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Zaporka:

(zadana 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: Short conversations

Listen to these short everyday conversations. For each of the items **1-6** choose the correct answer **A, B, or C**. You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening. After hearing the recording for the second time, you will have one minute to check your answers. The task begins with an example **(0)**. Write your answers (**letters A, B, or C**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

Free time

(0) What does Jake like doing in his free time?

- A) playing video games
- B) reading books**
- C) listening to music

Shopping for shoes

(1) How much does Sarah pay for the boots?

- A) £55.99
- B) £99.99
- C) £79.99

Classroom announcement

(2) When do students have changes in their timetable?

- A) On Wednesday and Friday.
- B) On Wednesday and Thursday.
- C) On Thursday and Friday.

Announcement for Sports Day

(3) How many sports and activities can each student participate in?

- A) Only one.
- B) No more than three.
- C) Over five.

Movie night

(4) What time does the film start?

- A) At 18.30.
- B) At 18.45.
- C) At 19.30.

Weekend plans

(5) What will Stella and Chris do together this weekend?

- A) Play football.
- B) Listen to a new band.
- C) Go bowling.

Favourite activity

(6) What will Mark bring to the movie marathon?

- A) pizza
- B) popcorn
- C) drinks

(6 points)

Task 2: Barbie

Listen to the text about Barbie. For each of the items **1-6** choose the correct answer: **T** for true or **F** for false. You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening. After hearing the recording for the second time, you will have one minute to check your answers. The task begins with an example **(0)**. Write your answers (**letters T or F**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

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| (0) Barbie film was a big success. | I | F |
| (1) The speaker's doll was <i>Barbie Commercial pilot</i> . | T | F |
| (2) <i>A Day to Night Barbie</i> was a businesswoman. | T | F |
| (3) Barbie has had few career choices over the years. | T | F |
| (4) <i>Barbie Inspiring Women Series</i> is over a decade old. | T | F |
| (5) Bessie Coleman had to go abroad to get her pilot's license. | T | F |
| (6) Wilma Mankiller became Chief of the Cherokee Nation by birth. | T | F |

(6 points)

Tasks 3 and 4: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 3: Deadly Down Under

Read the following text about deadly Australian animals. Choose which of the items **A-I** best fits into the numbered gaps **1-6**. There are **two extra items** that do not fit any of the gaps.

The task begins with an example **(0)**.

Write your answers (**letters A-I**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

Deadly Down Under: Australia's Wild and Wacky Venomous Villains

G'day mates! Welcome to the land Down Under, where the sun shines, the waves are gnarly, and the wildlife can be a bit deadly. But fear not, we're here to introduce some of Australia's most venomous critters. Beware, the tapestry of Australia's wildlife is as deadly **(0) A**. So, buckle up, and let's explore the wild and wacky world of Oz's toxic treasures.

First up, meet the enigmatic **box jellyfish**, an aquatic marvel whose seemingly delicate exterior conceals a perilous nature, which is why they are sometimes called the floating nightmare of the Aussie beaches. These gelatinous pranksters might look like cute transparent parachutes, but don't be fooled, **(1) _____**. If you're thinking of going for a swim, just remember to do the "stingray shuffle" – lightly slide your feet to push the sand forward as if you were dancing. On skis. That should give them plenty of time to swim away. These guys love the shallow waters, so keep an eye out and stay salty, not sorry!

Let's talk about our eight-legged friends – the notorious **funnel web spiders**. These arachnids have fangs that are sharper than a crocodile's teeth, and their venom is strong enough to make you dance like a kangaroo in a fist fight. On a more serious note, all *funnel web spider* bites should be treated as severe and potentially life-threatening, **(2) _____**. But fear not, since the development of antivenom in 1981 there have been no reported deaths. Nevertheless, should you encounter one in your home, steer clear, keep an eye on the spider, and contact an expert to remove it.

If your biggest fear is snakes, you should reconsider visiting Australia, since it is the world capital of deadly serpents. The most prominent one is definitely the **inland taipan**. This slithering sensation is the most venomous snake on the planet. Lucky for you, they prefer to keep a low profile, so unless you're planning a game of hide-and-seek in the bush, you should be in the clear. Unlike its relative, the *coastal taipan*, which is mostly found along Australian north and northeast coast, the *inland*

taipan lives in remote areas and is not found near towns and villages. Should you meet either, (3) _____.

It's time to dive into the ocean depths and say g'day to the **blue-ringed octopus**. These little guys are like the James Bond of the sea – small, deadly, and oh-so-charming. With their vibrant blue rings, they're basically the eight-legged underwater fashionistas of Australia. But be warned, their bite hits so hard (4) _____. So, if you ever see them, you can appreciate their beauty from afar, no underwater high fives, mate!

When thinking of dangerous sea creatures, animals like sharks and jellyfish are usually the first to come to mind. You would not expect a slow-moving assassin with a killer harpoon, the **cone snail**. Picture this: a snail on a mission, armed with a venomous dart that can put you on the mat faster than a boxing kangaroo. These marine predators live in a conical shell of beautiful colour patterns and can be deadly to people (5) _____. So, look, but don't touch!

Our journey ends with the **platypus**, a charming surprise. While not possessing venom of lethal consequence, this freshwater mammal is still a remarkable part of this list due to the unusual venom it produces. You would think they'd have venomous fangs inside their unusual beaks. Think again! On their back legs, males possess spurs (6) _____. Despite their seemingly mild nature, platypuses give a fascinating twist to the story of Australia's remarkable and sometimes toxic wildlife.

There you have it – a whirlwind tour of Australia's venomous villains. Remember, knowledge is your best weapon against these critters, so stay informed, stay cautious, and most importantly, stay ready for anything the Aussie outback or ocean throws your way.

(6 points)

A) as it is diverse and endemic.

B) even though only approximately 10% to 15% of bites are venomous.

C) who never attack unless provoked.

D) that can deliver a venomous sting during mating competitions.

E) it is highly recommended to observe it from a respectful distance.

F) their tentacles pack a punch worse than a kangaroo kick.

G) who pick them up for closer inspection.

H) that it can leave even a seasoned surfer shaking in their wetsuit.

I) though it could cause instant paralysis and certain death.

Task 4: Doctor Who

Read the following text about Doctor Who. For each of the statements **1-6** choose the correct answer: **T** for true or **F** for false.

The task begins with an example (**0**).

Write your answers (**letters T or F**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

Doctor Who is a long-running British science fiction series that has captivated audiences since its debut in 1963. The show follows the adventures of the Doctor, a millennia-old Time Lord from the planet Gallifrey who travels through time and space in the TARDIS, which stands for *Time and Relative Dimension in Space*. This is a very special vehicle, both a spaceship and a time machine, which can take any shape and form, but it somehow broke down and got stuck in the shape of a British police box which looks like a blue phone booth. The Doctor and the TARDIS are the two constants of the series, even though the Doctor has been officially played by twelve different actors, with several special appearances by other actors.

One of the most significant and exciting developments in *Doctor Who* occurred when the character of the Doctor underwent a gender change. Traditionally portrayed by male actors, the show took a bold step by casting Jodie Whittaker as the Thirteenth Doctor in 2017, making her the first female Doctor in the series' history. The announcement was met with both enthusiasm and some scepticism, but Whittaker's performance was widely praised for bringing a fresh and dynamic energy to the iconic role.

Jodie Whittaker's term as the Doctor marked a departure from the typical qualities associated with the character. She brought a light-hearted sense of humour, compassion, and a unique perspective to the role. The decision to cast a female Doctor was a deliberate move towards inclusivity and modernizing the show, following the changing dynamics of the entertainment industry.

Following Whittaker's ground-breaking portrayal, *Doctor Who* continued its commitment to diversity by introducing a Black actor, Ncuti Gatwa, as the next incarnation of the Doctor. Gatwa, the first openly LGBT actor to portray the Doctor, known for his previous role in the popular series *Sex Education*, brought a charismatic and distinct style to the character, challenging traditional perceptions of

the Doctor even further. Gatwa's portrayal was applauded, as he seamlessly embraced the complexity of the character while adding his own unique flair.

The inclusion of both a female and a Black Doctor reflects an effort within the entertainment industry to push boundaries and tell more diverse and representative stories. *Doctor Who* has become a trailblazer in this regard, using its platform to show that anyone, regardless of gender or ethnicity, can be the hero of their own story. These casting decisions have also sparked important conversations about representation in the media and the positive impact it can have on audiences. By breaking away from the traditional mould of a white, male Doctor, the show has not only stayed true to its spirit of change and evolution, but has also become a beacon of inspiration for viewers around the world.

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| (0) The Doctor is an alien who is thousands of years old. | I | F |
| (1) In over 60 years Doctor has been played by over a dozen actors. | T | F |
| (2) Choosing Jodie Whittaker to play the Doctor was a brave decision. | T | F |
| (3) Casting a woman to play the role of the Doctor was accidental. | T | F |
| (4) Ncuti Gatwa's first acting role was Doctor Who. | T | F |
| (5) Including Gatwa in the series shows how television has progressed. | T | F |
| (6) The essence of <i>Doctor Who</i> has always been rooted in tradition. | T | F |

(6 points)

Tasks 5-8: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 5: Dandelions

Read the following text. For each gap **1-8**, write **one** word that best fits the gap. Use **only one** word in each gap.

The task begins with an example **(0)**.

Write your answers (**words**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

Spring is well on **(0) its** way and the king of the meadows, the dandelion, is ready to lift its golden crown and make an appearance again. This extraordinary flower has one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant. It also doesn't limit **(1) _____** to growing peacefully in fields and meadows. Dandelion flower has the ability to regrow after being mowed, and even push through concrete. This is a strong and resilient plant, able to thrive in the most adverse and challenging conditions.

Parachute-like dandelion seeds, around 200 in a single flower head, float in the air carried by a gust of wind, or even a child's breath, as far **(2) _____** five miles from their point of origin. Each tiny seed is viable for up to five years, and if the conditions are favourable and the seed takes root, the plant can live for up to thirteen years. Quite remarkable, isn't it?

For thousands of years, dandelions **(3) _____** been used for their medicinal properties, helping cure everything from fever to an upset stomach. They are also a rich source of vitamins and minerals and every part of the plant is not **(4) _____** edible, but also delicious. The roots can be used as a substitute for coffee or as a root vegetable. The leaves can be eaten fresh in salads or cooked in a **(5) _____** olive oil. The flowers can be fried in pancake batter, or pickled and put on salads or sandwiches. The plant can also be used in the production of wine and root beer. Beekeepers love dandelion-rich meadows because honeybees that gather dandelion pollen and nectar make fantastic honey.

Many children and adults alike get a lot of joy and delight out of wishing **(6) _____** a dandelion puffball and blowing the seeds away. Dandelion flowers also make for the most wonderful floral crowns. You just use your fingernail to create a small hole in the middle of a dandelion stem and push another dandelion stem through this hole. Repeat until you have a chain of flowers long enough to wrap around your head. Making them is really a **(7) _____** of cake.

And **(8) _____** though dandelions look amazing in a bouquet, perhaps they are still the most beautiful growing abundantly on lawns and meadows, raising their heads above the grass, celebrating each sunny day and the coming of spring.

(8 points)

Task 6: Santa Miley

Read the following text. Use the word in brackets to **form a new word that best fits each gap**. Use **only one word** in each gap.

The task begins with an example **(0)**.

Write your answers (**words**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

Few holidays are so **(0) universally** (UNIVERSAL) appreciated and celebrated as Christmas, and the thing we all love and hate at the same time are Christmas songs, especially as they start being performed on the radio all over the globe immediately after Thanksgiving. So it isn't surprising that this love-hate relationship has created some funny changes in the lyrics, even in Croatia, where children have been **(1) _____** (MOCK) singing some of them for generations.

However, when world-famous stars do something like this, and on a live TV show, it comes as a surprise. In a delightful and unexpected turn of events during a televised **(2) _____** (PERFORM) in 2018, the ever-daring Miley Cyrus brought her unique flair to the classic holiday song "Santa Baby". Known for her bold and distinctive style, Cyrus took the stage to spread festive cheer with a **(3) _____** (MEMORY) version that left audiences both surprised and entertained.

This popular song, **(4) _____** (ORIGIN) recorded by Eartha Kitt in 1953, has been covered by various artists over the years. Still, Cyrus managed to put her own spin on it during a TV show **(5) _____** (APPEAR) that holiday season, which quickly became a topic of conversation. Both fans and critics marveled at the playful changes Cyrus made to the lyrics, replacing the requests for extravagant gifts like a sable coat, a convertible, and a yacht, with a more down-to-earth wishlist. Her version featured requests for things like equal pay, respect, and acknowledgment of women's achievements – a **(6) _____** (REFLECT) of her advocacy for social issues and gender equality.

The altered lyrics both showcased Cyrus's vocal talent and highlighted her **(7) _____** (COMMIT) to using her platform to address important social issues. The audience responded with a mix of surprise and applause, appreciating the surprising twist. Cyrus's decision to infuse "Santa Baby" with a message of social consciousness and **(8) _____** (POWER) sparked discussions about the role of artists in influencing public opinion.

(8 points)

Task 7: What are teens into these days?

Read the following text and the options below. Choose the answer (**A, B, or C**) which best fits in each gap. For each gap there is **only one** correct answer.

The task begins with an example (0).

Write your answers (**letters A, B, or C**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

What are teens into these days?

Many parents and teachers out **(0) there** lose countless nights wondering about this very question. To tell you the truth, **(1) _____** nothing new. Grown-ups have been asking themselves this same question since the dawn of time. Have they been able to answer it? No, not at all.

Most teenagers are stressing about and working their tails **(2) _____** over school. There are so many projects to finish, tasks to deal with, essays to write. School has never been more demanding **(3) _____** today, it seems. You would think that with all those gadgets, apps, and the omnipresent Internet, they would be passing through school with ease. However, the amount of money parents are spending these days on all kinds of tutoring **(4) _____** been steadily increasing.

While school definitely is an important issue for all teens, there are other things on their **(5) _____** which are quite as important or even more so. Spending time with friends is their number one priority. The activities they do with their peers vary from just plain hanging out at shopping malls or parks, through playing video games or sports together, to clubbing all night. Having a close friend or two definitely helps tackle all that comes your way.

Some teens even stress over the way the world is right now, so they choose to be activists because they want **(6) _____** in a world they enjoy, not one that makes them apprehensive about their future. The range of the things they choose to do something about is rather wide: some are involved in environmental issues such as clean-ups or protests, others choose to volunteer in charities helping those in need, and some even take up politics or participate in anti-war protests. Doing something for the greater good gives them a sense of purpose and provides a **(7) _____** balance to their personal problems.

Being fit and exercising or doing some sports is high on their agenda, too. The number of teens that join gyms or sports clubs and teams has been rising steadily for

the past couple of decades. They are surrounded with **(8)** _____ of gorgeous, flawless and extremely fit celebrities, so it becomes an obsession for them to look great at any cost. It is important for them to realise that most photos they see are altered and that having some freckles or a slight **(9)** _____ between your front teeth makes you unique and thus more beautiful.

These are just a few of the wide array of topics and issues teens have on their plate these days. So next time you are about to shout at your teen for “just lying around doing nothing”, just take a deep breath and cut them some **(10)** _____ instead.

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| (0) | A) <u>there</u> | B) their | C) they're |
| (1) | A) its | B) it's | C) is |
| (2) | A) off | B) of | C) about |
| (3) | A) then | B) than | C) that |
| (4) | A) has | B) have | C) is |
| (5) | A) heads | B) thoughts | C) minds |
| (6) | A) live | B) living | C) to live |
| (7) | A) nice | B) kind | C) enjoyable |
| (8) | A) paintings | B) images | C) portraits |
| (9) | A) crack | B) gap | C) hole |
| (10) | A) slack | B) break | C) mercy |

(10 points)

Task 8: Enchanting Emerald Isle

Read the following text about Ireland. Find words spelled incorrectly and correct them using homophones - words pronounced in the same way but spelled differently.

The task begins with an example (0).

Write your answers (**corrected words**) on the separate Answer Sheet.

Enchanting Emerald Isle

Ireland has a rich history, dating back thousands of years. **It's** ancient past is marked by Celtic tribes, medieval kingdoms, and Viking invasions. The name Ireland comes from the Gaelic word *Éire*, which means "land of abundance". The green hills and lush countryside make it clear why it is called the Emerald Isle. We have to be honest and admit, it takes our breath away every time!

One of the most famous symbols of Ireland is the shamrock, a small green plant with three leaves. According to legend, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, used the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity. It is a common sight during the country's lively celebrations, especially on 17 March, St. Patrick's Day, when people wear green and participate in parades and festivities.

Ireland is also known for its traditional music and dance. You can hear the sound of fiddles, flutes, and *bodhráns* fill the air during lively sessions in pubs and at various cultural events. Irish dance, with its incredibly fast footwork and intricate choreography, has become internationally known, thanks in part to extremely popular shows, such as Riverdance, a spectacular production not to be missed.

The Irish landscape is diverse and breathtaking. From the dramatic cliffs of Moher to the serene lakes of Killarney, a picturesque scene is waiting to be discovered at every turn. Many visitors explore the historic castles and ancient ruins scattered across the countryside.

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(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

(6) _____

The weather in Ireland is known for being unpredictable. Frequent reign showers are an integral part of Ireland's climate, contributing to its lush greenery. So, when planning a visit, be sure to pack a waterproof jacket and embrace the possibility of a few raindrops during your exploration.

(7) _____

In terms of language, English is the primary language spoken in Ireland. Although you have to bare in mind that Irish Gaelic is also an official language, and you'll often see bilingual signs throughout the country. Learning a few phrases in Irish, such as *Dia dhuit* (hello) or *Sláinte* (cheers), especially spoken allowed in a pub, can enhance your experience and endear you to the locals.

(8) _____

Ireland is a captivating destination with a blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. Whether you're exploring its ancient ruins, enjoying traditional music in a lively pub, or taking in the breath-taking scenery, Ireland has something to offer. So, take your next brake here – you'll love every minute of it!

(9) _____

(10) _____

(10 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.