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Zaporka:

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TEST

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 - *Alfred Hitchcock*

You will hear a recording about Alfred Hitchcock. For items 1 – 5, decide which answer is correct, A, B, or C. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

- 0) Alfred Hitchcock's working life started
- a) in his father's business.
 - b) at the cinema.
 - ☒ c) in a telegraph and cable company.
- 1) Why was *Blackmail* a ground-breaking film?
- a) It was the first one Hitchcock directed.
 - b) It brought him popularity and praise.
 - c) It was a sound film.
- 2) Which of these is NOT true about *Rebecca*?
- a) It won an Oscar.
 - b) It was based on a literary work.
 - c) It was his debut film.
- 3) Hitchcock wanted his audience to be in
- a) a state of shock.
 - b) a state of suspense.
 - c) a state of terror.
- 4) An interesting fact regarding the films he directed was
- a) that he made a personal appearance in his films.
 - b) that he liked a lot of the actors who appeared in his films.
 - c) that the actors he chose helped him in the film planning process.
- 5) Which one of these awards was NOT given to Hitchcock?
- a) Oscar for Best Director.
 - b) Oscar for Best Picture.
 - c) Honour of Knighthood.

(5 points)

Task 2 - *Confessions of a Fast-Food Junkie*

You will hear a recording about fast food addiction. For items 1 – 5, decide which answer is correct, true (T) or false (F). There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers, T or F, on the Answer Sheet.

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| 0) The speaker was overweight as a teenager. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> T | F |
| 1) Strength of character is essential in overcoming an addiction. | T | F |
| 2) The probability of medical conditions is higher because of continuously eating fast food. | T | F |
| 3) The best way to beat a fast-food addiction is to decrease visits to restaurants which serve this type of food. | T | F |
| 4) The speaker suddenly withdrew from eating fast food. | T | F |
| 5) It has been uneconomical to stop eating fast food. | T | F |

(5 points)

Tasks 3 and 4: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 3: *Fabulous Apps for Your Well-being*

You will read a text about five apps. Match each app with one statement (A – I). There are three statements you will not need. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (A – I) on the Answer Sheet.

Life can be very stressful, especially for a high school student with numerous obligations. I constantly read emails and messages about college, extracurricular activities, and school. After checking them, I end up in an endless social media cycle, feeling tempted to go on Instagram or TikTok, and give in. Hours pass, and before I know it, it is 9 p.m., and I still haven't begun my homework.

Therefore, to fight this cycle, I've turned to apps that help me stay productive while still feeling connected. Here are five apps that have made the most significant impact on my daily life.

1. Moodie

I have always wanted to journal, and *Moodie* makes it easy by letting the users track their emotions daily using fun icons – happy, sad, embarrassed or angry – thereby describing how they feel. Moreover, *Moodie* remains discreet among all other apps on my phone, much more so than an actual paper-and-pen journal would be in real life.

2. Study Bunny

Ever feel unmotivated to study? Well, *Study Bunny* makes learning a game in and of itself. You get a virtual bunny, and the more you study, the more you can feed and dress your bunny. If you slow down, the well-being of the bunny begins to decline, pushing you to keep your routine going. The app also contains timers, study logs, and a reward system that eliminates the feeling of studying being a chore.

3. YPT

I am the kind of student who likes to change the environment in which I study. When there is no possibility to change the physical environment, YPT offers an alternative, virtual one. This application allows users to connect or form study groups, measure study time on specific subjects, and even reveal how productive everyone else is. It means a lot to know that someone else is also studying with me, even though it's not in person.

4. Xiaohongshu

Xiaohongshu is more than a TikTok alternative; it's an inspiration hub without distractions. I use it for wellness motivation, and several 6 a.m. pilates routines, study vlogs, and healthy meal ideas pop up without having to deal with mindless scrolling or viral trends. Since the feed is adapted to each individual user rather than being popularity-driven, it's more like a digital vision board than a social media rabbit hole.

5. Quabble

Quabble is the total self-care app. It comes with a gratitude journal, meditation practice, breathing practice, and even a library of sleep sounds to let you sleep at night. There is also a mood diary and an anonymous community option, where you can express your feelings and get support without anyone knowing who you are. I adore the treasure box - it's where you keep small, happy memories and can refer back to them when you're not feeling great. The only downside is that it requires a subscription of \$3.99 per month to unlock the full version.

If you feel overwhelmed by screen time, I highly recommend trying these apps. You may find that the right technology helps you reclaim time, reduce stress, and stay motivated.

This app...

- A. ... creates a sense of belonging to a community and provides insight into the work of others.
- B. ... ~~is easier to hide on the phone than the traditional way of keeping a diary.~~
- C. ... requires that you use an actual paper journal.
- D. ... provides a kind of treat if you are successful.
- E. ... comes with a box for your valuable items.
- F. ... presents to you the content that has been prepared according to your personal preferences.
- G. ... helps you express your emotions in a wordless way.
- H. ... includes a pilates trainer.
- I. ... provides an opportunity to share with others, but it also guarantees privacy.

0)	Moodie	Statement <u>B</u>
1)	Moodie	Statement _____
2)	Study Bunny	Statement _____
3)	YPT	Statement _____
4)	Xiaohongshu	Statement _____
5)	Quabble	Statement _____

(Adapted from: <https://www.theteenmagazine.com/wellness-apps-you-need-to-download-to-become-the-best-version-of-yourself>)

(5 points)

Task 4 – *Midlife Movers – a Dance Sensation!*

Read the text about a dance group. Choose which sentences (A – I) best fit the gaps (1 – 5). There are three sentences that do not fit any of the gaps. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

If you love to boogie and want to be part of an amazing community, this is the group for you! *Midlife Movers* is an over-40s dance group based throughout Kent, encouraging men and women to relive the fun of dancing. (0) D *CommunityAd* spoke to founder Debs Forsyth about how the group began and what makes it so special.

"My mum sent me to dance classes when I was two and I danced all through my childhood. Later, I had my children and, as one of my *Midlife Movers* said, 'we sort of grew up dancing, and then there was the odd wedding, and then there was nothing because work and family commitments took over' and I thought I'd like to get back into this.

So, I got a loudspeaker in our church hall and just put some dances together to see if anyone wanted to dance with me to the old 70s dance anthems. (1) _____ I filmed the first, literally crowded class and put it on all the Facebook pages and other towns wanted it, too. Now we have groups throughout the country! It is a bit of a phenomenon. It's not just dance classes. We've built a community where people feel safe, loved and happy.

Next, we appeared on *Britain's Got Talent* and got four yeses. It was astounding - we had never thought we'd get as far as we did. There were about 130 of us who did it from all our groups, and it was so special. (2) _____ Great real-life memories were being made that day and, of course, to get the four yeses was remarkable. One lady, who is 85 years old, said to me: 'Thank you for making me feel so special in my later life', and their families are so proud.

We also have some future plans. We've got a massive event planned in Brighton. We also do a lot of flash mobs and charity events. (3) _____ We've got over 300 *Midlife Movers* and there are normally about 120 to 250 that join in with these things – I'm lucky that a lot of the movers want to join me on the journey, and that their confidence is sky high!

If people come to the class, they can expect to feel extremely welcome. Nobody feels self-conscious; I'm up there, I don't take myself seriously, I get it wrong all the time, and I think it makes people feel secure. They don't have to pretend to be perfect. People turning up can expect a fun, friendly atmosphere. (4) _____ Its members have experienced a lot throughout their lives, they may have been widowed, or are nursing even older family members in poor health, or some still work and have children and grandchildren. Our little community means that people are escaping for an hour. I'm really proud of it.

Of course, we always hope new members turn up, especially the people that need us the most. **(5)** _____ I think there's one or two that may have had a little bit of experience, but on the whole, I'd guess most of *Midlife Movers* have probably never even danced when they were children. This is their first outing, so to speak."

Let's hope there are many more to come.

- A. We had about 10 ladies in their 80s who were incredible, and for them to go and dance at the *Palladium* was phenomenal.
- B. Unfortunately, only few people showed up.
- C. You certainly don't need any background in dancing at all.
- D. ~~Started in June 2022, the group has grown to have multiple locations in Kent and their *Britain's Got Talent* audition received over 1.6 million views.~~
- E. None of our events are compulsory, however.
- F. Yet, it was only the younger members who decided to show up for the audition and stand in front of such a large audience and judges.
- G. You also have to remember that the upper age group is a very complex age group.
- H. It is a must that our members attend all of these events.
- I. I never intended for it to become such a movement, but the response was incredible.

(Adapted from: <https://www.communityad.co.uk/exclusives/midlife-movers-is-a-themet-dance-sensation/>)

(5 points)

Tasks 5 – 8: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 5 – *Sable Island*

Read the text. Match one item from Box A with one item from Box B and for each gap (1 – 8), use the phrase that fits best. There are three words in each box that you will not need. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Box A

five	breeding	migrate	provincial	surface	place
modern	sand	rescued	wild	dramatic	rescue

Box B

dunes	capital	lists	horses	type	area
season	history	species	station	technology	month

Sable Island is politically a part of the province of Nova Scotia, Canada. The nearest landfall is 156 km away — that is the distance from the western tip of the Island to just southwest of Canso on the coast of mainland Nova Scotia. The Island is 290 km from Halifax, the **(0) provincial capital**.

Being roughly 49 km long with a maximum width of 1.3 km, Sable Island has a **(1)** _____ of about 30 km². Its landscape consists of **(2)** _____ and large areas of uncultivated land, with small freshwater ponds and scattered pools. Also, **(3)** _____ of orchid grow in sheltered areas of vegetation and around the freshwater ponds.

Sable Island is home to a population of **(4)** _____, now numbering about 500, but the number changes from year to year. It is also the world's largest grey seal colony, with more than 50,000 pups born after the December-January **(5)** _____.

The Island has a **(6)** _____ of shipwrecks, loss of life, and life-saving actions. For about 200 years, Sable Island was primarily known as a serious hazard to navigation, and is still sometimes referred to as *The Graveyard of the Atlantic*. That is why *The Sable Island Humane Establishment* was set up in 1801, as a **(7)** _____ for those who found themselves in life-threatening situations. It was shut down in the mid-1900s when **(8)** _____ greatly reduced the risk of shipwrecks.

Access to the Island is restricted – people wishing to visit or work on the Island should contact Parks Canada for information about the park, programs, and working hours.

(Adapted from: <https://sableislandinstitute.org/sable-island-a-brief-introduction/>)

(8 points)

Task 6 – A Parent's Perspective

Read the 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 meaning of the text. Remember that some lines are correct.

If the 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. There are two examples at the beginning, (0) and (00).

Remember to write your answers (✓ or the extra word) on the Answer Sheet.

When I first held my child in my arms, I was over the moon! This tiny baby, dependent on me for everything. It was like a time stood still at that moment, but the years have passed for in the blink of an eye. Gone are the days when she'd look up at me with those big, brown eyes, like I was not the best thing she had ever seen. Friends, crushes, social media... all of these things have become the centre of her world. When did she stop asking for the advice? When did she start up talking back angrily, like I'm her worst enemy? Her room is usually a mess, her phone is her most prized possession, and she'll spend hours by putting on make-up! I wish I could turn back the clock...

0) _____✓_____

00) _____a_____

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

(8 points)

Task 7 – 'Ready for it?'

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.

Look what they made her do - Brussels (0) has asked American star Taylor Swift to mobilise young voters ahead of the elections to the European Parliament.

The unexpected plea was voiced on Wednesday morning as Margaritis Schinas, one of the European Commission's vice-presidents, presented a communication about the European Year of Youth which (1) _____ place in 2022.

"Now is the moment for them to (2) _____ a say in the ballot box, to attribute praise or blame on European policies. It is therefore crucial that we have a high level of participation of young Europeans in the June elections," he said.

Turnout for the European Parliament elections has been historically low, with significant differences among countries. In 2019, the figure stood at 50.66%, the first time it surpassed the 50% threshold since 1994. According to a Eurobarometer survey, the increase happened mainly (3) _____ to youth participation.

This year, four member states – Belgium, Germany, Malta and Austria – will allow citizens aged 16 or older to vote, hoping to encourage young people to exercise their democratic right.

"No one can mobilise youth better (4) _____ young people, that's how it works."

"Just to give you an example - last September, Taylor Swift made a social media call to young Americans to register to vote. The day after her post, 35,000 young Americans (5) _____ so," he said, referring to the short message that Swift shared last year on her Instagram account, which has over 270 million followers.

The astonishing success of her last tour led *Time Magazine* to crown Swift (6) _____ *Person of the Year 2023*, the first time a musician earned this flattering title, and prompted a flurry of analyses about the economic and cultural impact of the tour.

"I've been so lucky to see so many of you guys at my US shows recently. I've heard you raise your voices, and I know (7) _____ powerful they are," Swift wrote in an Instagram story. "Make sure you're ready to use them in our elections this year!"

Swift is scheduled to bring the *Eras Tour* to Europe starting on 9 May in Paris, a date that, as Schinas pointedly remarked, will coincide with Europe Day.

"I sincerely hope she will inspire young Europeans, and that someone from her media team follows this press conference and relays this request to her."

Given the songwriter's carefully crafted public engagements, it's unclear (8) _____ she will heed the call from Brussels, or simply shake it off.

(Adapted from: <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/01/10/ready-for-it-brussels-asks-taylor-swift-to-mobilise-young-voters-ahead-of-eu-elections>)

(8 points)

Task 8 – Dressing for Fake Spring in the Middle of Winter

Read the text. For each gap (1 – 6), transform the given word to complete the text. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet. You must change the form of each given word.

It's open season on mismatched outfits as optimists make the most of some
0) unexpected sunshine. (0) EXPECT

The first nice day of the year hit the east coast this week. People were nicer, life slowed down. There were random outfits people put on to celebrate the
1) _____ beautiful weather – no matter how bizarre they might have (1) SURPRISE
looked. Uggs with shorts? Why not! A puffer coat and a summer dress? Just do it!

This is “pushing spring” fashion: not quite in season yet, but worn anyway, if only for the dopamine hit.

“This week, I feel like everyone was juggling the need for some
2) _____ with their eagerness to show skin,” said Freya Drohan, a (2) WARM
New York-based fashion writer. “I saw lots of collarless coats, women in ballet pumps with huge Lenny Kravitz-style scarves wrapped around their necks, and a guy in very spring-ready double white denim, but with a fur hat.”

That's one way to dress for this “fake season”, or the odd nice day here and there, sprinkled around in winter that reminds those of us with
3) _____ depression what the will to live feels like. (3) SEASON

However, as every mother ever has **4) _____** warned her children, (4) REPEAT
beautiful days can turn into chilly nights. Brandon Tan, the fashion director of *Cosmopolitan* and *Seventeen*, has a mantra: “Be optimistic, not
5) _____!” Bring a coat, or at least a sweater over your shoulders (5) FOOL
before heading out.

For Tan, there's a **6) _____** element to fake spring dressing, with (6) MILITARY
outfit planning becoming as serious as preparing for battle. “This spring, I predict a lot of people will mix in a tactical approach to feminine styles,” he said, “sort of like technical nylon jackets tossed over dresses, and tall rain boots paired with skirts.”

Perhaps the most important fashion tip: don't spend too long planning an outfit for fake spring – you might miss the sunshine altogether.

(Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/fashion/2025/feb/28/spring-dressing-winter>)

(6 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!!!