

ŠKOLSKO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA
za 4. razred srednjih škola

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TEST

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

- 1** Lista 4.A: gimnazije
- 2** Lista 4.B: ostale srednje škole

Zaporka:

(prepiši dobivenu riječ)

TEST

Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	6 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	54 boda
Ukupno:	60 bodova

Task 1: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Parking Dispute

Read the following magazine article. Choose which of the sentences A – H from the box best fits into the numbered gaps 1 – 6. There are two extra sentences which do not fit any of the gaps.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

In this day and age, it can be hard enough to find a decent parking space in the nation's towns and cities. However, have you ever gone back to the place where you thought that you had left your car parked only to find that it was no longer there? **0...I.....** But this was only the beginning of the story.

Mrs Dawson, aged thirty-three and a mother of two, had parked her car in a free-parking space while she popped into the town centre to do a spot of last-minute shopping and pay her utility bills. It was something that she had done on many previous occasions. **1.....** She continued by claiming that she had only overstayed the one-hour maximum stay limit by twenty minutes, which was something that she had done before without any repercussions. On this occasion, though, things were to turn out rather different, as she soon discovered.

"At first, I thought that I must have made a silly mistake and that I'd actually parked in a completely different location", she explained. **2.....** When this dawned on her, she quickly contacted the municipal parking authorities to resolve the matter as soon as possible and regain possession of her vehicle.

It was at this point in proceedings that matters started to get significantly worse for Mrs Dawson. **3.....** In addition, it emerged that she was also liable to be

fined a further sum for having overstayed in the first place.

Not surprisingly, Mrs Dawson was firmly of the opinion that this was somewhat on the disproportionate side. **4.....** Spurred on by what she perceived to be a gross injustice, she decided to pursue her complaint through the legal system.

The solicitor that she had engaged, who was not new to disputes of this kind, argued that the penalties involved were completely unreasonable. **5.....** She added that she had found the whole incident rather distressing and had had to seek medical advice as a result of the stress that she had suffered.

The court, on the other hand, took a less favourable view of her position. In its verdict, it ruled against the appeal and ordered Mrs Dawson to pay up, as well as meet the municipal parking authority's legal costs. A spokesperson for the court explained that the charge had been deemed both appropriate and fair. **6.....** "If such parking violations, no matter how minor, were not punished there would soon be total parking chaos in the town's streets." She went on to conclude that municipal parking authorities were free to impose whatever financial penalties they thought were suitable and that it was up to the nation's lawmakers to establish maximum amounts that could be charged in such circumstances.

- A.** “After all, I’d only exceeded the allotted time by a quarter of an hour or so”, she complained.
- B.** This was because Dawson had known of both the limit and the consequences of exceeding it.
- C.** Despite these arguments, the judge had ruled that the measures applied were legally valid.
- D.** However, it soon became apparent that it was due to the fact her vehicle had been towed away.
- E.** Moreover, her client had been threatened with enforced debt collection for failure to pay on time.
- F.** Not only had her car been taken, but she would have to pay a hundred pounds for its return.
- G.** “The law has to be the same for everyone without any exceptions whatsoever”, they added.
- H.** “When I returned, there was another vehicle in the place where my own had been”, she told us.
- I.** ~~This is precisely what happened to Mrs Claire Dawson in October of last year.~~

(6 points)

Tasks 2 - 6: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 2: Detergents

Read the following article. For each gap 1 – 12, think of one word which best fits into the text. Use only one word for each space.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

People (0) have always used substances to help wash clothes. For instance, the ancient Egyptians (1) _____ habitually add ash to the water they used for their laundry.

In the first half of the twentieth century, manufacturers started to use soap as (2) _____ laundry detergent. However, it was (3) _____ as effective as might be assumed. This was (4) _____ to the adverse effect that cold water has on it. The problem was overcome by the development of synthetic detergents (5) _____ used fats and oils. As the market for washing powders became more sophisticated, other ingredients were added, (6) _____ as perfumes and colouring.

Besides (7) _____ resistant to the deactivating effects of hard water, synthetic detergents have other advantages. In particular, they are far (8) _____ likely to block drainage systems. This is a result of (9) _____ not having the same sticky properties as soap.

Nevertheless, a lot of concern has been expressed with (10) _____ to the harmful effects of detergents on the environment, especially those containing phosphates. However, these have been reduced (11) _____ a consequence of the emergence of more environmentally friendly products. For example, all detergents in the EU are now required (12) _____ law to be biodegradable.

(12 points)

Task 3: Orange Juice

Read the following text. In most of the lines 1 - 12, there is one extra word. Identify the extra words which are either grammatically incorrect or do not fit in with the meaning of the text. Remember: some lines are correct.

If a line is correct, write the word 'CORRECT' 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.

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(0)	If you will ask me, you simply cannot beat freshly-squeezed orange juice.
(00)	It beats the processed stuff hands down every time. There are several
(1)	reasons why do I prefer to squeeze my own rather than buy processed
(2)	juices. Firstly, I can be a hundred of percent sure that the juice I have
(3)	squeezed does not contain any more additives like artificial flavouring,
(4)	colouring or sweeteners. I don't mind if my juice doesn't have a
(5)	consistent taste or appearance, as long as it's just healthy. I really can't
(6)	be bothered with reading how all the small print on every carton to find
(7)	out what's in the OJ you buy in the supermarket. I know that freshly-
(8)	squeezed OJ contains a plenty of beneficial substances like vitamins and
(9)	antioxidants. I wonder about how many of these survive the heating in
(10)	the pasteurisation process that manufactured OJs must have to undergo.
(11)	Last but not the least, I'm absolutely sure that it works out much cheaper
(12)	if we should squeeze our own. Neither must we forget it is good fun, too!

(12 points)

Task 4: The Great Plague of London

Read the following text and the options below. 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 Great Plague of London, which occurred from 1665 to 1666, was the last (0) C outbreak of plague in England. Research has demonstrated that the disease was caused by being bitten by (1) _____ fleas that were carried by rats, although at the time many superstitious folk believed that it had been brought by a comet that was seen in 1664.

The disease spread steadily because of the (2) _____ population and poor sanitary conditions. The (3) _____ did their best to check its progress. Some of the measures they (4) _____ were rather cruel. For example, houses with sufferers were locked up and all the people inside (5) _____ from exiting, even if they appeared healthy. Wealthier Londoners were able to leave the city for the relative (6) _____ of their country residences. Consequently, the (7) _____ majority of the victims of the epidemic were the urban poor. It is estimated that over 100,000 of the capital's inhabitants lost their lives, which was a quarter of the (8) _____ population of the city.

The following year, the city was devastated by fire. Legend has it that it was this (9) _____ that put an end to the plague. However, the truth is that the epidemic had actually already (10) _____ down by then.

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| (0) A key | B main | C major | D principal |
| (1) A impure | B infected | C infested | D polluted |
| (2) A compact | B dense | C heavy | D solid |
| (3) A authorities | B establishments | C leaderships | D powers |
| (4) A embarked | B engaged | C tackled | D undertook |
| (5) A averted | B disallowed | C inhibited | D prevented |
| (6) A care | B safety | C well-being | D welfare |
| (7) A overcoming | B overdrawn | C overpowering | D overwhelming |
| (8) A absolute | B complete | C entire | D full |
| (9) A blaze | B burn | C flame | D flash |
| (10) A come | B died | C fallen | D gone |

(10 points)

Task 5: Gap Filling

For questions 1 to 10, 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) Sharon says she's _____ in favour of banning cruel sports like hunting.
Pete was watching TV when _____ of a sudden there was a loud bang.
I don't care at _____ who wins the match, as long as it's a good game.
- (2) It took a while for the effects of the anaesthetic to _____ off.
Diana needs to sit down and have a rest or she'll _____ herself out.
My sister always likes to _____ her hair in a ponytail.
- (3) Our ability to _____ is what distinguishes us from animals.
Parents will do anything within _____ to help their children progress.
Jan said she sees no _____ to believe a word William says.
- (4) You can trust Ahmed. It's not in his _____ to lie about things.
The council has decided to turn the lakes into a _____ reserve.
The suspect has been charged with crimes of a serious _____.
- (5) Holland and Belgium were _____ winners of the last competition.
The knee is a _____ that's very easy to injure if you play football a lot.
The two companies decided to combine and form a _____ venture.
- (6) More and more people are living on _____ because of the recession.
Fred deserves a lot of _____ for the hard work he's done this year.
I'm not stupid, you know! Please _____ me with a little intelligence!

- (7) There'll be lasting damage if we continue to _____ the balance of nature.
In a massive _____, the champions were defeated by the bottom team.
Jen's not at school today. She said that her stomach's _____.
- (8) If you want to eat something, you'll have to _____ up yesterday's soup.
Paul really regrets what he said in the _____ of the moment the other day.
No one could say which of the two runners had won. It was a dead _____.
- (9) Debbie and Jim decided to _____ their kids in the countryside.
Ben's doing a sponsored run to _____ money for charity.
Sally decided to ask her boss if she could have a _____.
- (10) Sam's lawyers have advised him to take the _____ to court.
They say the hardest part of learning Croatian is the _____ endings.
Make sure you take an umbrella in _____ it starts to rain later.

(10 points)

Task 6: Sport

Read the following text. Use the word given at the end of the line to form a new word that fits in the same numbered space in the text. Your answer must be ONE word only.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

<p>To my mind, following (0) <u>developments</u> in professional sport has become rather depressing of late. Every time I turn to the back pages I am confronted by some new tale of dishonesty in the (1)_____ arena. The most recent affair to grab my attention concerns (2)_____ drug-taking in athletics. Clearly, the athletes concerned will do anything to enhance their (3)_____, but what kind of message does this send out to the rest of society?</p> <p>However, it is not only the use of banned substances. Recently, a number of sports officials all over the world have been arrested on (4)_____ charges. It appears that more than one major sporting event has been purchased through various illegal (5)_____. What is the point of bidding if the winner is going to be selected (6)_____?</p> <p>Finally, there is the off-field behaviour of many sportsmen themselves. How can it be moral for certain players to earn such vast sums while many people are forced to live in (7)_____? Of course, there are many players who are positive role models, but the fact remains that barely a day goes by without me reading about another star behaving (8)_____ somewhere or other.</p> <p>Sport should (9)_____ all that is good in people. I just don't think it's happening enough. Both administrators and sportsmen need to live up to their numerous (10)_____.</p>	<p>(0) DEVELOP</p> <p>(1) COMPETE</p> <p>(2) WIDE</p> <p>(3) PERFORM</p> <p>(4) BRIBE</p> <p>(5) PAY</p> <p>(6) FAIR</p> <p>(7) POOR</p> <p>(8) SCANDAL</p> <p>(9) EXAMPLE</p> <p>(10) RESPONSIBLE</p>
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