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Kategorija (zaokružiti): **a) 8. razred**

b) Lista C

Zaporka:

(dobivena riječ)

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 – You will hear a dialogue between two teenagers, Ava and Liam. Read the questions and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). There is an example (0) at the beginning. Copy the correct letter (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

(0) What does Ava initially say TikTok is good for?

- A) Learning new fitness challenges.
- B) Relaxing and having fun.**
- C) Connecting with famous influencers.
- D) Finding diet and mental health advice.

(1) What is Liam's main argument against TikTok?

- A) It takes up too much time and distracts from schoolwork.
- B) It promotes unrealistic beauty standards and can harm the way you see your own worth.**
- C) It only contains meaningless content with no educational value.
- D) It is a dying app that fewer teenagers are using.

(2) Why does Liam compare TikTok to "junk food for your brain"?

- A) Because it is addictive and can be harmful in large amounts.
- B) Because it makes people crave fast food shown in videos.**
- C) Because pranks shown there are as addictive as fast food.
- D) Because lack of entertainment equals lack of quality calories in junk food.

(3) What does Ava reveal about her personal experience with TikTok trends?

- A) She has never been influenced by them.
- B) She has tried following diet and fitness trends.**
- C) She dislikes the beauty standards TikTok promotes.
- D) She prefers educational videos over viral trends.

(4) Why does Liam question the mental health advice on TikTok?

- A) He believes mental health issues are not real concerns for teenagers.
- B) He feels that entertainment platforms should not give medical advice.**
- C) He doesn't think mental health should be discussed online.
- D) He believes mental health advice is often given by incompetent people.

(5) How does the conversation end?

- A) Ava decides to delete TikTok permanently.
- B) Liam somewhat softens his stance on TikTok.**
- C) Ava considers taking a break from TikTok.
- D) Liam is unsupportive of Ava's decision.

(5 points)

Task 2 – You will hear a recording about Queen Victoria. Read the statements and choose the correct option: **T (True)** or **F (False)**. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Copy the correct letter (**T** or **F**) on the Answer Sheet.

- (0) Queen Victoria's name still appears on various landmarks across the UK. **T**
- (1) It was extensive media exposure that allowed her to shape social customs and trends. _____
- (2) The decision to wear a white dress at her wedding helped establish white as the standard bridal colour for the wealthy members of the society. _____
- (3) Before Victoria's reign, Christmas trees had never been used in Britain for holiday celebrations. _____
- (4) Due to her traditional upbringing, she actively opposed advancements in technology. _____
- (5) Victoria's reign established a model of how the royal family members are seen by their subjects. _____

(5 points)

Tasks 3 and 4: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 3 – Read the text. Choose the correct heading (A-H) for each paragraph (1-5). There is an example (0) at the beginning. There are two extra headings.

Write your answers (A-H) on the Answer Sheet.

(0) H

Ice cream is a well-loved frozen dairy dessert made primarily from cream or butterfat, milk, sugar, and flavorings. Some varieties, like frozen custard and French-style ice cream, also include eggs. A similar treat, Italian gelato, is denser and more flavorful than typical American ice cream due to its lower air and higher butterfat percentage. Ice cream comes in hundreds of flavors, with vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry being the most popular. This combination of three flavors in a single serving is referred to as Neapolitan ice cream.

(1)

Ice cream serves as a foundation for many other desserts. One example is *Baked Alaska*, which consists of ice cream layered on a sponge cake and covered with meringue before being browned in a hot oven or with a culinary torch. Ice-based desserts were introduced to Europe from the East. Marco Polo is said to have brought back descriptions of fruit ices from China. Italian chefs then refined the process of making both milk and water-based ices. One of them was Buontalenti, a chef brought to France by Catherine de Medici, who is credited with introducing various delicious frozen treats to the French court.

(2)

The popularity of ice cream grew in Europe, especially after 1686, when Francesco Procopio, a Sicilian, opened a café in Paris selling ices and sherbets. His creations became so well-loved that many others followed suit, establishing their own ice-making businesses. Later, towards the end of the 18th century, a café owner named Tortoni, in Rome, was credited with developing cream-based ice creams. These early innovations paved the way for the expansion of ice cream into other parts of the world.

(3)

In the United States, ice cream became a favorite treat among notable figures such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Dolley Madison. Philadelphia emerged as a major center for ice cream production, and in 1874, the ice-cream soda was invented there. Another significant innovation was the creation of the ice-cream cone, which was first presented at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri. San Francisco's Ghirardelli Square also became famous for its rich hot fudge sundaes, further cementing the role of ice cream in American culture.

(4)

Large-scale ice cream production involves carefully blending liquid ingredients like milk, cream, and syrups under continuous mixing. These ingredients are then combined with dry components such as sugar, stabilizers, and powdered eggs or milk before undergoing pasteurization and homogenization. After ripening in refrigerated vats, the mixture is combined with solid ingredients like fruit or nuts. The final step involves freezing the mixture while controlling air incorporation and ice crystal formation. Ice cream is then packaged and further hardened before reaching consumers.

(5) _____

Ice cream is traditionally made with a boiled custard base. The mixture, flavored as desired, is poured into a canister surrounded by ice and salt or placed in a refrigerator unit. A hand crank or electric motor is used to churn the mix until it reaches a soft, frozen consistency. To achieve a firmer texture, the ice cream is then left to harden in a freezer. From the late 1930s ice cream has had a lighter texture as it is served directly from the freezing machine without going through the hardening process.

(Adapted from: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/ice-cream>)

Paragraph Headings:

- A)** Scoop or Science? The Surprising Health Benefits of Ice Cream
- B)** The Journey of Ice Cream: From Scratch to Frozen Delight
- C)** From Farm to Freezer: The Science Behind Commercial Ice Cream
- D)** Beyond the Scoop: Ice Cream as the Star of Iconic Desserts
- E)** A Nation's Sweet Tooth: How Ice Cream Became a Cultural Icon
- F)** From Royal Courts to Cafés: The Global Ice Cream Revolution
- G)** Bizarre and Bold: The World's Strangest Ice Cream Flavors
- H)** ~~The Irresistible Delight: What Makes Ice Cream So Special?~~

(5 points)

Task 4 – Read the text. Choose which sentences from **A-H** best fit the gaps **1-5**. There are two extra sentences which do NOT fit any of the gaps. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (**A-H**) on the Answer Sheet.

Entomophagy, or eating insects, dates back to biblical times and is practiced by up to two billion people worldwide. Insects are packed with protein, fats, and other compounds that have been linked to various health benefits. **(0)** D Although edible insects have long been promoted as nutritious and environmentally friendly, the mainstream acceptance, especially in western societies, has remained limited, largely due to the ‘ick’ factor of chewing on bugs. **(1)** _____ This is why many Asian companies that want to export edible insects, like Bangkok-based *Exofood*, are looking for alternative ways on how to expand onto the European and North American markets. **(2)** _____ According to the founder of *Exofood*, this should serve as the entryway to the human food market in the USA. On the other hand, skepticism about eating insects still remains strong across much of Europe.

The Old World is yet to decide whether edible insects should be added to the healthy food list. **(3)** _____ In Thailand, home to over 200 edible insect species, bug-eating is most common in the rural regions, where insects serve as an abundant meat substitute as well as a source of income. **(4)** _____ High-end dining venues in Bangkok have already started adding insect-based dishes to their daily offer and inviting influencers to promote the newly discovered superfood. The food industry, however, is on a constant lookout for insect farmers that raise a variety of insects, such as crickets, ants, and caterpillars, which blend perfectly with ready-to-go noodles. What’s more, the environmental benefits of insect farming have been well-documented. **(5)** _____ Even cricket droppings, rich in nitrogen, serve as an excellent natural fertilizer for vegetables. It seems, therefore, that insects truly are the superheroes that will save the world.

(Adapted from: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/thailand-edible-insect-industry-eating-bugs>)

- A)** Not only are the creepy crawlies highly nutritious and a great source of protein, but they can also be harvested for free and sold to restaurants and food companies alike.
- B)** The growing pains of the industry have caused significant setbacks in terms of local production and large-scale manufacturing.
- C)** It uses less land, water, and energy, while emitting fewer greenhouse gases.
- D)** ~~For example, the fiber chitin that forms their exoskeletons, which is the insects’ outer layer, helps with metabolism and gut microbiome health.~~
- E)** It seems that the greater part of non-Asian population still feels disgusted at the idea of crunching on a beetle or seeing the food wriggle on the plate.
- F)** Australians have decided to give it a go nonetheless.
- G)** The latter seems to have developed a keen interest in a very specific type of pet food that is rich in protein commonly found in maggots and caterpillars.
- H)** At the same time, Asian insect lovers are riding the wave of new opportunities.

(5 points)

Tasks 5–8: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 5 – Read the text. For each gap (1-8), choose the answer that fits best (A, B, C or D). There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

When thinking about career **(0) D**, most people consider traditional jobs like doctors, teachers, or engineers, which guarantee a steady income and long-term employment. However, the world is full of strange and unexpected professions that many have never even heard of as they seem ridiculous, or even **(1)** _____ unnecessary, to most of us. One of such weird professions is that of a professional sleeper, whose job includes **(2)** _____ down and napping for the purpose of research done by sleep patterns analysts. It is also not uncommon for hotels to hire professional sleepers to test the comfort of their beds in order to **(3)** _____ a pleasant stay for their guests. If hitting the sack and getting paid for it is not your thing, you might consider **(4)** _____ for a job of a dog food taster. Yes, you will have to try different flavours and textures of dog food to make sure they are safe for **(5)** _____. Pet food companies will gladly pay good money to find individuals who are ready to nibble on dog cookies and **(6)** _____ to the further development of the pet industry. Another unusual career includes wearing a wetsuit and jumping into dark ponds where thousands of lost golf balls are to be found. It is the responsibility of a golf ball diver to locate and **(7)** _____ those balls so that they can be cleaned, repackaged and resold. It might sound like a walk in the park, but golf ball divers are highly trained professionals who spend hours in muddy and dangerous waters, trying to make a **(8)** _____. So, whichever path you decide to take in life, bear in mind that there's always a way to make work more interesting by choosing one of the unusual, yet fun, jobs.

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| (0) | A) attempts | B) tries | C) selections | D) options |
| (1) | A) quiet | B) plenty | C) quite | D) such |
| (2) | A) lying | B) laying | C) going | D) falling |
| (3) | A) insure | B) verify | C) ensure | D) safeguard |
| (4) | A) requesting | B) applying | C) petitioning | D) seeking |
| (5) | A) presumption | B) consummation | C) assumption | D) consumption |
| (6) | A) help | B) aid | C) support | D) contribute |
| (7) | A) recover | B) cover | C) discover | D) undercover |
| (8) | A) salary | B) money | C) life | D) living |

(8 points)

Task 6 – Read the text. For each gap (1-8), use ONE 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.

cause	bleating	tail	claws	varieties	with
curling	to	snout	solitary	wildlife	grunting

Of the twenty **(0)** varieties of armadillo, all but one live in Latin America. The familiar nine-banded armadillo, commonly referred to as armoured pig because of its long, pig-like **(1)** _____, which it keeps to the ground to forage by smell, is the only species that can be found in the United States, primarily in Texas and Tennessee. These funny-looking mammals, closely related **(2)** _____ anteaters and sloths, often travel in slow, wandering patterns and can occasionally be heard **(3)** _____ like a pig. Even though they are considered peaceful and **(4)** _____ animals, not likely to engage in conflict when threatened, the nine-banded armadillos can **(5)** _____ substantial damage to public property. In order to find insects, grubs and earthworms, they will dig holes in gardens and lawns, using strong legs and huge front **(6)** _____, damaging tree roots or uprooting the plants in the process. Locals are, therefore, allowed to trap armadillos during the regulated trapping season, which lasts from the beginning of November to the end of February, or to hunt them year-round if they have a permit issued by the **(7)** _____ authorities. Contrary to popular belief, they are incapable of encasing themselves in their shells by **(8)** _____ their head and back feet so as to form a hard ball, which makes them a rather easy prey for both human and animal predators.

(adapted from: <https://www.ncwildlife.gov/species/armadillo-nine-banded#:~:text=The%20Nine%2Dbanded%20Armadillo%2C%20native,the%20late%202000s%2C%20primarily%20from>)

(8 points)

Task 7 – 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, (0) and (00), at the beginning.

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

(0)	Recognized by Guinness World Records as the biggest jazz festival	<u>✓</u>
(00)	on the globe, this legendary event has been hitting all from the right	<u>from</u>
(1)	notes for over 40 years. Despite being a true symphony of talent, it's	_____
(2)	where jazz greats jam with rising stars. Many have wondered how do	_____
(3)	such festivals continue to strike a perfect chord year after year.	_____
(4)	Attendees soak down in the sounds of nearly 150 indoor concerts,	_____
(5)	while both the less famous open-air stage sets the tempo with over	_____
(6)	350 free performances. Organizers have always been reminded	_____
(7)	performers and guests that they oughtn't to miss a single beat of the	_____
(8)	experience, as every moment is a chance to witness the magic of music.	_____

(Adapted from: <https://montrealjazzfest.com/en/the-festival>)

(8 points)

Task 8 – Read the text. For each gap **(1-6)**, 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>New Zealand has relatively low light pollution in (0) <u>comparison</u> to many other countries and is home to some of the most easily accessible (1) _____ for stargazing. Its dark, unpolluted skies, (2) _____ celestial sights, and breathtaking landscapes make it a unique place to admire the stars.</p> <p>Although stargazing is enjoyable throughout the year, winter offers the clearest views. Colder temperatures reduce the amount of water vapor in the air, resulting in sharper (3) _____. At the peak of Mount John, standing at 1,029 meters, visitors find themselves in the heart of the world’s largest International Dark Sky Reserve. Knowledgeable guides lead guests on an exploration of the universe, (4) _____ its marvels and deeper meaning. The experience starts with the naked eye, as guides use (5) _____ lasers to point out key features of the night sky thus helping visitors develop basic stargazing skills. On their (6) _____ nightly stargazing, visitors can explore the dazzling Milky Way and distant planets, as well as star clusters, solar systems, and constellations.</p>	<p>(0) COMPARE</p> <p>(1) OBSERVE</p> <p>(2) DISTINCT</p> <p>(3) VISIBLE</p> <p>(4) VEIL</p> <p>(5) HANDHOLD</p> <p>(6) FORGET</p>
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(Adapted from: <https://www.newzealand.com/int/stargazing/>)

(6 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!!!