

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

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TEST

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

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

Zaporka:

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(peteroznamenasti broj i riječ)

TEST

Slušanje s razumijevanjem:	10 bodova
Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	20 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	70 bodova
Ukupno:	100 bodova

Task 1: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Working From Home

You will hear a recording of someone who works from home. Listen carefully to the instructions. For questions 1-10, complete the sentences using no more than one word or a number for each gap. You will hear the words or numbers that you need to use. You do not need to change them. The answers will occur in the same order as the questions. You will hear the recording twice.

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 separate answer sheet.

- (0) The speaker started working from home because she disliked commuting .
- (1) At first, the absence of _____ when working at home worried the speaker.
- (2) Having a _____ is the first thing that the speaker does every day.
- (3) The speaker likes to wear a smart _____ even when working at home.
- (4) The speaker usually starts work at _____ o'clock.
- (5) The speaker works in the _____ in her flat.
- (6) During breaks from work, the speaker sometimes plays _____ .
- (7) The speaker generally eats _____ when she has a snack while working.
- (8) When working, the speaker tends to communicate via _____ .
- (9) The speaker now has more money, because she is able to _____ more.
- (10) The speaker has recently been to a _____ in her free time.

(10 points)

Tasks 2-3: READING COMPREHENSION**Task 2: Football**

Read the following texts on people's opinions about football. For questions 1-12 on the next page, choose one of the people A-F. Some choices will be required more than once. Write the corresponding letter A-F on the Answer Sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

A Andrew It seems to be absolutely everywhere you look these days: on TV, on the advertising hoardings and all over the papers. When I was a lad, I used to kick a ball around with my mates and have a laugh, but nothing serious. We always used to go round each other's houses when the national team were playing. I still remember when we won the world cup. I just think it's far too commercial nowadays. The stadiums look like space ships from a science fiction film.	B Belinda When I was at school, I was absolutely mad about the game and would see as many games as I could. I even played for a team in a league. In fact, we all used to play. It didn't matter whether you were any good or not. However, things have changed an awful lot since then. I don't care so much for it now unless my country is playing. I just can't keep up with it due to all my obligations. I would imagine that I'm not unique in that respect.
C Claire I must confess that I watch the odd game on telly. I actually quite enjoy it from time to time, but the thing that really gets me down is all the diving and play-acting that goes on. These so-called stars are only interested in their wealth and image. They should think about the corrupting influence they have on those watching, especially the younger fans. It also costs a small fortune if you want to go to the ground.	D Donald I've heard the quality of service at the grounds has improved enormously. These days, they're supposed to be really pleasant places to be in. My son says it can be pricey but people don't mind paying for comfort every now and again. However, you can't see the players of the calibre that were around in my day. I was mad on the sport. I knew all the players and every result. I wish I could say the same now.
E Elaine I started to get into the sport a couple of years ago, and now I follow it pretty closely. I even get updates of all the scores on my phone. When I go online, I go straight to my favourite football site. Dad says he'll take me to a match if he can get some time off work. I can only imagine how exciting it must be. He's always telling me how much more skilful the players were when he was a kid and how they used to score so many goals. We'll see if he's right!	F Frank If you ask me, I honestly believe that some of the games that I've seen were fixed. Another disconcerting thing is the violence in some of the stadiums. I've noticed some young people like to copy the behaviour of the fans they see. They're appalling role models and that's why I would never let my son and daughter go. They keep asking me to take them, but there's no chance of us going. It's a shame, because it's a great sport and anyone can play it.

Which person:

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| 0 | regularly watched games when they were younger? | <u> B </u> |
| 1 | believes that going to watch games is too expensive? | <u> </u> |
| 2 | believes that football is a sport that is accessible to all? | <u> </u> |
| 3 | considers today's players to be poor role models? | <u> </u> |
| 4 | does not have enough time to follow the sport closely? | <u> </u> |
| 5 | has never actually been to a ground to watch a live match? | <u> </u> |
| 6 | is of the opinion that the stadia are much better these days? | <u> </u> |
| 7 | is only interested in watching if the national team is playing? | <u> </u> |
| 8 | says that they used to enjoy playing football informally? | <u> </u> |
| 9 | states that football is a sport that suffers from corruption? | <u> </u> |
| 10 | thinks that the sport has become more like a business? | <u> </u> |
| 11 | thinks the standard of play was better in the past? | <u> </u> |
| 12 | would appear to be a very keen follower of the sport? | <u> </u> |

(12 points)

Task 3: Smartphones

Read the following article on smart phones. Choose which of the sentences A-J from the box on the next page best fits into the numbered gaps 1-8. 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.

It has been estimated that there are some five billion people with smartphones in the world today. **0...K.....** These are truly staggering figures when you consider that they have only been around for a few years.

Like any new technology, they have both benefits and drawbacks. The greatest advantage of smart phones is without doubt the number of things that they can do. **1.....** Smart phones, on the other hand, allow far greater internet access, including social networking, and can host an enormous range of apps.

They are also much more convenient than previous models. **2.....** Thus, users can check their mail or make payments whenever they want to, which means that people do not need to be tied to a particular location.

Of course, it goes without saying that they are significantly more expensive than their predecessors. **3.....** As a result, they represent something of an investment for the average user. For sure, they have caused many a headache for worried parents under pressure from children desperate to keep up with their friends.

Another downside is that they are not as robust as their older counterparts. **4.....** This will come as no surprise to anyone who's had the misfortune to

drop one. It should also be said that the battery doesn't last so long either.

Because they are more like PCs, they have a lot more components that things can potentially go wrong with. **5.....** This can affect speed of access and so cause major inconvenience and frustration for users.

However, although they are similar to computers, they are more inefficient. **6.....** As a consequence, they are not so good for writing lengthy texts. Added to this factor, their memory is somewhat limited in comparison to that of a PC. They are also less efficient than traditional cameras when it comes to taking photos. For instance, they lack a flash for taking photos at night.

A further disadvantage cited by many social commentators is the distraction that they represent. **7.....** In fact, the same would appear to be true in social situations as well. The nation's cafés seem to be full of young couples on dates who ignore each other while staring intently at the screens of their phones.

However, relatively speaking, the technology is still in its infancy. **8.....** Consequently, many of the above drawbacks will simply cease to exist. Smartphones would appear to represent the future of wireless communication technology.

- A. Advances in both design and function will undoubtedly be made in the coming years.
- B. For example, they have small screens that are inappropriate for users with poor eyesight.
- C. For instance, they provide access to the internet almost anywhere and at any time.
- D. It has similarly been claimed that even a sudden change in temperature can damage them.
- E. Research indicates that they adversely affect concentration at both school and work.
- F. Their delicate screens are more fragile and so tend to shatter far more easily.
- G. They even suffer the same problems as laptops like freezing and difficulties starting up.
- H. This ease is largely due to the development of sophisticated touch-screen technology.
- I. This is not only due to the fees and taxes users incur but also the handsets themselves.
- J. Traditional phones have a limited number of functions, such as the calculator and alarm.
- ~~K. Four out five users access the net with them, and ninety percent use them as cameras.~~

(8 points)

Tasks 4-8: ENGLISH IN USE

<p>Task 4: Gap Filling</p> <p>For questions 1-10, find one word which is appropriate for <u>all three gaps</u> in each of the following sets of sentences.</p> <p>The task begins with an example (0).</p> <p>Remember <u>to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.</u></p>

(0) The audience were able to pose questions at the end of the talk.

After the wedding, we all had to pose together for a photograph.

Experts believe that terrorists still pose a major threat to security.

(1) The _____ of traffic on the capital's roads has increased significantly.

It's too loud! Please can you turn the _____ down a bit?

The book I'm currently reading is the second _____ in a trilogy.

(2) Failing the entrance exam was a serious _____ to John's plans.

The north wind can _____ very hard in this region during the winter.

Special forces stopped a plot to _____ up a government building.

(3) Tanya really keeps in shape. Her _____ is absolutely fantastic.

Please can you help me? I can't _____ this problem out at all.

Tesla is undoubtedly a major _____ in twentieth century science.

(4) My grandfather always likes to have a _____ down after lunch.

The suspect was asked by the police to take a _____ detector test.

Many of the largest cities in the world _____ on rivers.

(5) Experts say that even _____ drugs can have harmful effects.

Simon's new kitten is so cute. It has incredibly _____ fur.

Although it was warm, there was a _____ breeze to cool us down.

- (6) The teacher asked her pupils to _____ round and listen.
I _____ David's brother's not feeling too well this morning.
In Europe, people _____ in the grain harvest in late summer.
- (7) Please could you _____ down and pick that book up from the floor?
When driving, you should always slow down when you come to a _____.
Tony asked if it was possible to _____ the rules just this once.
- (8) The virus is spread by direct _____ with an infected body or body fluids.
Please feel free to _____ me at any time if you need help or advice.
Although she looked everywhere, Sally still couldn't find her _____ lenses.
- (9) Even though the weather was cloudy and _____, it didn't rain.
Steve had a headache and took an aspirin to _____ the pain.
That new Hollywood blockbuster was so _____ that I fell asleep.
- (10) K2 is the world's second highest _____ after Mount Everest.
The unemployment rate is expected to _____ in the winter months.
The Croatian team will have to be at their _____ to beat the world champs.

(10 points)

Task 5: Hippos

Read the following text. In most of the lines 1-15, there is one extra word. Identify the extra words which are either incorrect grammatically or do not fit in with the text's meaning. Remember that some lines are correct.

If a line is correct, put a tick (✓) 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.

most ✓	(0)	The common hippopotamus is one of the most largest mammals in the world
	(00)	today. It takes its name from the ancient Greek for 'water horse'. They spend
	(1)	almost all their time in water, having actually evolved from the whales, which are
	(2)	their closest living relatives. Because of their very enormous size, hippos need
	(3)	to consume up to fifty kilograms of vegetation daily. However, despite of their
	(4)	weight, they can be surprisingly fast, especially over shorter distances. Such a
	(5)	speed, combined with the fact that if they have a rather unpredictable
	(6)	temperament, especially when they feel their young are being threatened,
	(7)	means those hippos can be dangerous creatures. In fact, it has recently been
	(8)	estimated that every year hundreds of other people in Africa are killed by
	(9)	hippos, either directly by being crushed or indirectly as the result of boats are
	(10)	being capsized. Some experts say that they should cause more human fatalities
	(11)	than any other animal on the African continent. They have even been known to
	(12)	kill crocodiles. Nevertheless, the sad truth is that humans far pose a greater risk
	(13)	to hippos than vice versa also due to poaching and degradation of the
(14)	environment. Their status sadly now has to be considered as vulnerable, in	
(15)	particularly in Central Africa, where war has had no major effects on numbers.	

(15 points)

Task 6: Waiting At Airports

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 Answer Sheet.

My work often takes me abroad, which makes me something of a (0) B flyer. I wasn't always (1) _____ of flying, but it has definitely grown on me over the years. I like to arrive at the airport with time to (2) _____. I do this just to be on the (3) _____ side. Occasionally, I also need to (4) _____ last-minute purchases, such as souvenirs and gifts for my family. This can be an expensive business in some of the world's airports, as their prices are (5) _____ in comparison with those in supermarkets. I often ask myself how they are able to get (6) _____ with such exorbitant prices. The answer is that people are (7) _____ willing to pay or the airports wouldn't be able to do it.

However, it's not just the gift shops that (8) _____ you in the pocket. (9) _____ a cup of coffee is invariably pricy. The airports will undoubtedly defend this (10) _____ by saying that customers are not compelled to spend their money. Admittedly, there is a large (11) _____ of truth in this. However, what if you find yourself (12) _____ in transit for a lengthy period of time? I recently flew back to Europe from Asia, where I had been away on a business (13) _____. Unable to book a direct flight, I had no other choice but to wait several hours for my connection. Modern safety regulations do not allow for liquids to be taken on board planes unless they have been bought after the airport security (14) _____. Seven hours is a long time to go without a (15) _____ of liquid. Ultimately, I was left with no other choice than to buy a bottle of expensive water.

- (0) A common B frequent C numerous D repeated
- (1) A fan B eager C fond D keen
- (2) A afford B save C spare D use
- (3) A certain B safe C secure D sure
- (4) A do B have C make D take
- (5) A astronomical B great C immense D vast
- (6) A along B away C off D on
- (7) A clearly B completely C easily D effortlessly
- (8) A hit B knock C shoot D strike
- (9) A Also B Even C Nevertheless D Still
- (10) A manoeuvre B method C operation D policy
- (11) A element B extent C pinch D sum
- (12) A caught B held C stuck D trapped
- (13) A journey B tour C travel D trip
- (14) A assessment B check C examination D investigation
- (15) A cap B drop C swallow D taste

(15 points)

Task 7: Selfie Sticks

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.

A selfie stick, (0) _____ **as** _____ its name suggests, is a stick which can hold a mobile phone. It can then be used to take a selfie (1) _____ a distance that is beyond the normal range of a hand-held phone. Blue tooth technology allows the user of the stick (2) _____ take a shot remotely. Some selfie sticks, (3) _____ monopods as they are also called, even have extensions on them.

It (4) _____ come as no surprise to learn that the selfie stick first appeared in Japan. It soon spread (5) _____ has been greeted enthusiastically in many countries, especially in the United States, (6) _____ it has been available since 2014. *Time* magazine even went so far as to declare (7) _____ one of the greatest inventions of 2014. Fans say that they started using the selfie stick because they were (8) _____ up with having bits of their arm in the shot every time they took a selfie.

However, the device has not universally been greeted (9) _____ a warm welcome. For instance, in Britain (10) _____ number of sporting venues have banned the sticks. This is in response to complaints from members of the public saying that the device obstructs their view (11) _____ the game. In addition, (12) _____ are safety concerns, as a metal pole has the potential to be used as an offensive weapon. Consequently, anyone (13) _____ brings a selfie stick to an event in the UK is likely to (14) _____ it confiscated. The device has unflatteringly (15) _____ dubbed a *narcisstick*.

(15 points)

Task 8: Writing An Essay

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).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Knowing how to write an essay or **(0) composition** is an important skill for any student. As soon as you receive your essay title, you ought to start **(1)**_____ ideas. If you research your subject by consulting books or searching the internet, you should always **(2)**_____ that you avoid plagiarism, as this practice is a form of intellectual **(3)**_____.

When you have gathered sufficient material for your essay, you need to start organising it to create an **(4)**_____. Planning is a **(5)**_____ element of the essay-writing process. It will help you make sure that your structure is not **(6)**_____, and that you cover all the necessary points.

When writing your essay, it is important to use paragraphing. There should be an **(7)**_____ paragraph, a body and a conclusion. This last part should be a **(8)**_____ of the main ideas of your essay.

Upon completing your work, it is necessary to **(9)**_____ it. This will allow you to correct any **(10)**_____ errors that you might have made and to think of other **(11)**_____. In particular, you ought to check for any significant **(12)**_____. You should also edit your work for **(13)**_____ errors and spelling mistakes, especially any **(14)**_____ slips that you may have made, as if there are too many **(15)**_____, it can have a negative effect on the reader.

(0) COMPOSE**(1) BRAIN****(2) SURE****(3) HONEST****(4) LINE****(5) CRISIS****(6) LOGIC****(7) INTRODUCE****(8) SUM****(9) READ****(10) CARE****(11) IMPROVE****(12) OMIT****(13) GRAMMAR****(14) AVOID****(15) ACCURATE****(15 points)****THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST**