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Zaokruži broj (1 ili 2) kategorije u kojoj se natječeš:

1. Kategorija 4A: gimnazije
2. Kategorija 4B: ostale srednje škole

Zaporka:

(dobivena riječ)

TEST

Slušanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	36 bodova
Ukupno:	60 bodova

Napomena: Svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na List za odgovore.

Sadržaj ove testne knjižice NE boduje se.

Tasks 1 and 2: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task 1

You will hear a text about Sky Garden. For each question (1 – 6), choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening. 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.

- 1) When did Sky Garden open to the public?
 - A. 2014
 - B. 2015
 - C. 2016

- 2) What is unique about Sky Garden?
 - A. Its height of 155 meters.
 - B. Its bulky architectural design.
 - C. Its 360-degree view of London.

- 3) Why is advance booking required for Sky Garden?
 - A. To control access.
 - B. To prioritize tourists over locals.
 - C. To increase ticket revenue.

- 4) Which of the following landmarks can be seen from Sky Garden?
 - A. Buckingham Palace
 - B. Tower Bridge
 - C. Hyde Park

- 5) What is a common criticism of Sky Garden?
 - A. It is more used for public than for private gain.
 - B. It is too small to be considered a public space.
 - C. The garden's plants are purely decorative.

- 6) What latest craze does Sky Garden reveal?
 - A. The use of rooftop greenhouses in skyscrapers.
 - B. The blending of parks into urban architecture.
 - C. The privatization of public spaces in cities.

(6 points)

Task 2

You will hear a text about The History and Variations of Chowder. For each of the statements (1 – 6), choose the correct answer: T for true or F for false.

You will hear the recording twice and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening. 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.

- 1) The term "chowder" originated from the French word for a type of soup. _____
- 2) Both New England and Manhattan clam chowder are red. _____
- 3) Corn chowder was developed to cater to vegetarian preferences. _____
- 4) Coastal Louisiana chowders often include crawfish and are mildly spiced. _____
- 5) Chowder's global popularity is partly due to its ability to incorporate international flavors. _____
- 6) Chowder recipes have remained largely unchanged since their origin. _____

(6 points)

Tasks 3 and 4: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 3

Read the text. For each number (1 – 6), choose the sentence (A – H) that best fits the gap.

There are two sentences that you do not need.

There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answer on the answer sheet.

The Bob Dylan Quote Bet

Since 1997, five Swedish-based scientists were involved in an interesting practice that went on for 17 years, 0) I. The goal? See who can use as many Bob Dylan songs in their research paper titles before retirement.

John Jundberg and Eddie Weitzburg started the trend. Two professors at Stockholm's Karolinska Institute titled a research paper "Nitric Oxide and inflammation: 1) ____". Predictably, it was about flatulence. However, in a 2014 story published in a local outlet, some things about the wager were cleared up.

"We're not talking about scientific papers, we could have got in trouble for that, but rather articles we have written about research by others, book introductions, editorials and things like that," Weitzburg clarified. 2) ____ It later evolved beyond that when two more professors joined in, and then a librarian took notice.

Jonas Frisen and Konstantinos Meletis published a paper a few years later titled "Blood on the Tracks: A Simple Twist of Fate," which, according to NPR, was about non-neural cells generating neurons. A librarian at the institute noticed the paper and brought it to Jundberg and Weitzburg's attention. 3) ____

Jundberg, Weitzburg, Frisen, and Meletis got together and laid out the parameters of the bet. 4) ____ Their restaurant of choice was in Solna, the town in Stockholm where the institute is based, and it was named after one of the founders of modern chemistry, Jöns Jakob.

Kenneth Chien, a professor of cardiovascular research, joined the four other professors in their wager after they discovered his paper "Tangled up in blue: Molecular cardiology in the postmolecular era." 5) ____ The references started ramping up since there were five of them competing.

For example, Jundberg and Weitzburg published "The Biological Role of Nitrate and Nitrite: The Times They Are a-Changin'" in 2009. Frisen then published "Eph Receptors Tangled Up in Two" in 2010, and Jundberg and Weitzburg responded with "Dietary Nitrate – A Slow Train Coming" in 2011.

By 2014, the details of the wager were revealed. 6) ____ At the time, Weitzburg admitted "I would much rather become famous for my scientific work than for my Bob Dylan quotes," but he then added, "But yes, I am enjoying this!" However, there have been no updates on who won, if anyone. Even with sufficient internet scouring, there's no telling if the five professors are still teaching or if anyone retired. The answer, my friend, might as well be blowin' in the wind at this point.

(Adapted from <https://americansongwriter.com/for-17-years-swedish-scientists-were-sneaking-bob-dylan-song-titles-into-their-research-papers-as-part-of-a-bet/>)

- A. With that, the strange Bob Dylan fan club was complete.
- B. They met once a week for a meal and discussed their ideas.
- C. The scientist who could use the most Bob Dylan references before retirement would get a free lunch.
- D. The answer is blowing in the wind.
- E. The long-standing bet finally concluded, leaving all parties to reflect on all the effects of their wager.
- F. It was then that the wager really took off.
- G. The five professors gained sudden popularity for their strange lyrics competition.
- H. The wager began as something fun they did because they liked Bob Dylan.
- ~~I. the parameters of which were revealed in 2014.~~

(6 points)

Task 4

You are going to read an article about airports around the world. For each question (1 – 6), choose one airport from A – F.

There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Airports Around the World**A Skyport International (USA)**

Located in the heart of a bustling metropolis, this airport is known for its cutting-edge technology and seamless passenger experience. It features biometric check-ins, automated security screening, and a high-speed train connecting terminals. Travelers appreciate its efficiency, making it ideal for those with short layovers.

B Lakeside Airport (Canada)

This small yet charming airport is nestled beside a picturesque lake, offering stunning views during takeoff and landing. It primarily serves domestic flights and is famous for its warm, cordial ambience. With cozy lounges and locally owned cafés, passengers often feel as if they are in a boutique hotel rather than an airport.

C Sands Gateway (United Arab Emirates)

This airport is an architectural marvel, blending futuristic design with traditional Arabian elegance. It houses a vast shopping mall with luxury brands, a five-star hotel, and even an indoor waterfall. Many passengers purposely plan long stops between flights here just to enjoy its world-class facilities.

D Nordic Airhub (Norway)

Designed with sustainability in mind, this eco-friendly airport relies almost entirely on renewable energy. The terminal features large glass windows, allowing natural light to flood the interior. Passengers can enjoy a relaxing atmosphere with nature-inspired lounges and a rooftop garden.

E Evergreen Airport (Japan)

Efficiency is the keyword here. The airport boasts some of the fastest baggage handling in the world, ensuring that passengers rarely have to wait long. Its punctuality is unmatched, and high-tech sleeping pods offer a comfortable rest for transit travelers.

F Coastal Breeze Airport (Australia)

Surrounded by tropical beaches, this airport gives visitors an immediate taste of paradise. Open-air walkways, fresh sea breezes, and palm trees create a relaxing vibe. It's the perfect gateway for travelers heading to island resorts or nature escapes.

0) Which airport is located at the center of a busy city? **A**

1) Which airport immediately gives visitors a chilling vacation ambience upon arrival?

2) Which airport provides a luxurious shopping and leisure experience for passengers with long layovers?

3) Which airport is located in a scenic natural setting and offers a cozy, welcoming atmosphere?

4) Which airport is known for everything being on time?

5) Which airport is best for travelers who want a smooth and quick transfer between flights?

6) Which airport focuses on environmental consciousness and uses power from undepletable energy sources?

(6 points)

Tasks 5 – 8: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 5

Read the following text. Use the words from 1 – 10 to form a new word that best fits the gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Murder Mysteries

<p>For decades, authors like Agatha Christie, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Gillian Flynn have captivated audiences with their 0) <u>thrilling</u> murder mysteries. The allure of murder mysteries is 1) _____, captivating readers with their intricate plots and psychological depth. A well-crafted mystery leads through a maze of uncertainty, where every clue holds meaning.</p> <p>Detectives like the brilliant Hercule Poirot, the sharp-witted Sherlock Holmes, or the astute Miss Marple must act swiftly and 2) _____; otherwise, they are inevitably doomed to failure. The best sleuths resist the 3) _____ to jump to conclusions, instead following the evidence with 4) _____ methodical reasoning. Often, the most crucial details are 5) _____ at first glance, requiring a sharp mind to uncover their significance.</p> <p>The genre also explores human nature's darker aspects, from motives rooted in greed and jealousy when the characters threaten to 6) _____ their relatives in case of betrayal. The tension builds as suspects attempt to maintain their innocence, yet their alibis crumble under 7) _____. Strategic abstentions from revealing information heighten the suspense, keeping both the detective and the reader guessing.</p> <p>A truly 8) _____ mystery delivers a resolution that is both shocking and 9) _____ where the final revelation ties every thread together with masterful precision. It leaves the reader marveling at the detective's brilliance, replaying every clue with 10) _____ to embark on another thrilling case.</p>	<p>0) thrill</p> <p>1) question</p> <p>2) decide</p> <p>3) compel</p> <p>4) measure</p> <p>5) perceive</p> <p>6) inherit</p> <p>7) scrutinize</p> <p>8) triumph</p> <p>9) escape</p> <p>10) eager</p>
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(10 points)

Task 6

For questions 1 – 6, think of **ONE** word **ONLY** which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

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The detective was assigned a new case to investigate.

In case of an emergency, please follow the safety procedures.

He bought a protective case for his new phone.

1)

She read the first _____ of his novel and gave feedback.

There was a cold _____ coming through the open window.

He was selected by the Boston Celtics in the _____ at the age of 18.

2)

He was _____ to succeed with such determination and skill.

The prisoner was _____ with ropes to prevent escape.

The deer was seen _____ across the field with incredible agility.

3)

His reckless spending only served to _____ his financial troubles.

The research facility contained a large _____ with multiple buildings.

Water is a _____ of hydrogen and oxygen.

4)

The tabloid newspapers always try to _____ up scandals about celebrities.

He used a _____ to gather the fallen leaves into a pile.

He was known as a _____ in high society, indulging in a life of excess and debauchery.

5)

He secured the door with a heavy _____ before leaving.

The gunshot caused the horse to _____ from the stable in panic.

A _____ of lightning split the dark sky, illuminating the stormy night.

6)

The salesman delivered his _____ with such enthusiasm that everyone was convinced.

The singer's _____ was perfect, hitting every note flawlessly.

The tent was difficult to _____ on the rocky ground.

(6 points)

Task 7

Read the following text. For questions 1 – 10, think of the word that best fits each space. Use ONE word ONLY. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

The Breakthrough

A few years 0) ago, Sarah decided to venture 1) _____ the world of writing, driven by the dream of becoming a successful author. It was about time she took the first step toward her dream. She quit her safe and secure job as a bank teller, despite the uncertainty ahead and in a year found a publisher for her collection of short stories.

She had been working on her first novel for months, burning the midnight 2) _____ every evening to meet her deadline. But as the days passed, she started to feel the pressure mounting. One evening, after another grueling writing session, she decided to 3) _____ the bullet and confront her editor 4) _____ her doubts about the story's direction.

The editor, seeing her frustration, tried to break the 5) _____ with a joke, but Sarah wasn't in the mood. "I've been trying to force it, but maybe I should just take it with a 6) _____ of salt - maybe the story's not as good as I think." Her editor nodded thoughtfully. "You've been working tirelessly, but sometimes you have to stop, step

7) _____, and see the bigger picture. Let's 8) _____ to the chase: you're not failing. You're just stuck."

Just then, Sarah realized the issue. She'd been overcomplicating things, missing the obvious. The editor had hit the 9) _____ on the head - she was trying too hard. Relieved, Sarah took a deep breath and decided to change her approach. That night she went to bed with renewed clarity, knowing she 10) _____ found her way forward.

(10 points)

Task 8

Read the following text. For questions 1 – 10, choose the correct answer. Write A, B, C or D. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

The Evolution of Space Exploration

0) D antiquity, humankind has been captivated 1) _____ the vastness of the cosmos. Ancient civilizations such as the Babylonians, Egyptians, and Mayans meticulously 2) _____ celestial bodies, constructing elaborate astronomical systems that informed both religious doctrines and agricultural cycles. The Greeks, notably philosophers like Democritus, assumed the existence of innumerable worlds 3) _____ our own, a notion eerily prophetic of modern astrophysical theories.

This cosmic fascination seamlessly transitioned into literature, where speculative fiction provided 4) _____ ground for contemplating extraterrestrial life. H.G. Wells' *The War of the Worlds* (1898) envisioned a hostile Martian invasion, reflecting contemporary anxieties about colonialism. Arthur C. Clarke's *Childhood's End* (1953) explored the 5) _____ of an advanced alien race intervening in human affairs, challenging the very fabric of our societal evolution. The cinematic realm further propelled these themes, with *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968) delving into extraterrestrial intelligence and human perfection, while *Arrival* (2016) masterfully examined the complexities of interspecies communication.

Despite these artistic explorations, empirical evidence of alien life remains 6) _____. The advent of modern space exploration, marked by lunar landings, robotic missions to Mars, and interstellar probes, has vastly expanded our understanding of the universe, yet the question of extraterrestrial intelligence persists. Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson maintains a cautious 7) _____ on the matter, arguing that while intelligent civilizations may exist, the likelihood of them being interested in humanity is minimal. He suggests that any species capable of interstellar travel would 8) _____ us as rudimentary at best, akin to how we regard insects. Furthermore, he remains unconvinced by alleged UFO encounters, emphasizing the 9) _____ of verifiable scientific data.

Whether we remain alone in the universe or eventually encounter extraterrestrial life, the pursuit of cosmic knowledge continues to define our species. Considering how often UFOs are spotted in different places, extraterrestrials must be used to living out of a 10) _____.

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| 0) | A. From | B. After | C. Subsequently | D. Since |
| 1) | A. from | B. in | C. by | D. into |
| 2) | A. charted | B. listed | C. plotted | D. registered |
| 3) | A. within | B. of | C. on | D. beyond |
| 4) | A. fertile | B. lush | C. arid | D. prolific |
| 5) | A. complications | B. ramifications | C. implications | D. allegations |
| 6) | A. irrefutable | B. elusive | C. subtle | D. little |
| 7) | A. thought | B. posture | C. stance | D. advice |
| 8) | A. notice | B. perceive | C. receive | D. remark |
| 9) | A. existence | B. nonattendance | C. presence | D. absence |
| 10) | A. limb | B. crate | C. suitcase | D. house |

(10 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!!!