) student **B) students** **C) student's** **D) students'**

(3) You _____ to use expired milk in culinary recipes and thus reduce food waste.

A) must **B) can** **C) should** **D) ought**

(4) Don't tell anyone, _____?

A) will you? **B) don't you?** **C) can you?** **D) do you?**

(5) I was feeling sick at school, so I _____ down as soon as I came home.

A) lied **B) lyed** **C) lay** **D) laid**

(6) _____ British Prime Minister lives in _____ Downing Street at number 10.

A) /, / **B) The, /** **C) The, the** **D) A, /**

(7) Yesterday, the church was almost empty. _____ people attended the mass.

A) Little **B) A little** **C) Few** **D) A few**

(8) Shakespeare _____ 154 sonnets, 2 narrative poems and 38 plays.

A) has written **B) was writing** **C) was written** **D) wrote**

(8 points)

Task 7: Match the beginnings **1-6** to the corresponding endings **A-I**. There are three extra endings you do NOT need. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (letters **A-I**) on the Answer Sheet.

- (0) ~~Everyone says that the last year of primary school is~~
- (1) I've got a little time,
- (2) Don't count your chickens
- (3) We succeeded in putting up our tent in spite
- (4) I've got little time,
- (5) I am getting that scholarship to study abroad
- (6) You can do anything you want to, travel, study, get a job,
- (A) ~~going to be a breeze.~~
- (B) I'm afraid I can't meet you today.
- (C) shall we meet today?
- (D) come rain or shine.
- (E) won't you?
- (F) of the blizzard.
- (G) the world is your oyster.
- (H) although it was chasing the rainbows.
- (I) raining cats and dogs.
- (J) before they hatch.

1 _____, 2 _____, 3 _____, 4 _____, 5 _____, 6 _____

(6 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!