

ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA
za 2. razred srednjih škola

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TEST

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

- 1** Lista 2.A: gimnazije
2 Lista 2.B: ostale srednje škole

Zaporka:

(prepiši dobivenu riječ)

TEST

Slušanje s razumijevanjem:	10 bodova
Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	10 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	60 bodova
Ukupno:	80 bodova

Task 1: LISTENING COMPREHENSION
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Task 1: Comic Books

You will hear a recording about Comic Books. Listen carefully to the instructions. For questions 1-10, complete the sentences using no more than one word or a number for each gap. You will hear the exact words or numbers that you need to use. You do not need to change them, but make sure that you spell the words correctly. The answers will occur in the same order as the questions. You will hear the recording twice.

The task begins with an example (0).

After you hear the recording for the second time, you have 1 minute to check your answers and transfer them to the separate Answer Sheet.

- (0) Comic books in North America are considered nowadays to be respectable by all.
- (1) The modern-day comic book began with the _____ of the first *Superman* in 1938.
- (2) The comics that existed before the first _____ of *Superman* were mainly collections.
- (3) The _____ thought the comic book would sell better if it was lengthened.
- (4) During the Golden Age of comic books, _____ enjoyed reading them weekly.
- (5) When comic books first came out, they could be purchased for only _____ cents.
- (6) Marvel heroes differed from DC's in that they mainly had a more _____ depiction.
- (7) Chiefly, graphic novels are as long and have the same binding as _____ books.
- (8) The most striking thing that Frank Miller did was reinterpret Batman's _____.
- (9) It is widely felt that it's only proper that comic book creators should be _____.
- (10) The adults who grew up on comics write effective graphic and _____ novels.

(10 points)

Tasks 2-3: READING COMPREHENSION
Task 2: Childhood Neighbourhoods

Read the following texts in which people talk about their childhood neighbourhoods. For questions 1-10 on the next page, choose one of the people A-F. Some choices will be required more than once. Write the corresponding letter A-F on the Answer Sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

A Alec	B Beatrice
The neighbourhood I grew up in wasn't necessarily rough, but it was in a part of the inner city which certainly didn't offer much in the way of recreational areas for kids to let off steam. There was this playground near our apartment complex. It was quite small and covered with flat bricks that were either cracked, broken or missing. The space was completely enclosed on one side by the school and on other sides by high brick walls, more like a prison yard. On top of one wall was a layer of cement into which pieces of broken glass had been stuck. We weren't vandals, but some of my friends and I would climb a lamppost to break off bits of the glass.	I never really knew what it was like to live in a 'normal' neighbourhood. My entire childhood was unstable and we moved around a lot. I was brought up on air force bases because both of my parents were military personnel. Most of the bases always had a standardized space in the middle of the military housing units. It was a common area, used by everyone in different ways. Sometimes it was just a grassy field or it might have a few swings or slides for kids. Nothing too enchanting, but it was a great meeting place for me and my friends. We could hang out there, or I would relish just laying on the grass, daydreaming, or gazing at the stars.
C Cynthia	D Derek
I wouldn't say I was necessarily privileged, but I was definitely very fortunate. I grew up and came from an area of terraced houses. Even though there weren't any private gardens or public parks near, the school was rather posh and provided everything you could wish for. My lessons were held in spacious, high-ceilinged rooms, with folding glass doors that opened onto an inner courtyard, like in a fairytale. When I first went out into its yard, I was amazed at all the exotic horticulture; the lovely memory has stayed with me all my life.	Back in the days when I was growing up on a large housing estate, my favourite place to be was in the back garden. Needless to say, it wasn't that large, and living in that kind of environment, crowded and cramped, you were grateful for any level of greenery that existed and that you were allowed access. My mates and I always had to improvise when we would play football. We would lay two jackets on the grass for a 'goal' or, if no neighbours were around, a pair of their garage doors would work just as well.
E Edward	F Fiona
I've only known the suburb or countryside, and wouldn't have it any other way. What I recall most was the sense of liberty I had. This one place, Lark's Wood, was magical. It stood for every woodland that a child could imagine, any jungle, or even the surface of another planet. Even though, nowadays, it has fewer trees and more barbed wire and has been developed with housing projects, back then, four or five of us in the area roared around, building camps, climbing trees and riding bikes around through the fields. I miss that feeling of intoxication that you can only get when being free as a bird.	I wouldn't say my neighbourhood, or rather, the area I grew up in was idyllic, but there were certain mystical features to it. There was this long, winding, overgrown ditch running through waste ground and shady thickets of undeveloped woods. I suppose it was mainly built to take away rain, but to us local children, it was irresistible, mainly because it was out of bounds, as we had been told by the adults in the community to stay away from it. Coming from the neat and correct suburbia, where my house was, this made it even more enchanting and alluring. It was as if we were all spellbound.

When talking about their childhood neighbourhoods, which person

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| 0 | didn't consider their acts as damaging property? | <u>A</u> |
| 1 | says makeshift playing areas were put together out of necessity? | _____ |
| 2 | mentions enjoying both being with friends and being alone? | _____ |
| 3 | describes a harsher and more decayed urban surrounding? | _____ |
| 4 | reminisces about the feelings of happiness and excitement experienced? | _____ |
| 5 | feels it wasn't the most blissful place but it had certain strange aspects? | _____ |
| 6 | remarks that the play area was similar to a jail? | _____ |
| 7 | recounts living in many places and in an unusual community? | _____ |
| 8 | recalls being captivated by a forbidden area? | _____ |
| 9 | points out there wasn't enough space but was appreciative? | _____ |
| 10 | talks about being astonished by the unbelievable luxurious gardening? | _____ |

(10 points)

Tasks 3-7: ENGLISH IN USE

Task 3: Gap Filling

For questions 1-8, 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).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

- (0) It's unbelievable how much cafés charge for a coffee these days.
 My phone's not working. I need to charge my battery right away.
 The accused appeared in court on a charge of armed robbery.
- (1) Her first _____ in her geography presentation was an image of an exploding volcano.
 I was doing really well with my diet, but I've let it _____ recently.
 When Tom was little, he always loved to _____ on polished floors in his socks.
- (2) I agree with you that it's going to be a great summer—I can _____ it in my bones!
 He loves his English class because he can always _____ free to say whatever he likes.
 If the rain stops and the sun comes out, do you _____ like going for a swim?
- (3) Even though Ana is slender, she can really _____ a hefty punch when she boxes.
 Notebooks are cheaper if you buy them in a _____ of ten, instead of one by one.
 The *Cinestar* student membership _____ consists of discounts and free popcorn.
- (4) We only had a small suitcase, so we were able to _____ it onto the plane.
 I don't usually _____ much cash around with me because I have a debit card.
 Neither of my brothers can _____ a tune, but my sister is a good singer.
- (5) When her dad died, she seemed to _____ herself off from her friends.
 I couldn't finish my on-line homework last night because the server _____ down.
 They ought to _____ the path up to that terrible icy cliff—it's too dangerous to walk on!

- (6) Jill messaged me that she's waiting for us at the _____ of the queue with the tickets.
I love creative writing because I enjoy exploring whatever pops into my _____.
You need a clear _____ to be able to drive safely, especially in the rain and snow.
- (7) She gave the present a quick _____ and tried to guess what was inside.
You'll have to _____ the mayonnaise pouch really tightly to get any that's left inside.
I can give you a lift, but it'll be a tight _____ with four other people in the car.
- (8) My new shoes are really killing my feet; they're a bit too tight and _____ my toes.
For the recipe, you need to add a _____ of salt and a dash of lemon juice at the end.
She hates going to visit, because her Aunt will always _____ her on the cheek.

(8 points)

Task 4: Ski Bums

Read the following text. In most of the lines 1-13, there is one extra word, which should not be there. Identify the extra words which are either incorrect grammatically or do not fit in with the text's meaning. Remember: some lines are correct.

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.

The task begins with two examples, (0) and (00).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

<i>and</i>	(0)	What is a ski bum? You can scour the Snowbird ski and resorts of the wintry
✓	(00)	Rocky Mountains for the answer. Among the skiers packed on a cable car,
	(1)	heading to the summit of Snowbird mountain's on most challenging ski slope, is
	(2)	a particularly unkempt specimen. His eyes are sunken behind below his ski-
	(3)	goggles and an untidy beard flows down into his chest. If asked what he is, he
	(4)	will proudly say, 'I'm a lifer'. At first you take him to mean that he is an escaped
	(5)	convict. But what he last means to say is that he has bought Snowbird's lifetime
	(6)	ski pass at the price of a small car. His only just wish is to remain healthy
	(7)	enough to break even on the deal. Furthermore, he skies almost every day of
	(8)	the season and welcomes along the restrictive pattern of behaviour that comes
	(9)	with athletic repetition. He lives only for the then moment, shutting out the world
	(10)	and concentrating only on the next carved turn of the slope above. Above all,
	(11)	the true ski bum must possess the discipline to ski hard all day, every day. He
	(12)	aims always to be the first on and the last off in the mountains and does not
	(13)	only let the weather or his physical, financial or emotional state interfere—in
		short, they are viewed as a separate, somewhat peculiar species.

(13 points)

Task 5: Broadway Blues

Read the following text. For gaps 1-13, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits each numbered space.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

The dramatist and singer-songwriter Juan Martinez (0) A another hit to his collection, but unlike his many previous (1)_____, this time the 'achievement' is for (2)_____ the most expensive flop musical ever on Broadway. 'The Masked Man' features the true story of a mask-wearing Cuban immigrant who saved three families from a fire in 2019. It opened in New York just eight weeks ago, but it is already on the (3)_____ of closing, with an estimated loss of \$1 million, much of it Martinez's own money. One of the most (4)_____ songwriters of the last decade, Martinez was abroad when the decision to pull the (5)_____ on his first musical was (6)_____ to a tearful cast yesterday.

Martinez had hoped that the show's big advance sales would (7)_____ its chances of success, but many of these sales were only options, which were not (8)_____ up after the show was panned by the critics. At the outset, 'The Masked Man' seemed to have a winning (9)_____ with a star-studded cast. However, the show was unconvincing and didn't hang together; perhaps because it went (10)_____ several directors. The latest, Larry Smith, (11)_____ the opening night by three weeks in the hope that things would gel, but even after this, he couldn't pull it (12)_____. Despite their admiration for Martinez's music, critics (13)_____ that 'The Masked Man' never came alive dramatically and was much too long.

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| (0) A added | B multiplied | C horded | D included |
| (1) A gifts | B rewards | C donations | D awards |
| (2) A handling | B creating | C weaving | D founding |
| (3) A verge | B brim | C margin | D limit |
| (4) A welcomed | B acclaimed | C emblazoned | D approved |
| (5) A top | B head | C lid | D plug |
| (6) A argued | B advised | C announced | D asserted |
| (7) A grow | B boost | C develop | D inspire |
| (8) A brought | B put | C taken | D made |
| (9) A formula | B path | C way | D procedure |
| (10) A for | B across | C around | D through |
| (11) A delayed | B suppressed | C transferred | D interrupted |
| (12) A up | B off | C down | D on |
| (13) A urged | B required | C persuaded | D insisted |

(13 points)

Task 6: First Kiss

Read the following text. For gaps 1-13, think of the word that best fits each numbered space. Use **ONLY ONE** word each time.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

The first kiss, (0) whether between Romeo and Juliet in Renaissance Italy or today's teenagers at a bus stop, is the most memorable experience in life. It is (1) _____ powerful that it will be recalled more accurately (2) _____ any joys and tragedies occurring years later. Couples remember up to 90% of the details surrounding their first kiss, (3) _____ the colour of a shirt or blouse to the first words said after their lips parted, as claimed by nearly 300 interviews with people (4) _____ first kisses happened between 1990 and the past six months. Mary Smith, (5) _____ co-authored the study, said that researchers had also asked in (6) _____ place had the first kiss happened—and found that the rules of the game had hardly changed at (7) _____ over the past 30 years. Interestingly, the first kiss is usually in a semi-public place, (8) _____ as saying goodnight outside a girl's house.

Yet the team admits it is not sure of the key reason (9) _____ people feel that the kiss is very significant. They know that, (10) _____ average, the usual kiss lasts 45 seconds and involves 34 muscles; that it creates chemical changes in a part of the brain associated (11) _____ strong emotions; and that it was first recorded (12) _____ an expression of affection by the Romans 2,000 years ago. William Shakespeare praised it—but the modern-day scientists (13) _____ do not know the prime reason it gives pleasure to the extent that it does in life.

(13 points)

Task 7: Oak Tree

Read the following text. For gaps 1-13, use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of the line to form a new word that best fits the gap in the same line.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

In Loxley, Ontario, there is an oak tree (0) estimated to be between 500 and 1,000 years old. This tree, however, is a mere youngster in (1) _____ with others of its species. The record in Canada is held by an oak in Alberta that is thought to be between 2,000 and 3,000 years old. However, such trees are becoming (2) _____ rare and the Loxley specimen was considered of (3) _____ importance to be named in 1999 as one of the 41 'great trees' in Loxley. Like many oaks, the Loxley tree (4) _____ predates the buildings around it and its exact age is (5) _____.

The Loxley Tree needs little (6) _____. Some of its outer branches hang down so low that they have taken root. But this is part of the tree's natural architecture and contributes to its (7) _____ in high winds. With the best of (8) _____, ancient oak sites are often tidied up with no benefit to the tree. Shrivelled, dead branches are not (9) _____ shed by the tree and their wood harbours a multitude of insects, an (10) _____ part of the old tree's natural (11) _____. Something of the tree's history is lost with the (12) _____ of dead wood. After all, the decaying, twisted and (13) _____ parts give the tree a unique charm like no other.

(0) ESTIMATE

(1) COMPARE

(2) INCREASE

(3) SUFFICE

(4) DOUBT

(5) KNOW

(6) MAINTAIN

(7) STABLE

(8) INTEND

(9) READY

(10) ESSENCE

(11) DIVERSE

(12) REMOVE

(13) FIGURE

(13 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST