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Zaporka:

(dobivena riječ)

TEST

Slušanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	36 bodova
Ukupno:	60 bodova

Napomena: Svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na List za odgovore.

Sadržaj ove testne knjižice NE boduje se.

Tasks 1 and 2: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task 1

You will hear a recording about the founders of Adidas and Puma. For sentences 1 – 6, decide whether they are true or false. Write T for true and F for false. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

- 0) *The Dassler brothers were born outside Germany.* T / F
- 1) Adi believed that shoes for athletes were inadequate. T / F
- 2) The army supplied Adi with raw materials. T / F
- 3) While working together, the brothers had a clear division of work tasks. T / F
- 4) Their sports shoes had special features. T / F
- 5) Famous runners of that time were paid to advertise their shoes. T / F
- 6) The consequences of the brothers' feud had an impact on the local community. T / F

(6 points)

Task 2

You will hear a recording about a school for Santas. For items 1 – 6, decide which answer is correct, A, B, or C. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

0) *Santa school was established in*

- a) 1944.
- b) 1934.
- c) 1943.

1) The founder's name was

- a) Charles U. Howard.
- b) Charles W. Howard.
- c) Charles V. Howard.

2) Charles founded the school because

- a) he lost his job at Macy's.
- b) he was shocked to see poor-looking Santas.
- c) he wanted to learn about reindeer.

3) As a part of the curriculum, among other things, students study

- a) how to pilot a plane.
- b) American sign language.
- c) reindeer behaviour.

4) The school was given the nickname

- a) the Harvard of Santa schools.
- b) the Royal Jolliness Academy.
- c) the North Pole Polygon.

5) The inside of the school looks like

- a) Santa's workshop.
- b) a gingerbread house.
- c) a very neutral space.

6) You can register for the course

- a) only in October.
- b) during a three-day period.
- c) throughout the year.

(6 points)

Tasks 3 and 4: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 3: *Forgetfulness – what do experts have to say?*

You will read a text about six experts talking about forgetfulness. Match each speaker (1 – 6) with one statement (A – J). There are three statements you will not need. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers (A – J) on the Answer Sheet.

Teachers everywhere report that students' ability to retain and remember information is terrible. Some of them feel that students are not familiar with rote memorization, which is a learning technique based on repeating certain facts over and over again, until they are stored in our memory. We have talked to six experts about the factors that are responsible for the epidemic of forgetfulness in American classrooms.

EXPERT 1

In recent years, assignments and activities that focus on rote memorization have been replaced with ones that promise to promote higher-order thinking. So-called "choke and puke" learning (due to the idea that students swallow information and bring it back up for a test) is often seen as old-fashioned and meaningless. Students learn something, use the information maybe once or twice, then simply erase it from their memory.

EXPERT 2

Opponents of rote memorization argue that students don't retain much of what they learn, and that real-world learning should be more about problem-solving than about memorizing. However, memorizing poems, multiplication tables, lists of presidents, state capitals or definitions exercises the brain and frees up space in the brain's working memory. By reducing the amount of memorization required of children, we, both teachers and parents, do not prepare them enough to become critical thinkers.

EXPERT 3

We, as teachers, cannot overstate the negative effects of too much screen time on the developing brain. Too much time spent playing games, scrolling social media, and watching 20-second video clips, literally alters the gray matter and white volumes in the brain and makes storing of information and new knowledge in the brain difficult. Besides that, many young people are sleep-deprived because they are too addicted to their digital devices to turn them off and go to bed.

EXPERT 4

My students seem to think that rather than sending anything to our memory, all information can be found on Google. To be honest, I too am guilty of letting technology be my brain. I can still tell you the phone number of the boy I had a crush on in the 7th grade, but I do not know the phone numbers of any of my best friends today. In my defense, my brain was already fully developed when I got my first smartphone. I feel that kids today aren't just choosing not to store or remember information – they don't even realize that's an option.

EXPERT 5

Our students don't have to memorize anything for homework - parents can always check their folder, or better yet, email the teacher. And if they forget their lunch or their basketball shoes, someone will drop everything and bring it to them.

This isn't to say that parents should never bail their kids out. I've made more than one trip home during my own break to grab a forgotten lunchbox and drop it off at my children's school. But kids need to learn to take responsibility for remembering what needs to be done

and when. As parents and teachers, we should help their brains to develop so that they can learn, remember, think, and create.

EXPERT 6

Many parents and teachers are not sure what can be done to promote healthy brain development in our children and students. A simple and concrete measure might be to encourage and require memorization from them in everyday situations; for example, ask them to remember a few items on a shopping list. Others could include limiting screen time and holding kids more accountable for what they need to do and when. These will all go a long way toward helping our kids become the people they are meant to be.

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| 0) | <i>Expert 1</i> | <i>Statement</i> <u> D </u> |
| 1) | Expert 1 | Statement _____ |
| 2) | Expert 2 | Statement _____ |
| 3) | Expert 3 | Statement _____ |
| 4) | Expert 4 | Statement _____ |
| 5) | Expert 5 | Statement _____ |
| 6) | Expert 6 | Statement _____ |

- A) This expert describes a change in the learning methods.
- B) This expert thinks that children are not encouraged to take responsibility for their forgetfulness.
- C) This expert says that we should not help children when they are forgetful.
- D) ~~This expert talks about changed priorities.~~
- E) This expert provides tips for parents and teachers to break this negative trend.
- F) This expert also has problems memorising information because she/he grew up with a smartphone.
- G) This expert feels that children are too reliant on technology.
- H) This expert thinks that technology has a negative effect on learning.
- I) This expert says that rote memorization causes vomiting.
- J) This expert thinks that giving kids few opportunities for rote memorization does not lead to higher-level thinking.

(Adapted from: <https://www.boredteachers.com/post/kids-cant-remember>)

(6 points)

Task 4 – “APT.”

Read the text about a current music hit. Choose which parts of the sentences (A – J) best fit the gaps (1 – 6). There are three sentences that do not fit any of the gaps. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

The catchy Korean game chant, *Apateu Apateu*, is now sweeping the globe. Riding the explosive popularity of “APT.”, the Korean term *Apateu*, **0) _____**, is now one of the buzziest words on social media. “APT.” is a duet by Blackpink’s Rose and American pop star Bruno Mars.

Since its release in October 2024, it has topped South Korean Melon Daily Chart **1) _____**. “APT.” also debuted at number 4 on the UK Official Singles Chart, marking a record-breaking achievement for a solo Korean female artist, with Rose’s track surpassing even Blackpink’s own highest chart placements. The song is also expected to break into the Top 10 on the US Billboard Hot 100.

Rose, **2) _____**, was inspired by a popular Korean rhythmic game chant. The singer has since generated global buzz, one of the rare cases where a K-pop idol gained success for a self-composed track. With roots in New Zealand, Rose has demonstrated her skills as a singer-songwriter, **3) _____**.

“APT.” is a pop-punk track with a punchy beat, taking inspiration from Toni Basil’s 1982 hit *Mickey*, but adding a modern twist. The song transitions from rap in the opening verse to a melodious pre-chorus and builds toward an energetic chorus, **4) _____**.

Former Tokyo University professor Hideki Noma, an expert on K-pop linguistics, explained the appeal in an interview: “This is the triumph of bilingualism without dominance. Rather than relying on a narrative, **5) _____**.”

The song has resonated across generations, with even politicians joining the “APT.” craze. With the song’s contagious rhythm and cultural crossover, Rose is becoming a true K-pop phenomenon **6) _____**.

A while Rose’s powerful vocals in the bridge give it an unexpected dynamic vibe

B combines western pop with a distinctly Korean chant

C and climbed to the No. 1 spots of global streaming giants Spotify and Apple Music

D its catchy rhythm rooted in an old apartment game

E who both wrote and composed the track

F while embracing the hybrid identity of K-pop, sparking curiosity and excitement worldwide

G captured the attention of fans worldwide

H that defies trends and captures audiences across cultures

I ~~not to be confused with the English word, apartment~~

J Rose has intensified the playfulness of the words, blending English and Korean together

(Adapted from: https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/art/2025/01/398_385107.html)

(6 points)

Tasks 5 – 9: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 5 – Coober Pedy

Read the text. For each gap (1 – 8), choose the answer that best fits, A, B, C or D. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

Coober Pedy is a mining town in South Australia, (0) B is also known as *the opal mining capital of the world*.

While Aborigines have long (1) _____ the area, miners first moved to Coober Pedy in 1916, after the discovery of opal in the rocks. As a result of the (2) _____ heat, a number of miners living in town chose to live underground, (3) _____ in parts of old mines or in specially built underground houses. This building process continued, and a great part of the modern town (4) _____ built underground. Among the local public buildings found underground are three churches, a bookstore, an art gallery, a bar, and even some hotels. The daytime temperatures of Coober Pedy in the summer get (5) _____ high that most sporting activities take place at night. Golf played with glowing balls is a popular leisure activity.

The town's unusual landscape has made it an attractive location for Hollywood. Coober Pedy has appeared in a(n) (6) _____ of movies, including *Pitch Black*, *Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome*, and *Red Planet*.

One must be careful in Coober Pedy, (7) _____. The area around the town is filled with holes dug in search of opals. This can be particularly dangerous at night, (8) _____ one is out playing a round of glowing golf.

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| 0 | A) that | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B) which | C) whose | D) who |
| 1 | A) lived | B) established | C) inhabited | D) settled |
| 2 | A) deep | B) intense | C) tense | D) extremely |
| 3 | A) or | B) either | C) both | D) neither |
| 4 | A) was | B) being | C) were | D) has |
| 5 | A) too | B) as | C) so | D) extreme |
| 6 | A) majority | B) quantity | C) amount | D) number |
| 7 | A) although | B) however | C) still | D) even though |
| 8 | A) during | B) that | C) where | D) when |

(Adapted from: <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/coober-pedy>)

(8 points)

Task 6 – A Minecraft Movie

Read the text. For each gap (1 – 8), use a word from the box. There are three words that you do not need. You can use each word only once. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

switch	released	while	compete
on	except	moreover	into
complete	turn	among	attempts

Nothing makes you feel older than watching someone two generations younger than you play *Minecraft* – (0) except, perhaps, watching someone two generations younger watching someone else play *Minecraft* on *YouTube*. Gen A have generally moved (1) _____ to watching YouTubers play *Fortnite*, *Roblox* and *Elden Ring* instead. But there are still millions of people, most of them kids, playing every month, and there's powerful nostalgia for this blocky virtual Lego game (2) _____ the gen Z young adults who grew up with it.

This film has been expected since 2012, but various failed (3) _____, Covid, and the annoying actors' strike, meant that filming didn't start until 2024. *A Minecraft Movie*, out April 2025, is directed by Jared Hess, and stars Jason Momoa, Jack Black, Emma Myers, Jennifer Coolidge, Jermaine Clement and Matt Berry. From the trailer (4) _____ this week, it's even crazier than you would imagine.

The characters from the game can escape into our world, like Sonic the hedgehog, or Barbie and Ken sneaking out of Barbieland. Real people can become characters in a video game, as in *Tron*, and have to (5) _____ some sort of magical quest to escape. The video game characters can (6) _____ human, like *Tomb Raider*, *Resident Evil*, *Prince of Persia*, *Doom* and *The Last of Us*.

In *A Minecraft Movie*, a group of humans are sucked (7) _____ the Overworld, the dimension where *Minecraft* is real. "Anything you can dream about, here you can make", explains Black, who plays Steve, to our puzzled heroes, as cuboid pigs fly past and pink blocky sheep go 'baa'. To get back home "they'll have to master this world (8) _____ embarking on a magical quest." Told you.

(Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/games/article/2024/sep/10/minecraft-movie-really-look-that-bad>)

(8 points)

Task 7

Read the sentences. For each gap (1 – 6), choose the answer that best fits, A, B or C. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers (A, B or C) on the Answer Sheet.

- 0) My parents are wonderful, but they can be demanding sometimes. I have a feeling that now and then they seem to _____ too much from me.
- a) exempt
 - b) except
 - c) expect
- 1) This dinner was delicious and I am full! Yet, I would just like to end it with a thin _____ of your famous home-made bread and some jam.
- a) peace
 - b) loaf
 - c) slice
- 2) Oh, I can't find my pencil! Please, can I _____ one from you, just for a second?
- a) lend
 - b) borrow
 - c) loan
- 3) The last few years have been difficult for our company, and we have gone _____ many difficult situations.
- a) through
 - b) thorough
 - c) threw
- 4) Conrad N. Hilton was an influential man who _____ the Hilton Hotels chain.
- a) founded
 - b) found
 - c) set
- 5) I strongly recommend reading trustworthy newspapers, because you can find some really useful _____ there.
- a) tips of information
 - b) parts of information
 - c) bits of information
- 6) Smartphones have become very popular gadgets, and it is difficult to imagine carrying _____ everyday activities without them.
- a) on
 - b) out
 - c) off

(6 points)

Task 8 – Why an asteroid on a collision course with Earth is actually good for humanity

Read the text carefully. For each gap (1 – 8), write one word that best fits into the text. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

A gigantic rock is hurtling towards Earth. Travelling 20 times faster than a bullet, *Asteroid 2024 YR4* has a 2.3 **0) per** cent chance of hitting us in 2032, roughly the same probability as rolling double sixes on a pair of dice.

These newly revised odds have made it the biggest extra-terrestrial threat to our planet since 2004. That space rock eventually proved harmless, but if we're lucky, this newly-discovered one will be on a direct collision course **1) _____** Earth.

This is not a wish for an apocalypse; the potential impact of *Asteroid 2024 YR4* would be catastrophic - if it crashed into a densely populated city like Lagos or Kolkata – which **2) _____** both on its estimated flight path, tens of millions of people might die or be displaced. It is, instead, a hope that humanity will be able to show just how far we've come as a species, giving an opportunity to demonstrate that we can now determine **3) _____** own fate – and alter the course of the universe. While the asteroid's exact route is uncertain, the chances of dealing with it are already known - we have the technology to deflect it.

The Double Asteroid Redirection Test saw a spacecraft intentionally collide with an asteroid twice the size of *Asteroid 2024 YR4*. This first-of-its-kind attempt altered the orbital path of *Didymos*, with the mission proving to be **4) _____** a success that even the live stream didn't fail.

It was not just a technological triumph, NASA described the ability to see off asteroids as "a new era of humankind", showing that it is possible to go **5) _____** warring tribes to a civilisation capable of planet-wide cooperation.

There is nothing like a planetary threat to bring the world **6) _____**. Ranking as a three on the Torino Impact Hazard Scale, *Asteroid 2024 YR4* has triggered global planetary defence procedures for the first time in human history.

This has become a moment to share resources and knowledge, and take collective action **7) _____** an existential threat. If it can be achieved with an asteroid, then similar levels of cooperation and organisation could potentially be extended to global challenges like climate change and the appearance of superhuman AI.

This may not be true for all asteroids. The early discovery of *Asteroid 2024 R4* gives us seven years to prepare for its approach – something that may not be the case for **8) _____**. As astrophysicist and YouTuber Scott Manley noted last week, the current impact risk of this asteroid is still lower than the odds of a similar-sized undiscovered object hitting Earth before then.

Well, for at least this one, we have the chance to work as a team to prevent a cosmic disaster.

(Adapted from: <https://www.independent.co.uk/space/asteroid-2024-yr4-date-odds-earth-nasa-b2697498.html>)

(8 points)

Task 9

Read the text. For each gap (1 – 6), transform the given word to complete the text. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet. You must change the form of each given word.

<p>Benedict Cumberbatch, the celebrated actor known for his roles in <i>Sherlock</i> and <i>Doctor Strange</i>, shares a profound and (0) <u>private</u> bond with his wife, Sophie Hunter. Sophie, a well-known theatre and opera director, adds an artistic (1) _____ to their partnership. The couple first crossed paths in 2009 while working together on the film <i>Burlesque Fairytales</i>. However, their relationship blossomed years later. In 2014, Benedict announced their (2) _____ in a traditional manner — through a classified ad in <i>The Times</i>. They got married on February 14, 2015, in an (3) _____ ceremony attended by close family and friends.</p> <p>Their relationship is often described as a (4) _____ balance of mutual respect and shared creativity. Despite Benedict's global fame, the couple leads a quiet life, focusing on their family life and shared interests.</p> <p>Both Benedict and Sophie are passionate about their careers and they support causes like refugee (5) _____ and mental health awareness.</p> <p>Their relationship, though mostly kept away from media scrutiny, is a testament to their commitment to each other and their shared values. For fans and (6) _____, their love story serves as a reminder of the power of genuine connection in a world often dominated by transient fame.</p>	<p>(0) PRIVACY</p> <p>(1) DEEP</p> <p>(2) ENGAGED</p> <p>(3) INTIMACY</p> <p>(4) HARMONY</p> <p>(5) ASSIST</p> <p>(6) ADMIRATION</p>
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(Adapted from: <https://www.facebook.com/profile/61553102544023/search/?q=benedict>)

(6 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!!!