

**ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE U ZNANJU ENGLESKOG  
JEZIKA  
za 4. razrede srednjih škola**

**SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM**

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Good morning. May I have your attention, please? The listening part of the test will start now. Open your tests to page 2. As you can see, the listening task and questions are on this page.

You will hear a recording about the West Edmonton Mall.

You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings.

You can write your answers during both the first and second listening.

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. The answers will occur in the same order as the questions.

While you are listening, write your answers on the task itself. You may cross out your answers, change them, make notes or underline words if you wish.

After the second listening, you will have 1 minute to check your answers and transfer your final answers to the separate Answer Sheet. You must do this carefully and clearly, and you must not change what you write on the final Answer Sheet in any way.

Now, let's begin. You have 30 seconds to read through the questions.

(30 seconds)

Now you will hear the recording.

## **The West Edmonton Mall**

First impressions of the West Edmonton Mall in Canada are numbingly familiar, especially if you enter by the east wing. Outside, the sleet may be whipping across the flatlands of Alberta, but inside, the processed, man-made ambience swiftly makes one feel helpless, losing all will-power, in a manner well known to any visitor to Gateshead's Metro Centre or London's Brent Cross. There is the antiseptic, electronic sound of Muzak playing continuously and the glare of fluorescent bulbs encompassing you the moment you enter and seemingly everywhere you turn. To use the jargon of this most fanatical of service industries, the concourse is "anchored by" or, in other words, has at each end a main department store, and is decorated throughout with indoor plants.

Wander for a day among its glass and plastic halls to discover a complex so vast that its length is three times the height of the Empire State Building. The pursuit of aimless leisure here approaches the surreal. It is not the kind of place you drop in for a bag of jelly babies and a packet of cigarettes. When you visit the West Edmonton Mall and its avalanche of attractions, there is only one thing to do—hand in your coat at the cloakroom and submit.

As well as the consumer seductions of Ikea, Sears, Athlete World and 800 other shops, there is a thematic mock-up of New Orleans' Bourbon Street, containing several of the Mall's 110 eating establishments, plus a chapel, a nightclub, and a bingo hall. And the mind-boggling West Edmonton Mall goes even further, offering far more and exceeding anyone's expectations. Indeed, you could go both barmy and bankrupt in this place and it wouldn't hurt a bit. There is Fantasyland, a full-scale children's funfair complete with dodgems, a miniature railway, and a stomach-churning repertoire of plunges, slides and spins. For water lovers, there is the World Waterpark, whose main pool features the Blue Thunder wave machine, but also offers an additional intriguing labyrinth of spiralling, high-velocity tunnel rides, for those of a more adventurous nature. Those wishing for more water themes can experience the Deep Sea adventure, an artificial oceanscape containing: a replica of Christopher Columbus's ship, the Santa Maria; six mini-submarines for sub-aquatic sightseeing; a school of dolphins, and an entire community of undersea life.

Interestingly, forty percent of visitors make time for an 18-hole miniature golf course, and the Mall even caters to the 80 percent who delight in the competition-standard skating rink, purveying the exceptional Ice-Palace for skaters of all ages. And every one out of four visitors queue and go to the 19-studio cineplex and, of course, for practical needs, there are 15 banks and other financial service outlets.

Can you imagine spending your holiday in this glorified shopping precinct? Well, plenty of people do, with at least forty percent of visitors booking in to any half-a-dozen themed Fantasyland Hotels, up fourteen percent since 2015. Offering a wide variety, the accommodations have names like 'Hollywood', 'Polynesian' and 'Truck'. The other 60 percent simply take in the Mall as part of bigger package tours. Of the annual 20 million total visitors, around nine million are holidaymakers, including a growing proportion of Japanese for whom no North American itinerary is complete without dropping in on Disneyland, Disney World, and the West Edmonton Mall.

With pilgrims descending on it from all corners of the globe, the Mall enjoys a status approaching that of a sacred monument where worshippers pay homage with their credit cards. As a way to spend your time, West Edmonton Mall is as gratifying, and, perhaps, as mind-rotting an experience as you could wish, positive proof that everyone should become a consumer zombie at least once in their lives.

(Count silently to 5 and then say the following:)

**You will now hear the recording again.**

(After the second reading, say the following:)

**You now have 1 minute to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.**

(After 1 minute—then say the following: )

**This is the end of the listening task. You may now go on to do the other parts of the test.**

## Task 1: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

### Task 1: The West Edmonton Mall

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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) Initial opinions about the West Edmonton Mall are tiresomely familiar.
- (1) The speaker says it's the artificial \_\_\_\_\_ that makes you weak-willed.
- (2) The atmosphere consists of recorded background music and strong \_\_\_\_\_ lighting.
- (3) Major stores at every end and ornamental verdure comprise the Mall's \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) The speaker claims trying to idly relax there is futile, bordering on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) According to the speaker, you wouldn't care if you went crazy and \_\_\_\_\_ there.
- (6) The World Waterpark has an extra alluring \_\_\_\_\_ of swift, coiling rides.
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ % of visitors keen on skating can enjoy the Mall's official-sized ice rink.
- (8) The Mall's hotels have no less than \_\_\_\_\_ % of visitors holidaying there.
- (9) The speaker says visiting the Mall is a must-have on Japanese tourists' \_\_\_\_\_.
- (10) The speaker likens shoppers paying \_\_\_\_\_ to the Mall as sacred patronage.

(10 points)

<b>TASK 1 – LISTENING COMPREHENSION</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>ambience</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>fluorescent</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>concourse</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>surreal</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>bankrupt</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>labyrinth</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Eighty/80<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>8</b>	<b>forty/40</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>itinerary</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>homage</b>
<b>Total points:</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Word ‘Eighty’ must be capitalised.

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