

**DRŽAVNO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA**  
**za 2. razred srednjih škola**

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**ZAOKRUŽI BROJ (1, 2 ili 3) LISTE U KOJOJ SE NATJEČEŠ:**

- 1 Lista 2.A: gimnazije
- 2 Lista 2.B: ostale srednje škole
- 3 Lista C: školovani na engleskom jeziku duže od jedne školske godine

**I UPIŠI ZAPORKU:**

**ZAPORKA** (dobivena riječ): \_\_\_\_\_

**DRUGI DIO TESTA**

Slušanje s razumijevanjem:	5 bodova
Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	5 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	40 bodova

## PART 2 - Task 1: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

### Task 1: Landscape Gardening

You will hear someone talk about being a landscape gardener. Listen carefully to the instructions. For each of the questions 1-5, choose ONE answer (A, B, C or D) that fits best according to the recording. Write the corresponding letter (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet. You will hear the recording twice.

You have 30 seconds to read through all the questions.

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 Answer Sheet.

- (0) The speaker blames her lack of success at school on her not  
A being oriented towards studying.  
B having the necessary talent.  
C showing sufficient interest.  
D working hard enough.
- (1) Why did the speaker make the decision to set up her own firm?  
A She had been made redundant.  
B She hoped to obtain a higher salary.  
C She wanted increased independence.  
D She was seeking a greater challenge.
- (2) The speaker says that her firm got through the initial tough phase due to  
A all the extra hours that she was putting in.  
B her decision to reduce labour costs and prices.  
C the low overheads that her business had.  
D the money that she had borrowed from the bank.
- (3) The speaker gets on with her business partner because they  
A are good at listening to each other.  
B come from similar backgrounds.  
C enjoy the same sense of humour.  
D share a number of common interests.
- (4) The company's sustained success is put down to  
A being completely honest at all times.  
B building up relationships with clients.  
C ensuring all work is of the highest quality.  
D having a flexible pricing strategy.
- (5) What does the speaker find to be the biggest challenge in her work?  
A Dealing with unrealistic expectations.  
B Maintaining the company's high standards.  
C The physical toll that the job takes.  
D The weather can be rather inclement at times.

(5 points)

## Task 2: READING COMPREHENSION

### Task 2: Our First Car

Read the following text and questions. For each of the questions 1-5, choose ONE answer (A, B, C or D) that fits best according to the text.

Write the corresponding letter (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

The task begins with an example (0). Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

It always amuses me when I recollect our first foray into car ownership. It was the 1970s and an automobile was quite an investment back then. We all traipsed outside and beheld a rusty heap painted a noxious green and cream. It looked like it had been hastily assembled a few decades earlier. It was even worse when we got inside it. The musty reek it gave off has remained with me to this day. There was even a spring coming out of the back seat.

I noticed my father's apprehension when he broke the news to us. Evidently, my mother wasn't sold on the idea. I knew he had made an attempt, which hadn't got very far, to put funds aside and even convinced my mum to sell some shares that she had been left in the will of an uncle who'd passed away. It later emerged that a colleague had provided the necessary assistance so that he could get the vehicle. He had been on the verge of asking his firm for an advance on his salary. Things were so very different in those recession-hit 1970s when inflation was a constant worry and many people lived hand to mouth.

Naturally, I wasn't about to start bragging to my peers about the contraption my father had acquired. It wasn't that it left me cold but more of a case of my not knowing what to make of it all. My brother, ever the realist, merely stated: "It's got four wheels, hasn't it?" I must admit that I ultimately came round to his way of thinking, although it took a while.

An immediate difference in our life was that we could go on holiday in the summer. Come every August, we'd pile into the car. My grandfather would be in the passenger seat, while I'd be jammed between my mum and brother. With an unsteady lurch, dad would put the car in gear and we'd head off for a fun week by the icy North Sea in a remote corner of Lincolnshire. It was quite a trek and it was the tedium of it that got to me. Dad was still a bit unsure of himself on longer journeys, especially when we got onto the motorway. Although he would deny it, we had more than one hair-raising experience. I should hasten to add that all of this was before the advent of air-conditioning.

Dad would also get quite wound up driving on these family vacations. He'd especially get freaked out by people beeping him for driving too leisurely along country lanes. While this was going on, mum would be giving him directions from the back seat. These would invariably be diametrically opposed to the advice he was receiving from my grandfather seated next to him. However, he would take this in his stride. On more than one occasion, though, he stopped the car

to vent his wrath on his incessantly squabbling offspring. On top of everything else, the poor bloke couldn't even have a pint of beer when we stopped at a pub for lunch, which used to irritate him somewhat.

Several years later, I was old enough to start driving lessons myself. This was something that the majority of my friends at school opted for. However, I was the one that bucked the trend. I remember that my mates would pull my leg and say that I was a chicken. It was tempting to say that the experience of my father's first car had put me off. In truth, dad had got laid off and we were skint. In any case, everywhere was within walking distance, and I didn't mind jumping on the bus.

**(0) What was it about the car that particularly made an impression on the author?**

- A Its disgusting colour.
- B Its outdated design.
- C Its unpleasant odour.
- D Its uncomfortableness.

**(1) In order to raise the funds to purchase the car, the author's father**

- A had been compelled to save up for a period of time.
- B had been forced to cash in on some assets he held.
- C had needed to borrow from the company he worked for.
- D had received a loan from an acquaintance of his.

**(2) How did the author initially feel about his family's new car?**

- A uncertain
- B indifferent
- C pragmatic
- D embarrassed

**(3) What bothered the author most about the annual family trip to the coast was**

- A his father's driving was still a bit shaky.
- B the cramped conditions on the journey.
- C the boredom he suffered while travelling.
- D how hot he got stuck inside the car.

**(4) What would enrage the author's father when he had to drive on holiday?**

- A The author and his brother would constantly quarrel.
- B Other vehicle owners would complain about his driving.
- C The others in the car would give him unasked-for advice.
- D He wasn't able to have any alcohol when they stopped to eat.

**(5) The author did not learn how to drive while still at school because**

- A he felt there was no need to get a licence.
- B he couldn't afford to pay for the lessons.
- C he was apprehensive at the thought of it.
- D he had been discouraged by his father.

**(5 points)**

### Tasks 3 - 6: ENGLISH IN USE

#### Task 3: The History of Takeaways

Read the text below and 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.

Takeaway food is very much considered to be one of the (0) C of modern civilisation. However, its origins go back much further into the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of history than many might expect. For starters, if you'll excuse the (2) \_\_\_\_\_, it appears that the humble takeout was popular with the citizens of ancient Rome. Archaeological evidence has been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Pompeii that indicates that there were numerous locations which prepared food to be consumed off premises. Such establishments were equipped with serving (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that opened up onto the street like modern fast-food holes-in-the-wall. The popularity of such food is further suggested by the absence of cooking (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the dwellings of the town's inhabitants.

The love of takeaways was also (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Middle Ages, and the streets of the major urban centres of Europe were filled with traders selling food for immediate consumption. Again, the reason for the widespread (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of such nourishment was the fact that ordinary citizens were often without the means to cook in their own abodes.

It is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for granted that the takeaway is a European phenomenon which then made its way across the Atlantic, but it was present elsewhere in the medieval world. Takeaway meals in the west really took off during the Industrial Revolution, and colonisation and immigration saw the further enrichment of the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of food being offered. For instance, the first Chinese takeout in Britain opened at the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the twentieth century.

Takeaways are not a modern fad but have a long and rich history.

(10 points)

(0) A harms	B hurts	C ill	D injuries
(1) A depths	B distances	C extents	D profundities
(2) A banter	B pun	C jibe	D wisecrack
(3) A exhumed	B extracted	C disinterred	D unearthed
(4) A flaps	B folds	C hatches	D tabs
(5) A capacities	B conveniences	C facilities	D resources
(6) A candid	B defined	C distinct	D evident
(7) A availability	B dispersal	C handiness	D readiness
(8) A assumed	B given	C presumed	D taken
(9) A breadth	B range	C scale	D span
(10) A change	B roll	C spin	D turn

#### Task 4: Starling Murmurations

Read the text below and think of the word that best fits each space. Use **ONLY ONE** word each time. Write your choice on the Answer Sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

Starling murmurations are natural events about which little (0) has been known until relatively recently. They occur when tens (1) \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of starlings, one of Europe's most common birds, gather together in the evening sky. The result is large numbers of birds moving across the sky in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ appears to be synchronised motion. The phenomenon tends to take place just as night starts to fall and the birds are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the look-out for somewhere to roost for the night. Typically, it occurs in the autumn or winter, since this is a time of the year when starling numbers are boosted by the arrival of birds that have (4) \_\_\_\_\_ part in the annual migration from Scandinavia. Murmurations can occur almost anywhere (5) \_\_\_\_\_ have been recorded in both urban and rural environments. These spectacular shows can last for up to an hour (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a time. The reason (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the birds should change direction simultaneously has long been something of a mystery. However, scientists now believe that the movement of a single bird can trigger the same response in its neighbour, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ leads to a knock-on effect so that the whole flock moves in unison. It would appear that the initial movement is likely to be sparked (9) \_\_\_\_\_ by the presence nearby of a bird of prey. The starlings refrain from dispersing (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to the fact that they can rely on safety in numbers. As the predator, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ instance a kestrel, approaches, the nearest potential victim senses the danger and alters course. This evasive movement is then transmitted through (12) \_\_\_\_\_ entire flock. The spectacle that ensues of thousands and thousands of birds moving (13) \_\_\_\_\_ if one is truly an impressive sight. The opportunity to witness a murmuration at first hand has even spawned (14) \_\_\_\_\_ mini-tourist industry of late in certain parts of Britain, such as the Lake District. People come from (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and wide to catch a glimpse of the spectacle, although the phenomenon is actually quite common.

(15 points)

### Task 5: Harry Houdini

Read the following text. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a new word that fits in the same line.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

<p>Harry Houdini was one of the greatest stunt (0) <u>performers</u> in history. His family were Hungarian Jews and his (1) _____ was Ehrich Weisz. His family emigrated to America and soon obtained US (2) _____. Weisz started earning his living as an illusionist, changing his name to Houdini in honour of the Frenchman Houdin, who was one of the greatest (3) _____ of all time. It seems that Weisz (4) _____ believed that Houdini meant “in the manner of Houdin”, although it is not known from where he got this false idea.</p> <p>Houdini had a (5) _____ gift for escapology, and one of the highlights of his act was his ability to escape from a pair of locked police (6) _____. He soon progressed to escaping from gaols and other forms of (7) _____, including locked containers submerged in water.</p> <p>Cynics have sought various explanations for Houdini’s deeds, including claims that he acted (8) _____, such as having keys hidden upon his person. He was even accused of engaging in bribery. We will probably never know the whole truth about his illustrious career, as it is an (9) _____ rule of the magic trade that a performer should not disclose his or her secrets. Houdini took his tricks with him to the grave as a result of complications arising from (10) _____ in 1926.</p>	<p>(0) <b>PERFORM</b></p> <p>(1) <b>BORN</b></p> <p>(2) <b>CITIZEN</b></p> <p>(3) <b>MAGIC</b></p> <p>(4) <b>CORRECT</b></p> <p>(5) <b>BREATHE</b></p> <p>(6) <b>HAND</b></p> <p>(7) <b>CONFINE</b></p> <p>(8) <b>FRAUD</b></p> <p>(9) <b>WRITE</b></p> <p>(10) <b>APPENDIX</b></p>
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(10 points)



### Task 6: Sentence Transformations

For questions 1-5, complete the second sentence so that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the first sentence using the word in brackets. **DO NOT CHANGE THE GIVEN WORD.** Use **FOUR** words, including the given word. Only write the missing words on the answer sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

(0) She lets her kids do exactly what they want when they are on holiday. (**own**)

She lets her kids get their own way when they are on holiday.

(1) I've got a feeling that I might have caught a cold. (**coming**)

I've got a feeling that I might \_\_\_\_\_ a cold.

(2) Jane is always willing to provide us with assistance when we need it. (**helping**)

Jane is always willing to lend \_\_\_\_\_ us when we need it.

(3) John said it was unusual to see someone win the competition with such ease. (**rarely**)

John said that the competition \_\_\_\_\_ with such ease.

(4) Dave said that he would be glad when John and Kath left. (**back**)

Dave said that he would be glad \_\_\_\_\_ of John and Kath.

(5) Angela really regrets what she said when she was angry the other day. (**moment**)

Angela really regrets what she said in the \_\_\_\_\_ the other day.

(5 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST