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

- 1 Kategorija 2.A (gimnazije)
- 2 Kategorija 2.B (ostale srednje škole)

Zaporka:

(dobivena riječ)

TEST

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

Svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na list za odgovore.
Sadržaj ove testne knjižice NE boduje se.

Tasks 1 and 2: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Six Situations

You will hear people talking in six different situations. For questions **1-6**, choose the best answer (**A, B, C or D**). You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings.

Write your answers (A, B, C or D) on the Answer Sheet.

- 1) You hear an instructor speaking to a group of teenagers getting their driver's license. What is said about the pass rate?
 - A. It's common for candidates to require multiple attempts to pass.
 - B. The test can only be taken once.
 - C. The majority of candidates pass on their second attempt.
 - D. Candidates are not allowed the fifth attempt.

- 2) You hear a computer specialist discussing a problem. What kind of problem is it?
 - A. A problem with good reviews.
 - B. An issue with a deadline.
 - C. A particularly challenging problem.
 - D. A situation that was easily remedied.

- 3) You hear a conversation about a stolen bicycle. What impression does the policeman give the victim of the theft?
 - A. There is every reason for optimism.
 - B. It was the victim's fault.
 - C. There is little hope of a good outcome.
 - D. The bike will probably be recovered.

- 4) You hear a conversation on a plane about a problem. What is the nature of the problem?
 - A. The passenger wants help with something that has happened.
 - B. The passenger needs to find his earbuds.
 - C. The passenger is worried about what may happen.
 - D. The passenger feels this way every time on a plane.

- 5) You hear two people talking near a school. How does the man feel?
 - A. His legs hurt because of children's toys.
 - B. He is reluctant to leave his child.
 - C. He is attracted to the idea of having a bigger family.
 - D. He is glad to have some time without the child.

- 6) You hear a conversation about preparing lunch. Why is one speaker reluctant to make a decision?
 - A. Because the speaker is exhausted.
 - B. Because the speaker would prefer to go out.
 - C. Because it leads to a disagreement.
 - D. Because the speaker is a vegetarian.

(6 points)

Task 2: Holiday Advertisements

You will hear 6 holiday advertisements. For questions **1-6**, choose which tourist slogans **A-I** fit best according to the recording. You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. There are **three** answers you do not need.

Write your answers (**A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H or I**) on the Answer Sheet.

1 _____

A Wind and salt in your hair

2 _____

B Keep calm and dive on

C Green weeks with us

3 _____

D Flora of the summits

E Back to the roots

4 _____

F Throw yourself into the adventure

G Romantic walks for you

5 _____

H Passion and fire

I For art and cooking lovers

6 _____

(6 points)

Tasks 3 and 4: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 3: Yennayer: North Africa's New Year's Celebration

Read the following text. For **questions 1-6**, decide whether the statements are true or false. Write **T** for true or **F** for false. The task begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

On the evening of 12 January, dozens of bonfires burned on the rocky hillside above the village of Tisselday in Morocco's High Atlas Mountains. They were lit by families for Yennayer, the Amazigh (or Berber) new year celebrations. The fires symbolise a cleansing or purification of the past year, explained Ahmed Agouni, a trained geologist and owner of the long-running guesthouse in his home village of Tisselday. The Amazigh calendar starts at 950 BCE, when King Sheshong ascended the throne of Egypt, meaning this year is 2974. For Amazigh communities in Morocco, this Yennayer will be particularly special.

As North Africa's original inhabitants, the Amazigh (which means "free people" or "noble people") have occupied the region since the beginning of recorded history, and today Morocco and Algeria have the largest Amazigh populations. On the Amazigh calendar, Yennayer marks the ending of the agrarian year and the beginning of the next, said Agouni. The date corresponds to the Julian calendar, which is 13 days behind the more globally common Gregorian one. The first day of the new year on 13 January also coincides with the start of the coldest weeks of the year.

People hurry back home to finish the preparations for dinner. That meal, made with foods that symbolise abundance and fertility, is at the heart of Yennayer celebrations. Honouring the harvest and renewal, it's an ode to nature and her bounty. Tradition says that you have to leave the table full in order to ward off the spectre of famine and ensure abundance in the year ahead. As Yennayer is celebrated across North Africa and among the Amazigh diaspora, a diverse set of traditions is observed. But that festive evening meal is a strong constant on a unifying occasion that celebrates Amazigh identity, even if what's on the table changes.

For Agouni and those in his High Atlas village, the main dish to share with family is ourkemen, made with a wide selection of dried legumes and whole grains along with sheep's or cow's foot, onions and some light spicing. Slowly cooked over low-heat to a thick, porridge-like consistency, ourkemen is rich, filling and highly anticipated each year. For families in the Ouirgane Valley, the date pit often gets secreted into a mound of fine couscous garnished with peeled hard-boiled eggs and dusted with cinnamon. But after some rather inauspicious stories of broken teeth, many have switched to hiding an almond instead. While not teeth-shattering hard, its symbolic luck remains.

Sweets, of course, play a role in the festivities, especially around Algeria. Baskets of candies, dates, dried figs and nuts are enjoyed by families over tea after the large meal. One name for this basket is *trèze*, "thirteen" in French, and it should include a mix of 13 different types of candies, dried fruits and nuts. Children should be warned, though. The candies are gently thrown on the heads of children so that it brings good luck and that the year ahead will be sweet.

- (0) **Yennayer is celebrated in the first two weeks of the year.** **T**
- (1) Fire is a symbol of clean households. _____
- (2) Yennayer celebrates the beginning of the coldest weeks of the year. _____
- (3) The Amazigh people celebrate Yennayer in a uniform way. _____
- (4) Ourkemen is made with a variety of beans, lentils and chickpeas. _____
- (5) The date pit is typically hidden in a mound of couscous mixed with almonds. _____
- (6) The candies are thrown on the heads of children so they have a prosperous year. _____

(6 points)

(Adapted from: <https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20240112-yennayer-north-africas-3000-year-old-new-years-celebration>)

Task 4: Return of the King

Read the following text. Choose which **sentences A–I** best fit the gaps 1 – 6. There are three extra sentences that do not fit any of the gaps. The task begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

Elvis Aaron Presley ‘left the building’ almost 46 years ago. **(0)** J Although some believe that the king of rock’n’roll may celebrate his 89th birthday next week propping up the bar of the Heartbreak Hotel, the rest of us will have to make do with an Elvis Presley hologram show in 2024. Elvis Evolution, an “immersive concert experience” using AI and holographic projection, will premiere in London in November, with shows also planned in Las Vegas, Tokyo and Berlin. **(1)** _____ The hologram will perform in a celebration of the star’s life and musical legacy after a deal between Authentic Brands Group, the owners of the Elvis Presley estate, and Layered Reality, a British immersive entertainment company.

Elvis Evolution is a next-generation tribute to the musical legend that is Elvis Presley. He maintains superstar status globally, and people around the world no longer want to sit there and passively receive entertainment – they want to be a part of it. It’ll be a memory-making experience that will be a bucket-list item for Elvis fans and admirers around the world. **(2)** _____ The show will also offer an after-party Elvis-themed bar and restaurant on site at the central London location, with live music, DJs and performances. The initiative follows the remarkable success of Abba Voyage, a show in which life-size avatars of the four members of the Swedish pop group perform as their human counterparts appeared in 1979, in a purpose-built arena in east London. **(3)** _____

Elvis never faded from the cultural consciousness; he has always remained a living legend. **(4)** _____ Sophia Coppola’s Priscilla was released in the UK this week, providing a sympathetic treatment of his ex-wife. She lived her life in his shadow after meeting him at 14 when he was 24. And in 2022, Baz Luhrmann produced a bombastic biopic of the king’s life in music and at home – earning rave reviews for lead actor Austin Butler.

By the time Presley died suddenly in 1977 at the age of 42, he was a musical and cultural giant. He revolutionised popular music, scandalised older generations and was worshipped by the young, causing hysteria and near-riots with his gyrating pelvis. **(5)** _____ Conspiracy theorists claimed he had faked his own death, and there have been countless reports of sightings of the legendary star all over the world. **(6)** _____ Gail Brewer-Giorgio, the author of the 1988 bestselling book *Is Elvis Alive?*, asserted that the FBI had enlisted Presley as an undercover agent in 1976 to help it infiltrate a criminal organisation called the Fraternity. She said: “Elvis faked his death because he was going to be killed and there was no doubt about it.”

- A Despite years of prescription drug abuse and a famously unhealthy diet, his death from heart failure came as a shock.
- B In its first year, it sold more than 1.3m tickets, with reports of a forthcoming world tour.
- C Many authors who believe he is indeed dead, have written books in memory of dear Elvis.
- D Elvis impersonators are planned to take turns in singing and dancing.
- E The technology will create a life-size digital Elvis from thousands of his personal photos and home-video footage of the King who never died.
- F People can step into the world of Elvis, walk in his shoes and celebrate his extraordinary musical legacy.
- G Yet, we are still waiting for a movie that would show us more about his life.
- H Also, two big-screen treatments in recent years have been released.
- I According to one theory, Presley faked his death in order to escape the mafia.
- J ~~While this is probably true, many maintain his death is a part of an elaborate conspiracy theory~~

(6 points)

(Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/music/2024/jan/04/elvis-evolution-hologram-show-london-premiere>)

Tasks 5 – 8: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 5: The Environmental Impact of Online Shopping

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). Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

Online shopping may not be (0) **D** green as you think. Here's how shopping online can have a surprisingly large carbon (1) _____. In the past few decades, the way we shop (2) _____ dramatically. We used to buy our goods in traditional shops, on the high street or in department stores. Now, customers are increasingly buying online, (3) _____ they can order whatever they want directly to their door with the click of a mouse. One in seven sales are now made online and studies suggest that by 2021, global online retail will reach an enormous US\$4.8 trillion. As companies race to improve their internet shopping experience, the trend towards shopping online is predicted to continue.

But what is the (4) _____ of all this online shopping on the environment? You might think that online shopping is greener than in-store shopping. After all, an online store does not use the electricity that a traditional store might use and it doesn't (5) _____ the customer to drive anywhere. Items are often delivered to several homes at once, so you would think the carbon savings must be significant.

(6) _____, the carbon cost goes up if the customer chooses to return the item. A study in Germany showed that as many as one in three online purchases are returned. According to another study, merchandise worth nearly US\$326 million is returned each year in the USA. Two billion kilograms of this ends up in landfill, leading to 13 tonnes of CO₂ (7) _____ released.

Clothing is one product that has high return rates. (8) _____ in a walk-in store, the online shopper can't try things on before buying. So, companies offer free returns to make it easier for shoppers to purchase the same item of clothing in different sizes and colours. However, when clothes are returned, they are not always cleaned and put back for sale. This is because many companies have found it cheaper to simply throw away the returned items than to pay someone to sort the damaged goods from the unwanted ones. In these cases, the returned clothes, which might be in perfect condition, (9) _____ up in landfills or burnt.

When we take all these factors into consideration, we realise that online shopping isn't necessarily as green as people might think. That last kilometre to your door is costly, for companies and for the environment. The question of how to deal with returns efficiently and without waste is a challenge that many companies have not wanted to (10) _____. As online shoppers become aware of what companies are doing, and

campaign groups demand urgent action in the face of the climate and ecological emergency, there is increasing pressure for companies to take responsibility for the environmental impact of their activities.

- (0) A while B if C - D as
- (1) A footmark B trace C footprint D impression
- (2) A had changed B has changed C have changed D is changed
- (3) A whose B which C - D where
- (4) A force B impact C hit D encounter
- (5) A instruct B require C obey D have
- (6) A Moreover B However C Unlike D As well as
- (7) A be B having C being D -
- (8) A Unlike B Unlike C Not like D In contrary
- (9) A result B end C close D stop
- (10) A face B agree C adjust D engage

(10 points)

(Adapted from: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/business-english/business-magazine/environmental-impact-online-shopping>)

Task 6: The Poppy

Read the text below. For each gap (1-10), think of **ONE** word that best fits each space. The task begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

The poppy (0) has become the defining symbol of reverence for the millions of soldiers who lost their lives in conflict. The history of (1) _____ poppy as a symbol of remembrance is not as clear as has (2) _____ previously assumed. The first use of the poppy (3) _____ a metaphor can be traced back to the Napoleonic Wars of the early 19th century, rather than the First World War. There are several anonymous documents written during the Napoleonic Wars which noted that following battle, poppies became abundant on battlefields (4) _____ soldiers had fallen.

Scarlet corn poppy growth is actually aided (5) _____ massive disruption in soil, and thus the devastation of the natural environment caused by war saw fields littered with corpses alongside bright red poppies. However, it wasn't until the First World War (6) _____ the poppy began to gain the ascendancy as an international symbol of remembrance and charity.

In the present day the 'poppy appeal', organised by the Royal British Legion, takes place in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday, which occurs on the Sunday nearest to Armistice Day. The poppy appeal raises money for those who have served or (7) _____ currently serving in the armed forces and have been affected physically, mentally or economically by war. The history of the poppy as a symbol of respect for the war dead is now more than one (8) _____ years old. Since the appeal's inception in 1921, the poppy has become an international symbol of remembrance for (9) _____ people who have given their lives defending (10) _____ respective countries.

(Adapted from: <https://www.thehistorypress.co.uk/articles/the-poppy-as-a-symbol-of-remembrance/>)

(10 points)

Task 7: Gap Filling

For sentences 1-6, 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). Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

(0) Detectives carried out a thorough **search** of the building.

She went into the kitchen in **search** of a drink.

Eventually, the **search** was called off.

(1) She showed great _____ and determination.

I haven't yet picked up the _____ to ask her out.

He fought his illness with tremendous _____ .

(2) Did you see the groom _____ ?

He lives all by _____.

My nephew can care for _____ .

(3) I'm afraid getting things changed is a slow _____ .

We're in the _____ of selling the house.

Failing is a normal part of the learning _____ .

(4) She was very _____ during my father's illness.

My family is _____ when it comes to my future choices.

The staff are very _____ of each other.

(5) The disease is still in its _____ stage.

A family medicine doctor is also called a _____ care physician.

Children's safety must be our _____ concern.

(6) There's a menu bar at the bottom of the _____ .

She was a star of stage and _____.

The nurse put a privacy _____ around the bed.

(6 points)

Task 8: What Is Minimalism?

Read the following text. Use the **word** given in **CAPITALS** at the end of the line to form a new word that fits in the same line. The task begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

“So what is (0) minimalism anyway?” It is a question I receive from people I have just met and from people I have known for many years. I (1) _____ answer them with a short, simple explanation: Minimalism is owning fewer possessions.

(0) MINIMAL

(1) TYPICAL

In other words, minimalism is intentionally living with only the things I really need—those items that support my purpose. I am removing the (2) _____ of excess items so I can focus more on those things that matter. That is my short answer. I also like to add: It is marked by clarity, purpose, and intentionality. At its core, being a minimalist means intentionally promoting the things we most value and removing everything that distracts us from it. As a result, it forces (3) _____ in almost all aspects of your life.

(2) DISTRACT

(3) IMPROVE

Becoming a minimalist is completely (4) _____ with practice. It looks different for everybody, as no two individuals are the same, but it requires each of us to dive deeper and become more introspective about our values and passions. Embracing minimalism brings freedom from the all-consuming passion to possess.

(4) ACHIEVE

It steps off the treadmill of (5) _____ and dares to seek happiness elsewhere. It values relationships, experiences, and soul-care. It also lets us see all that we already have and reminds us to be grateful. In doing so, we find a more (6) _____ life.

(5) CONSUME

(6) ABUNDANCE

Our world runs at a feverish pace. We are too hurried, too rushed, and too stressed. We work long, (7) _____ hours to pay the bills, but fall deeper into debt every day. We rush from one activity to another, but never seem to get anything done. We remain in constant connection with others through our cell phones, but true life-changing relationships continue to elude us. We are accumulating as much stuff as our income and credit cards allow. Not only does becoming a minimalist slows down life and frees us from this modern hysteria to live faster, but it also offers freedom to (8) _____. Furthermore, it seeks to keep only the essentials. It aims to remove the (9) _____ and keep the significant.

(7) PASSION

(8) ENGAGE

(9) FRIVOLITY

To (10) _____, minimalism represents simplicity, clarity, singleness - these are the attributes that give our lives power and vividness and joy as they are also the marks of great art.

(10) SUMMARY

(10 points)

(Adapted from: <https://www.becomingminimalist.com/what-is-minimalism/>)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.