

**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**

<b>Slušanje s razumijevanjem:</b>	<b>5 bodova</b>
<b>Čitanje s razumijevanjem:</b>	<b>5 bodova</b>
<b>Uporaba jezika:</b>	<b>40 bodova</b>

## PART 2 - Task 1: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

### Task 1: Hydrogen Cars

You will hear part of a report on hydrogen cars. Listen carefully to the instructions. For questions 1- 5, complete the sentences using no more than one word or a number for each gap. You will hear the words that you need to use. The answers will occur in the same order as the questions. You will hear the extract twice.

You have 30 seconds to read through all the questions.

The task begins with an example (0).

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

- (0) One of the reasons for the increase in oil prices is political unrest in some countries.
- (1) There is a new place for hydrogen cars to refuel in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the country.
- (2) The main advantage of hydrogen cars compared with electric-battery ones is that people can \_\_\_\_\_ them more quickly.
- (3) Hydrogen cars can travel up to \_\_\_\_\_ hundred kilometres on a full tank.
- (4) Stations for hydrogen cars don't need as many \_\_\_\_\_ facilities as those for electric-battery cars.
- (5) According to the report, the introduction of hydrogen cars might be threatened by the economic \_\_\_\_\_ in many countries.

(5 points)

## Task 2: READING COMPREHENSION

### Task 2: Reflections of a Boxing Fan

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 Answer Sheet.

Despite my sheltered upbringing and my mother's absolute horror towards the sport, I've always been something of a boxing fan. Rather than the thrill of combat in the ring or blind hero worship, I was drawn by an inexplicable fascination, albeit mixed with a large amount of unease at the idea of people paying to watch two men trying to harm each other.

I don't follow it so closely these days, at least not nearly as much as during the sport's heyday in the 1970s. It's easy to look back at things through rose-tinted glasses now, but back then the sport was objectively in a far more robust state, especially the showcase heavyweight division. Although the financial rewards were less, the top contenders simply met on a more consistent basis. There was less of an obsession with remaining undefeated. This made for a far more competitive sport. Amazingly, it was all free on TV, as there were no satellite or cable companies to buy up the pay-per-view rights.

Like many followers of the sport, my idol was Muhammad Ali. As a boxer, he was simply incomparable. He had the lot: speed, power, elegance and a fantastic defence. My initial allegiance as a schoolgirl was based upon his physical charms, but I soon realised that here was a sportsman who actually transcended his discipline. His first reign as champion is inseparable from his involvement in civil rights issues and opposition to the war in Vietnam. He was also extremely smart and humorous, which I greatly appreciated back then.

However, he was no angel. I always felt slightly uncomfortable about his reputation as a ladies man. In addition, I was particularly disturbed by his personal abuse of fellow fighters, such as his pre-bout mockery of Joe Frazier, whom he dubbed 'ignorant' and a 'gorilla'. I found this to be in extremely poor taste and it diminished

Ali's standing in my eyes. He could also be a little intolerant in his religious and political views, although time seems to have mellowed these. In addition, he didn't really know when to call it a day, but then again, who does?

Ali is an old man now. His great rival, Smokin' Joe Frazier, recently passed away. Apparently, he remained bitter towards Ali. Nevertheless, he was well respected. Even the President sent his condolences. I was taken aback by the rich and famous in attendance at his burial. Ironically, it emerged that his home town of Philadelphia has a statue of the film character Rocky, but no such tribute to its greatest real fighter. I wish I could say that this surprised me. I guess it's a sign of the times.

- (0) Which word sums up the author's feelings about boxing in the first paragraph?**
- A admiration
  - B curiosity
  - C excitement
  - D guilt
- (1) Why does the author believe boxing was better in the seventies?**
- A Matches could be watched on terrestrial TV.
  - B The best fighters fought each other regularly.
  - C The sport wasn't so dominated by money.
  - D The top boxers were well known.
- (2) The author started liking Ali because he was**
- A an exceptional fighter.
  - B clever and witty.
  - C good-looking.
  - D not just a sportsman.
- (3) The author's greatest criticism of Ali is that he**
- A could be narrow-minded in his political opinions.
  - B didn't retire when he should have.
  - C showed a lack of respect for his opponents.
  - D was not a good role model in his personal life.
- (4) When Joe Frazier died, the author was surprised by the fact that**
- A he had never forgiven Muhammad Ali.
  - B a large number of celebrities were at his funeral.
  - C he had no monument in Philadelphia.
  - D the US head of state sent a message.
- (5) Which word best describes the author's tone in the article?**
- A balanced
  - B bitter
  - C ironic
  - D sentimental

**(5 points)**

### Tasks 3 - 5: ENGLISH IN USE

#### Task 3: Endangered Species

Read the text below and choose the word from A – D that best fits each space. Write your choice (a letter A – D) on the Answer Sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

The scientific community is (0)\_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ in a debate on whether the discovery of new species should remain unannounced to the general public. Given that the purpose of scientific inquiry would appear to be the sharing of knowledge, such a proposal at first (1)\_\_\_\_\_ seems rather surprising. At a recent conference on the subject, a (2)\_\_\_\_\_ US researcher related the story of how he had found a new species of frog in the rainforests of south-east Asia. He subsequently published his (3)\_\_\_\_\_ in a scientific journal. Unbeknown to him, such (4)\_\_\_\_\_ are read by collectors of exotic species. These people are prepared to (5)\_\_\_\_\_ with huge sums of money to acquire such rarities, and there are plenty of unscrupulous dealers who are prepared to supply them. The researcher went on to recount how it had been brought to his (6)\_\_\_\_\_ that the frog he had uncovered was now freely available online. Horrified at the news, he had returned to the (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of his discovery. Although (8)\_\_\_\_\_ to a relatively small geographical area, the frogs had not been hard to find once you knew what you were looking for. However, it was with great difficulty that he had succeeded in finding any (9)\_\_\_\_\_. It seems that traders had taken advantage of the poverty of the local inhabitants by paying them (10)\_\_\_\_\_ sums of money to collect the amphibians. The species was now on the brink of (11)\_\_\_\_\_.

In this particular case, the government of the country in question had been (12)\_\_\_\_\_ to take action and the species had been granted protected species (13)\_\_\_\_\_. It is now a criminal offence to (14)\_\_\_\_\_ in them. Nevertheless, the whole (15)\_\_\_\_\_ raises the question of the extent to which scientists should share their discoveries with the rest of the world.

(0)	A concerned	B employed	C engaged	D retained
(1)	A glance	B glimpse	C look	D view
(2)	A chief	B foremost	C leading	D primary
(3)	A breakthroughs	B detections	C findings	D outcomes
(4)	A editions	B pamphlets	C publications	D volumes
(5)	A compensate	B forfeit	C part	D remunerate
(6)	A attention	B awareness	C comprehension	D realisation
(7)	A point	B position	C setting	D site
(8)	A confined	B kept	C narrowed	D restrained
(9)	A incidences	B instances	C samples	D specimens
(10)	A immaterial	B insignificant	C irrelevant	D unimportant
(11)	A destruction	B disappearance	C elimination	D extinction
(12)	A insisted	B persevered	C persisted	D urged
(13)	A level	B rank	C standing	D status
(14)	A import	B operate	C trade	D transact
(15)	A chapter	B episode	C event	D occurrence

(15 points)

#### Task 4: Mount Kosciuszko

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 Answer Sheet.

Mount Kosciuszko is the highest peak on (0) the Australian mainland. It is situated some 2,200 metres above sea level, which in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's highest mountains is admittedly rather modest. It was named halfway (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the nineteenth century by the Polish explorer Strzelecki, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ decided to give it the name of his country's national hero, Tadeusz Kościuszko. Strangely, today's Mount Kosciuszko is not the same as (4) \_\_\_\_\_ one named by Strzelecki. The reason for this curiosity lies (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that it was later discovered that the mountain was actually not as high as (6) \_\_\_\_\_ neighbour, Mount Townsend. The authorities decided that (7) \_\_\_\_\_ than have a different highest peak, they would simply exchange the mountains' names, with the result that Townsend became Kosciuszko (8) \_\_\_\_\_ vice versa. Australians are nothing if (9) \_\_\_\_\_ practical.

Despite (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the Australian mainland's highest peak, Kosciuszko is relatively straightforward to ascend. In fact, so long (11) \_\_\_\_\_ they are in a reasonable physical condition, most people should be able to walk (12) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Because of such ease of access, (13) \_\_\_\_\_ is increasing concern that the mountain's ecosystem is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ threat.

The mountain is an undoubted Australian icon and is referenced in the title of a song by renowned Aussie rockers Midnight Oil on (15) \_\_\_\_\_ second album, *Red Sails in the Sunset*.

(15 points)

### Task 5: Saving Money on Food and Drink

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 Answer Sheet.

It's an (0) undeniable fact that everyone could do with a bit more cash in their pocket, especially in times of economic (1)\_\_\_\_\_. It's not so difficult to achieve. First of all, draw up a list of all your outgoings. Try keeping all your (2)\_\_\_\_\_ when you go shopping, as this will help you see how much you're spending. You'll be amazed at how much cash you waste on (3)\_\_\_\_\_ items that you don't really need. For starters, why purchase (4)\_\_\_\_\_ water when you can drink it from the tap? Not only is it cheaper, it's also more (5)\_\_\_\_\_ friendly. And what about making your own sandwiches for lunch rather than buying them? They needn't be (6)\_\_\_\_\_, provided you decide to put some (7)\_\_\_\_\_ into their preparation.

Of course, you should also cut down on dining in restaurants. As an alternative, you can always entertain at home. Just make sure you don't order a (8)\_\_\_\_\_!

Shop more efficiently for food. You can eliminate all those costly, unhealthy (9)\_\_\_\_\_ foods that you purchase. Buy something nutritious and (10)\_\_\_\_\_ instead. By just making a few small changes to your eating and drinking habits, you'll be surprised at how much you can save.

(0) DENY

(1) HARD

(2) RECEIVE

(3) PRICE

(4) BOTTLE

(5) ECOLOGY

(6) APPETITE

(7) THINK

(8) TAKE

(9) CONVENIENT

(10) EXPENSE

(10 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST