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Zaporka:

(zadana riječ)

TEST

Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
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 and 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.

The summer of 1816 was unlike any summer people could remember. Snow fell in the north of the USA, destroying most of the crops. **(0)** I Consequently, food prices rose, and food riots spread across the old continent. In Europe and North America the year became known as “The Year Without a Summer.”

So why was there so little warmth and sunshine on the two continents? The reason was a volcanic winter event, caused by the massive 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia. That year, on April 5, the volcano started to rumble with activity. **(1)** _____ So much deadly ash was ejected into the atmosphere that the sky darkened, blocking the Sun from view, and larger, heavier particles kept falling onto the ground, covering towns with huge amounts of ash. **(2)** _____ Few lucky survivors had to flee in search of a better future due to an abnormal monsoon season that followed.

However, the smaller particles spewed by the volcano were light enough to spread through the atmosphere over the following months, causing a worldwide climate disturbance. **(3)** _____ As a result, Earth’s average global temperature dropped three degrees Celsius as a significant amount of dust blocked the sunlight. **(4)** _____ Even the tiniest particles of ash released by the volcano eventually fell out of the atmosphere at some point, letting the sunshine back in and allowing the world to start its recovery.

The summer of 1816 made a deep impression on both scientists and engineers. **(5)** _____ As there was no easy way to feed the population, let alone sustain the horse-based transportation system of the time, smart solutions were desperately required. This paved the way for human-powered vehicles that have evolved into today's bicycles. **(6)** _____ The first draft of the famous horror novel Frankenstein was inspired by gloomy weather that trapped its author indoors. The rest, as they say, is history.

(Adapted from: <https://scied.ucar.edu/learning-zone/how-climate-works/mount-tambora-and-year-without-summer>; <https://regencyfictionwriters.org/effects-of-the-year-without-a-summer/>)

~~(A) Gloomy, cold rains washed over Europe, resulting in failed harvests in Great Britain and Ireland.~~

(B) New inventions, such as the two-wheeled machine, were a direct result of food shortage in Europe.

(C) Most of the local population was fortunate enough to survive the volcanic winter.

(D) Over the following four months, it exploded, turning into the largest volcanic explosion in recorded history.

(E) Fortunately, the effect wasn't long-lasting.

(F) It is perhaps the most powerful poem of what that summer must have felt like to the people who lived through it.

(G) What's more, the cold summer turned out to be the perfect setting for the birth of a new literary genre.

(H) Lifted by the winds, they could distribute around the world more easily.

(I) Many residences turned into final resting places of their unfortunate owners.

(6 points)

Task 2: Read the texts and choose which person (A, B, or C) is referred to in each sentence. Each person may be used more than once. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (letters A, B or C) on the Answer Sheet.

Addison Rae (A)

Addison Rae is a social media personality and actress known for her generous content on TikTok and Instagram. Initially, she had considered adding lip-syncing to her collection. However, this idea fell through quickly due to her feelings of this branch becoming overrated. She has accumulated millions of followers, surpassing her brothers who have also had a successful online presence, and has worked with top brands such as Reebok, L'Oreal, and American Eagle. Addison has also ventured into the dramatic arts, starring in a variety of films on the popular platform, Netflix. Along with her acting and social media career, she teamed up with brands like Vital Proteins and Item Beauty, which eventually failed.

Bella Poarch (B)

Bella Poarch is a TikTok sensation with millions of followers, which makes her account the third most-followed on the platform. She has used this success to partner with many top-notch companies such as NYX Cosmetics and Vans. Her lip-sync videos have collected billions of likes, while her pop music career has taken off at an impressive pace. Her hit songs tackle sexist themes, and "Living Hell" takes listeners through the abusive childhood she and her siblings had endured in the Philippines. In a recent interview with Vevo Footnotes, Bella revealed that the colour yellow has been associated with her traumatic past, and "Living Hell" provides emotional release for her.

Charli D'Amelio (C)

Charli D'Amelio is a popular social media personality and dancer with a massive following on different platforms, including TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. She has gained enormous popularity on TikTok, where she posts dance routines and lip-sync videos. Along with her sister, Charli has collaborated with brands such as Hollister, Morphe, and Dunkin Donuts. She has also won several awards, including the Kids' Choice Award in 2021, and hosted the Kids' Choice Awards ceremony two years

in a row. Charli is known for her humanitarian efforts to support different causes; however, she prefers to keep silent about this.

(Adapted from: <https://www.favikon.com/blog/top-10-most-followed-tiktok-influencers>)

Which person:

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| (0) | tries to fight discrimination in her work? | <u> B </u> |
| (1) | has worked with her sibling(s)? | <u> </u> |
| (2) | hasn't had completely successful partnerships in the past? | <u> </u> |
| (3) | doesn't silently mouth words in her digital content? | <u> </u> |
| (4) | does not boast about her charitable actions? | <u> </u> |
| (5) | uses her career to assist with healing? | <u> </u> |
| (6) | has received formal recognition for her work? | <u> </u> |

(6 points)

Tasks 3 – 7: 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>A recent study has named Lisbon the happiest travel destination in the world. This may be (0) <u>surprising</u> since many people think of Disneyland as the “happiest place on Earth.” But researchers looked at 47 cities and found that Lisbon offers the perfect mix of sunshine, nourishing food and (1) _____ streets.</p> <p>In addition, Lisbon provides a large number of affordable and (2) _____ restaurants, with the majority serving nutritious and healthy meals. Visitors enjoy both the high quality and (3) _____ of the local food scene. However, eating is not the only pastime that Lisbon is famous for. Its (4) _____ beauty, with parks and gardens across the capital, is one more thing that makes Lisbon exceptional.</p> <p>Dr. Natalie Dattilo-Ryan explained that sunlight, good rest, and numerous outdoor (5) _____ all help the body to produce “happy hormones.” These chemicals improve mood, sleep, and even (6) _____.</p> <p>Other destinations have also ranked highly. Helsinki, Finland, scored well thanks to its green spaces and clean air. Orlando, Florida, came in third place. While it has fewer healthy dining options, its theme parks and sunshine create a (7) _____ atmosphere for visitors. In the end, the study shows that the correct choice of where to go on holiday can truly increase our (8) _____.</p>	<p>(0) SURPRISE</p> <p>(1) WALK</p> <p>(2) ACCESS</p> <p>(3) VARIOUS</p> <p>(4) NATURE</p> <p>(5) ACTIVE</p> <p>(6) DIGEST</p> <p>(7) JOY</p> <p>(8) HAPPY</p>
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(Adapted from: <https://people.com/the-happiest-place-on-earth-for-travelers-has-just-been-named-and-it-s-not-disneyland-11816314>)

(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.

made	livelihoods	bites	around	which	life
decline	screen	close	industrious	gulps	across

Although most people are aware that bees are incredibly important for the environment as well as the well-being of mankind, not many realise that the number of bee populations has recently been in **(0) decline**. Therefore, apiculture, or the industry of beekeeping, has never been more important, which asks for some basic knowledge of how it all started and how it's going.

In antiquity people knew that bees produce delicious honey, that they sting, and that they increase their numbers by swarming. By the 17th century they had learned the value of smoke in controlling them and had developed the **(1)** _____ veil as protection against stings. From the 17th to the 19th century, the key discoveries upon which modern beekeeping is founded were **(2)** _____. These included the mystery of the queen bee as the mother of nearly all the occupants of the hive, **(3)** _____ is a man-made home of the bees, her curious mating technique, the movable frame hives, and the fact that bees rear a new queen if the old one disappears.

Today, these **(4)** _____ and highly efficient insects are kept for their honey and other products as well as their services as pollinators, in other words insects that carry pollen from one plant to another. Such is their contribution to the world's agriculture and food production that no other insect comes **(5)** _____ to the range of plants that the humble bee is capable of pollinating. One in every three **(6)** _____ of food that you take is the result of pollination work of the bee. Additionally, some useful products of apiculture include honey, bee pollen, and beeswax. Therefore, a drop in the number of bee populations presents a threat to the industry and puts the **(7)** _____ of those who work within apiculture at risk.

While it is undeniable that countries need to do more to protect native bee populations, there are things that individuals can do to help the situation. You could plant a garden, or a single tree, and avoid using chemicals that are harmful to bee populations. If you happen to come **(8)** _____ a tired bee on the ground, mix some sugar with water and drip it on a nearby flower. After you've done that, let the bee rest and soon enough, both of you will feel better.

(Adapted from: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/beekeeping>; <https://greenly.earth/en-gb/blog/ecology-news/why-are-bees-so-important-for-people-and-the-environment>)

(8 points)

Task 5: Match the beginnings 1 – 6 to the corresponding endings A – J. There are three extra endings you do NOT need. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (letters A – J) on the Answer Sheet.

(0) We promised to finish the project by Friday,

- (1) As there are a few eggs left in the fridge,
- (2) Her secret is safe with me as
- (3) She's going to call us tomorrow,
- (4) It's not a secret they split up last week
- (5) As there are few eggs left in the fridge,
- (6) It's for your ears only,

(A) ~~come rain or shine.~~

- (B) and made up soon after.
- (C) so make sure to keep this to yourself.
- (D) we should get some more.
- (E) won't she?
- (F) because they were head over heels.
- (G) isn't she?
- (H) because she kept her word.
- (I) I'm not the one to spill the beans.
- (J) let's make pancakes for dinner.

(6 points)

Task 6: 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.

In 2026, Gen Z will shape fashion more than any other generation. They (0) no longer want quiet, minimal looks. Instead, they prefer bold, layered, and playful styles that make them stand out from (1) _____ rest. For them, fashion is not about looking rich, but about looking unique and different.

Gen Z is now older, with more money and cultural power. This means they are setting new rules. They expect fashion brands to be sustainable, transparent, and ethical. Many shop on resale platforms (2) _____ as Vinted or Vestiaire Collective, where they can find vintage clothes and experiment with their own looks.

Minimalism is out. Gen Z's style is chaotic, ironic, and nostalgic, frequently coming up (3) _____ a combination of ideas, using both modern and vintage fashion. Picture clashing patterns, DIY projects, and second-hand pieces combined with luxury items! For them, rarity and personalisation are more important (4) _____ big logos. They want stories behind the clothes, not just expensive labels.

Fashion brands (5) _____ tried to catch Gen Z's attention by using music idols or releasing small collections linked to TikTok trends. However, many companies only chase short-term popularity and fail to change their deeper values. Gen Z sees through this and believes real change (6) _____ place through action.

This generation also breaks rules about gender. Clothes are fluid, mood-based, and used as tools for political and social messages. Outfits can act like protest posters, expressing views on equality, identity, or the climate.

In 2026, Gen Z are not (7) _____ consumers but also designers and influencers. In short, they don't just follow fashion – they create it. They mix online culture, sustainability, irony, and activism into what they wear. For brands, the choice is clear: adapt to Gen Z's loud, expressive energy, or risk (8) _____ the cold shoulder.

(Adapted from: <https://www.istitutomarangoni.com/en/maze35/industry/gen-z-maximalism-fashion-2026>)

(8 points)

Task 7: 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 (letters A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

An airport is a place where airplanes (0) D off and land, passengers arrive and leave, and cargo and other goods are loaded and unloaded. Air travel has become the main type of transportation over long distances and modern airplanes belong to the safest (1) _____ of travel.

(2) _____, there are over 40,000 airports around the world. The largest of them are like small cities, meaning they have hotels, restaurants, banks, post offices and other shops, as well as their own police force or fire department.

The terminal is the largest airport building and all passengers must go through it when they start or end their trip. You receive your boarding pass (3) _____ the ticket counter where your baggage is checked and weighed. Then the airline assistant puts a label with a three-letter code around your baggage. It shows the destination airport and makes sure the suitcases get on the correct airplane. (4) _____ waiting to board your plane, you can spend your time in some of the many shops, newsstands, restaurants, gift shops or even banks. (5) _____ international airports have duty-free shops where you can buy things without having to pay duty or import tax. Some even have an observation lounge where you can look through large windows and watch the planes come and go. Before you go to your gate there is a (6) _____ area where your passport is checked and your bags are x-rayed for weapons and other things that you are not allowed to take on board. The gate is the place where you leave the airport building to get (7) _____ your plane. Gates may often be very far away from the centre of the terminal. Moving sidewalks, buses or trains will take you to those that are far away. Other airport buildings include a control tower, hangers, parking lots, and hotels, which proves that an airport is so much more than (8) _____ the eye.

(Adapted from: <https://topics.english-online.at/at-the-airport/>)

(0)	A) fly	B) leave	C) go	D) take
(1)	A) mean	B) means	C) medium	D) routes
(2)	A) Occasionally	B) However	C) Currently	D) Commonly
(3)	A) in	B) on	C) by	D) at
(4)	A) While	B) During	C) Meanwhile	D) Although
(5)	A) A lot	B) Many	C) Little	D) Any
(6)	A) safety	B) security	C) protection	D) shelter
(7)	A) of	B) at	C) in	D) on
(8)	A) catches	B) sees	C) meets	D) gets

(8 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!