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Kategorija (zaokružiti): **a) 2A** (gimnazije)

b) 2B (ostale srednje škole)

c) Lista C

Zaporka:

(dobivena riječ)

TEST

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| Slušanje s razumijevanjem: | 10 bodova |
| Čitanje s razumijevanjem: | 10 bodova |
| Uporaba jezika: | 30 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: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task 1

Haggis

You will hear a recording about the haggis.

For **sentences 1 – 5**, decide whether they are true or false. Write T for true and F for false.

There is an example (0) at the beginning. You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings.

Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

- (0) Haggis is a type of food. **T**
- (1) The recipe for haggis involves a minimum of four ingredients.
- (2) It is rare to find haggis in anything except a sheep's stomach.
- (3) Some say that it was even brought to France as far back as the 8th century.
- (4) Haggis can be found in posh establishments as well.
- (5) Burns' poem has been making haggis popular since the 17th century.

(5 points)

Task 2**Buy Now!**

You will hear a recording about the film *Buy Now!*.

For **questions 1 – 5** choose from A, B, C or D as the best answer. There is an example (0) at the beginning. You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings.

Write your answer on the **Answer sheet**.

0. What genre is the film?

- A) Thriller.
- B) Cartoon.
- C) Documentary.**
- D) Drama.

1. What is the main focus of the documentary *Buy Now!*?

- A) The rise of online shopping.
- B) The strategies companies use to encourage excessive buying.
- C) How tech companies innovate.
- D) The history of consumerism.

2. How does the documentary characterize major corporations like Amazon, Adidas, and Apple?

- A) As models of ethical consumerism.
- B) As companies promoting sustainable products.
- C) As conglomerates exploiting planned discarding to drive repeat purchases.
- D) As leaders in recycling and eco-friendly practices.

3. What or who is Sasha in the documentary?

- A) A whistle-blower from Amazon.
- B) An AI character called Bixby.
- C) A fictional AI character representing corporate manipulation.
- D) A spokesperson for Apple i.e. Siri.

4. What environmental issue is highlighted by the documentary in relation to consumer products?

- A) Overconsumption of water.
- B) Excessive packaging waste.
- C) The environmental destruction caused by discarded electronics and clothing.
- D) Pollution from the manufacturing industry.

5. What are some of the tactics mentioned in the film that companies use to manipulate consumers?

- A) Offering better warranties.
- B) Using social media influencers to promote sustainable products.
- C) Offering repair services for all their products.
- D) Creating short-lived products that consumers feel urged to replace.

(5 points)

Tasks 3 and 4: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 3

Hugh Laurie

Read the following article. Choose which of the **sentences A – I** best fits into **the numbered gaps 1 – 5**. There are **three extra sentences** which do not fit into any of the gaps. There is an example **(0)** at the beginning.

Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

Hugh Laurie is a British actor, comedian, musician, and writer, best known for his versatility and ability to master both comedic and dramatic roles. Born in Oxford in 1959, he initially pursued a career in rowing, following in his father's footsteps as an Olympic athlete. However, a bout of glandular fever during university led him to abandon his athletic ambitions and explore other interests. **(0)** ..I.. Instead of training for competitions, he began to focus on creative endeavours, which would soon shape his future career.

While studying at Cambridge, Laurie joined the famous Footlights Club, where he met Stephen Fry and Emma Thompson. This led to a long-standing creative partnership with Fry, resulting in popular British comedy shows such as *A Bit of Fry & Laurie* and *Jeeves and Wooster*. Their unique chemistry and witty scripts captured audiences, solidifying Laurie's reputation as a comedic genius. **(1)** Many were surprised when he later took on more serious roles, proving his talent extended far beyond humour.

His role as Dr. Gregory House in the medical drama *House M.D.* was a turning point. The show ran for eight seasons and earned him two Golden Globe Awards. **(2)** His performance as the brilliant but troubled doctor earned widespread acclaim, and his American accent was so convincing that many viewers did not realise he was British. Playing such an intense character for years was challenging, but it further solidified his reputation as a serious actor.

Beyond acting, Laurie has pursued a career in music, demonstrating his talent as a pianist and singer. Over the years, he has released multiple blues albums that have been well received by both fans and critics. **(3)** Inspired by legendary artists like Muddy Waters and Professor Longhair, he developed a deep connection to the genre. He has performed alongside some of the most respected musicians in the industry, further establishing himself as a serious artist.

(4) Whether in television, film, or music, he has shown an ability to adapt and excel. His work spans everything from classic British comedy to Hollywood films and bestselling novels. Despite his success, Laurie remains a private person, preferring to stay out of the spotlight when not working. **(5)** He also maintains that talent alone is never enough and that perseverance plays an equally important role.

- A.** In interviews, he has often downplayed his achievements, attributing much of his success to luck.
- B.** His transition from comedy to drama was unexpected but highly successful.
- C.** His ability to reinvent himself has ensured that he remains relevant across different generations of audiences.
- D.** His deep appreciation for blues music has been evident since childhood.
- E.** Unlike many British actors, he has never appeared in a period drama.
- F.** The series quickly became a global success, making him one of the highest-paid television actors of the time.
- G.** Throughout his career, he has collaborated with many talented individuals across different fields.
- H.** He initially studied architecture before realising his true passion lay in acting.
- I.** ~~This decision marked a crucial turning point in his life.~~

(5 points)

Vacuuming

Read the following article. Choose which of the **headings A – I** best fits into **as a paragraph heading**. There are **three extra headings** which do not fit. There is **an example (0)** at the beginning.

Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

0. A

The first robot vacuum cleaner, the Electrolux Trilobite, was introduced in 1996, marking the beginning of automated home cleaning. This ground-breaking device used sensors to navigate rooms and ultrasonic technology to detect obstacles, similar to how bats navigate. However, it was costly, making it accessible only to wealthier individuals. Despite this, the Trilobite caused a stir, prompting other tech developers to improve and make robot vacuums more affordable.

1. _____

By 2001, the first mass-produced robot vacuums appeared, standing only 13 cm tall and capable of cleaning for up to 60 minutes. These models introduced three cleaning modes: spot, quick, and regular. They could also clean under furniture and automatically return to their charging stations. Electrolux led this charge, setting the stage for the widespread adoption of robotic cleaning.

2. _____

In 2002, iRobot released the Roomba, which featured a three-stage cleaning system. Unlike earlier models, which used only two-stage cleaning (sweeping and vacuuming), the Roomba added a moving brush and a vacuum to effectively pick up dust particles that clung to surfaces. This innovation set it apart from its competitors and improved its cleaning efficiency.

3. _____

Modern robot vacuums are far more advanced than their predecessors. They navigate rooms efficiently, overcoming obstacles with the help of infrared sensors and AI technology. Unlike early models, which often had trouble detecting stairs or thresholds, today's robots can easily navigate around them. These devices can clean carpets, wash floors, and automatically return to their charging station without user intervention. They can even connect to smartphones, allowing users to control settings and schedule cleaning times remotely.

4.

Improvements in cleaning efficiency are also evident. Modern models use roller brushes to gather dirt more effectively and feature sensors that make cleaning even more thorough. When the battery is low, robot vacuums automatically return to their charging station.

Additionally, users receive notifications when the dustbin needs emptying, either through an indicator light on the vacuum or via their smartphone.

Early robot vacuums were expensive, and users expected flawless cleaning results, but these early models often struggled with room navigation. They sometimes cleaned the same spot multiple times while missing other areas. Today, thanks to advancements in technology, these issues have been resolved. The introduction of AI, improved sensors, and better design has allowed robot vacuums to become more reliable, efficient, and affordable.

5. _____

In the past few years, robot vacuums have seen a surge in popularity due to these improvements. New-generation models are now more efficient, durable, and integrated into “smart home” systems, making them valuable household tools. The dream of autonomous cleaning has become a reality, with less than 30 years of technological progress transforming home cleaning.

(Adapted from: <https://aeno.com/blog/robot-vacuum-cleaner-history-who-made-the-first-robot-vacuum/#:-:text=The%20first%20robot%20vacuum%20cleaner,and%20introduced%20to%20the%20public.>)

- ~~A. The birth of robot vacuums: The Electrolux Trilobite~~
- B. The role of artificial intelligence in space exploration
- C. The rise of mass-produced robot vacuums
- D. The growing popularity and accessibility of robot vacuums
- E. Revolutionising home cleaning
- F. The economic impact of automation on global job markets
- G. The environmental benefits of robotic cleaners
- H. Increased cleaning efficiency and user conveniences
- I. Advancements in navigation and smart features

(5 points)

Tasks 5 – 8: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 5

Gap Filling

For **questions 1 – 6**, find one word which is appropriate for **all three gaps** in each of the following sets of sentences. The task begins with an example (0).

*Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet***

- (0) He swung a baseball bat and hit a home run in the game.
As the sun set, they watched the bat fly through the evening sky.
She needed to bat her eyelashes to get his attention.
- (1) He regularly _____ all the doors and windows before going to bed.
The _____ of lightning kept frightening the horses.
The _____ of silk used to be a precious commodity.
- (2) She wanted to _____ the bank before attempting a robbery.
The archaeologist carefully opened the glass _____ with ancient artifacts.
The detective examined the mysterious _____ of the missing lipstick.
- (3) The ancient scroll was difficult to _____, but at least it was in one piece.
The poisoned _____ almost made its way to his plate.
They went on a wonderful _____ which was very romantic.
- (4) She traced a line across her _____, wondering what it meant.
The island was covered in dense jungle, with the occasional _____ swaying in the wind.
He managed to _____ a coin without the others noticing.
- (5) The storm caused _____ damage to the coastline.
We're not having a _____ time at the concert!
My teacher is a _____ believer in hard work and discipline.

(6) I made a _____ for two at the North Korean restaurant.

She voiced her one _____ about the new policy during the meeting.

The indigenous community lives on a federally recognized _____.

(6 points)

Task 6

Amazon kills Bond

Read the following text. For **each gap (1 – 8)** use the word given in brackets to form a new word that fits the context. The answer must consist of a **single word** that goes into the **numbered** gap. The task begins with an example (0).

Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Following years of rumoured tension between the (0) **historic (HISTORY)** custodians of the 007 franchise and their new corporate overlords at Amazon, Jeff Bezos's company has assumed complete creative control of the franchise. It could be a fate worse than death and (1) _____ **(FORM)** Bond into just another algorithm-driven content farm.

For years the biggest perceived threat to the future of 007 was the "woke police". The imagined scene was thus: a mob of rainbow-haired bisexuals would turn Bond into a woman and vodka martinis into vegan wine. What will actually likely kill off Bond is something all the more predictable in 2025: a slow, sad corporate (2) _____ **(TAKE)**, men in suits trampling all over cinema's most famous man in a suit.

Amazon had apparently grown frustrated with Eon's slow movement on the next chapter. Craig's final film was released in 2021, yet there's been no significant movement on a new movie since. No script has been written, no director has been set, and there is no new Bond himself. According to reports, Eon has only had the (3) _____ **(BRIEF)** of meetings with a (4) _____ **(HAND)** of actors over the years to discuss taking over the role.

What this will officially mean for the future of Bond is unclear, but there's (5) _____ **(DENY)** a sense of great loss to all of this. For all the (6) _____ **(CONSISTENT)** of quality that has plagued the Bond films, they've never been total disasters. The franchise has so far retained an air of specialness – a new movie is an event, a once-every-few-years spectacle with premieres that the royal family show up for. There have been seven lead actors, all unique in their own way and each the definitive one for at least a proportion of the Bond (7) _____ **(BASE)**. Now with the franchise under the cloak of Amazon, there is every chance this kind of conversation around 007 will cease.

And care to imagine what this might lead to? Look no further than Star Wars, which has become an (8) _____ **(EXHAUST)** and exhausted content mine. This is set to be the future of Bond – a once great series of films diluted into a soup of algorithmic nothingness. Come 2026, we'll be begging for the days when the biggest worry about 007 was whether he'd still be allowed to flirt.

(8 points)

Task 7

Dr. Pol

Read the following text. For each gap **1 – 8**, think of **one word** that best fits the text. Use only **one word** in each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

*Write your answers on the **Answer sheet**.*

Jan-Harm Pol, DVM, has built **(0)** up a reputation as a Dutch-American veterinarian who has starred in the reality TV show The Incredible Dr. Pol on National Geographic Wild.

Jan-Harm Pol was born on September 4, 1942, in Wateren, Drenthe, in the Netherlands. He grew up on his family's dairy farm, where he got used to working with animals from an early age. In 1961, he took **(1)** _____ for the U.S. as a foreign exchange student at Mayville High School and fate **(2)** _____ him together with his future wife, Diane Dalrymple.

By 1970, Pol **(3)** _____ wrapped up his studies at Utrecht University, acquiring a degree in veterinary medicine. Not long after, he and Diane packed up and moved to Harbor Beach, Michigan. There, he settled down for a decade, working under another veterinarian while gaining hands-on experience. Eventually, he decided to **(4)** _____ out on his own and, in 1981, set up Pol Veterinary Services in Weidman, Michigan. His clinic has since **(5)** _____ in countless animals from nearby rural areas, due to the lack of veterinary services in rural Michigan, where vets had been hard to come by.

In 2013, Pol stood up before the Michigan House of Representatives to speak out in favour of a bill aimed to prohibit authorities from looking **(6)** _____ allegations of misconduct based solely on information obtained from viewing broadcasts of reality programmes. However, the bill ended up getting stuck in committee and never made it **(7)** _____. That same year, Central Michigan University honoured him with a doctorate of public service.

The following year, trouble caught up with him when the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine cracked down on him, fining him \$500 and putting his license on probation for not wearing proper surgical attire during treatment of a Boston terrier. However, in 2015, the Michigan Court of Appeals overturned the ruling, pointing out that there was no evidence that he **(8)** _____ fallen short of proper veterinary standards.

After 24 seasons spanning 14 years, National Geographic stopped making new episodes of The Incredible Dr. Pol. However, reruns are still being played, and Dr. Pol has carried on running his veterinary practice, showing no signs of slowing down.

(8 points)

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| Task 8 | The Princess of Wales |
| <p>Read the following text. In most of the lines 1 - 8, there is one extra word. Identify the extra words which are either incorrect grammatically or do not fit in with the text's meaning. Remember: some lines are correct.</p> <p>If a line is correct, put a tick (✓) in the appropriate place on the Answer Sheet. If there is an extra word in the line, write the extra word in the appropriate place on the Answer Sheet.</p> <p>The task begins with two examples, (0) and (00).</p> <p>Write your answers on the <u>Answer Sheet</u>.</p> | |

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| (0) the | Catherine, Princess of Wales, was born on the January 9, 1982, in |
| (00) ✓ | Reading, Berkshire. She became the consort to Prince William in 2011 and |
| | received the title Princess of Wales in 2022, previously held by Princess |
| (1) | Diana. Like Diana, Catherine is so known for warmth and relatability, |
| | ranking among the most popular royals. |
| (2) | Catherine was born to Michael and also Carole Middleton, former British |
| | Airways flight attendants who founded a party-supply business. She |
| (3) | attended prep school and Marlborough College, excelling in academics |
| | and athletics. In 2001, she enrolled at the University of St. Andrews in |
| (4) | Scotland, where she met Prince William. Their relationship turned into |
| | romantic in 2002. |
| (5) | After marrying in 2011, Catherine became as Duchess of Cambridge and |
| | welcomed three children: Prince George (2013), Princess Charlotte (2015) |
| (6) | and Prince Louis (2018). She supports many charities focused on the |
| | children and co-founded the <i>Heads Together</i> initiative. Following Queen |
| (7) | Elizabeth II's death, Catherine became a Princess of Wales. In 2024, she |
| | revealed a cancer diagnosis. Despite health challenges, she attended the |
| (8) | <i>Trooping the Colour</i> ceremony and announced her return back to public life |
| | after completing chemotherapy. |

(8 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!!!