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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

You will hear a recording about Ed Sheeran. 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) *Celebrities are born into rich families with lots of silver.* F

- (1) Among other reasons, Ed Sheeran was bullied at school because he had a speech disorder. _____
- (2) When he started playing the guitar, he immediately became loved by everyone. _____
- (3) Listening to Van Morrison at a concert encouraged Ed to become a musician. _____
- (4) Jamie Foxx offered Ed to perform with him. _____
- (5) Ed is also a businessman. _____
- (6) Ed donated money to keep homeless people warm. _____

(6 points)

TASK 2

You will hear six reviews of a Netflix series about the iconic Addams family, aptly named “Wednesday”. Match each speaker (A – F) with one statement (1 – 9). There are three statements you will not need. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers (1 – 9) on the Answer Sheet.

Wednesday - a Netflix series

Speaker A - 0

Speaker A	
Speaker B	
Speaker C	
Speaker D	
Speaker E	
Speaker F	

- 0) ~~This speaker is listening to the series' soundtrack while writing this review.~~
- 1) This speaker believes the portrayal of the main character will make you fall in love with her and the series, regardless of whether you have known her for a long time or have just met her for the first time.
 - 2) This speaker's greatest objection to the show are casting decisions made for Gomez and Morticia Addams.
 - 3) This speaker likes the way Jenna Ortega portrays Wednesday, but dislikes the character of uncle Fester, as it is distracting.
 - 4) This speaker suggests that the description of the school in the series is almost entirely trying to mimic the world-renowned Harry Potter series and their school, *Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry*.
 - 5) This speaker's viewpoint is that Jenna Ortega is not nearly the best choice for the role she was cast for.
 - 6) This speaker is disappointed by the length of the season, but thinks it is a great show for bingeing.
 - 7) This speaker considers the supporting actors better than the main protagonist.
 - 8) This speaker believes this series is great almost entirely thanks to Ortega's portrayal of Wednesday's character, but is otherwise cringe-worthy and childish.
 - 9) This speaker enjoys the series being likened to the Harry Potter series.

(6 points)

TASKS 3 AND 4: READING COMPREHENSION

TASK 3

You will read a set of mixed-up paragraphs about Instagram. Read the paragraphs (A - I) carefully and list them in a logical and chronological order (1 – 6). This means you should order the events of the story in the order they happened – beginning with the least recent to the most recent. There is an example (0) at the beginning of the task. There are two paragraphs you will not need. Remember to copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

The Instagram Story

A The Instagram app was launched only seven months after the first serious investment in the app, initially called *Burbn*. Unbelievably, it gathered 25,000 users in one day. By mid-December, the number of users reached one million. As an unexpected stroke of luck, the new iPhone 4 with an improved camera had just been launched. This rapid rise in the Instagram user base meant more investors became interested in the company, including an offer of around \$500 million, which Systrom declined.

B Although it was originally intended for a completely different purpose, the app had taken an unbelievable second rise ten years after it was first launched, when the option of *pet-matching* became available to its users. It was a type of a photo filter that automatically recognized your face in all of your posted photos, and turned it into a human-looking pet the app matched you with. Not only did this launch it into the startup investors' orbit, but it also brought about several formal offers from well-established businesses such as Facebook, Twitter, and Snapchat.

C An important turning point came in March 2010 when Systrom attended a party for another startup. At the party, Systrom met two investors who became interested in his idea and decided to meet for coffee to discuss it further. After their first meeting, Systrom decided to quit his job and focus on *Burbn*. He started building a team of people and the first to join him was 25-year-old Mike Krieger, whom he knew from their time as students at Stanford.

D While Systrom had no formal training in computer science, he learned to code on nights and weekends while working at *Nextstop*. He eventually built a prototype of a web app called *Burbn*, which was inspired by his taste for fine whiskeys and bourbons. The *Burbn* app allowed users to check in, post their plans, and share photos.

E After Krieger joined, the two reassessed *Burbn* and decided to focus primarily on one thing: photographs specifically taken on mobile devices. They carefully studied leading apps in the photography category at that time. They took a step back and stripped *Burbn* down to its photo-, commenting, and "liking" functions. It was at that time that they renamed their app Instagram, combining the words *instant* and *telegram*.

F As I've already mentioned, I like using Instagram for my personal visibility in life. I post everything I do and every place I go, and, of course, add loads of hashtags. My main account, which I opened in 2011, currently has five thousand users, but is growing steadily. I hope I will be able to earn money from my lifestyle content while at the same time doing what I love. That would be my dream job.

G Only two years after its launch, the app's user base had grown to approximately 27 million users. The company was soon thereafter acquired by *Facebook*, now *Meta*, for \$1 billion. By 2020 Instagram had one billion active users every month. While user growth has continued to increase since the *Meta* acquisition, Instagram has made a relatively small number of changes to the app, sticking to its simple and intuitive user experience and core focus on photo- and video-sharing capabilities.

H It all began in 2009, when Kevin Systrom, a 27-year-old Stanford University graduate, was working at *Nextstop*, a travel recommendations startup. Systrom had previously worked at *Google* as a corporate development associate and interned at *Odeo*, a company that would later evolve into *Twitter*, now *X*.

~~**I** The story of Instagram's explosive rise reads like a Silicon Valley fairy tale, with the company gaining popularity within just a few short months. The photo and video-sharing social media application took only eight weeks for software engineers to develop. But, like all good tales, the process involved many twists and turns, failures and successes, and a significant dose of good luck. Here, we will take a look at several key points:~~

<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
1	
2	
3	
4	
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(Adapted from: <https://www.investopedia.com/articles/investing/102615/story-instagram-rise-1-photo0sharing-app.asp#citation-24>)

(6 points)

TASK 4

Read the text. Choose which sentences (A – I) best fit the gaps (1 – 6). There are two sentences that do not fit any of the gaps. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

About Walt Disney

A late British political cartoonist called Disney “the most significant figure in graphic arts since Leonardo.” A pioneer and innovator, and the possessor of one of the most fertile imaginations the world has ever known, Walt Disney, received more than 950 honours and citations from throughout the world, including 48 Academy Awards® and 7 Emmys® in his lifetime.

0) D He became interested in drawing at an early age and sold his first sketches to neighbours when he was only seven. At high school, Disney divided his attention between drawing and photography, while at night he attended the *Academy of Fine Arts*. After the war, Walt began his career as an advertising cartoonist in Kansas City. In 1920, he created and marketed his first original animated cartoons. Soon, he perfected a new method for combining live action and animation.

In August of 1923, Disney went to Hollywood with nothing but a few drawing materials, \$40 in his pocket and a completed animated and live-action film. Walt’s brother Roy O. Disney was already in California, with an immense amount of sympathy and encouragement, and \$250. 1) _____ It was soon used for making the first *Alice Comedy* short film.

Mickey Mouse was created in 1928, and was about to be used in a silent cartoon entitled *Plane Crazy*. 2) _____ So, Mickey made his screen debut in *Steamboat Willie*, the world’s first fully synchronized sound cartoon which premiered in the same year.

The technological innovations he introduced into the world of animated film were numerous. 3) _____ In 1937, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, the first full-length animated musical feature, premiered in Los Angeles. Produced at the unheard-of cost of \$1,499,000 during the depths of the Great Depression, the film is still accounted as one of the monuments of the motion picture industry.

Walt’s inquisitive mind and interest in education through entertainment resulted in the award-winning *True-Life Adventure* series. Through such films as *The Living Desert*, *The Vanishing Prairie*, *The African Lion* and *White Wilderness*, Disney brought fascinating insights into the world of wild animals. 4) _____

A pioneer in the field of television programming, Disney began production in 1954. 5) _____ Disney was not only a visionary, but a businessman as well. *Disneyland*, a huge amusement park was launched in 1955 as the fabulous \$17-million Magic

Kingdom, and by its fourth decade, entertained more than 400 million people, including presidents, kings and queens and royalty from all over the globe.

Thinking about the accomplishments he would leave behind, Disney said, "If I can help provide a place to develop the talent of the future, I think I will have accomplished something." 6) _____

Walt Disney is a legend, a folk hero of the 20th century. His worldwide popularity was based upon the ideas which his name represents: imagination, optimism and self-made success in the American tradition. Walt Disney did more to touch the hearts, minds and emotions of millions of Americans than any other man in the past century.

(Adapted from <https://d23.com/about-walt-disney/>)

A) However, before the cartoon was released, sound was introduced into the motion picture screen.

B) By doing that, Disney taught the importance of conserving our nation's outdoor heritage.

C) Sound was the first.

D) ~~The creator of Mickey Mouse and founder of Disneyland and Walt Disney World was born in Chicago in 1901.~~

E) The brothers soon started their business.

F) Technicolor, the multiplane camera technique, and combination of live action and the cartoon medium were among the first.

G) In a relatively short time span, he was among the first to present full-colour programming with his *Wonderful World of Colour* in 1961.

H) Pooling their resources, they borrowed an additional \$500 and constructed a camera stand in their uncle's garage.

I) Therefore, he took a deep interest in the establishment of *California Institute of the Arts*.

(6 points)

TASKS 5 – 9: USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 5

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.

Viking Village Film Set

This replica Viking village was created for a film that was never shot, and is now open to visitors.

Have you 0) _____ wanted to unleash your inner Viking? Well, one location in Iceland allows visitors just that opportunity.

By driving down a small gravel 1) _____ twisting away from the main route between Höfn and Djúpivogur, curious visitors will arrive at what appears to be a remote Viking village in pristine condition. In reality, it is a film set for an Icelandic movie that was never filmed, but you'd definitely be forgiven for mistaking it for the real thing.

Built in 2010, the set is located on the land of a local farmer. For a small 2) _____, he allows visitors to wander around the amazing location which is finally scheduled to make its debut next year in a film by Universal.

Upon passing out of sight of the local Viking Café set up to 3) _____ guests, visitors will be able to spot the fake settlement in the distance. The farmer's horses graze nearby on the fields beneath the shadow of the mountain, adding extra authenticity to the 4) _____. After entering the village walls, you are permitted to roam around the site as much as you want.

The most striking 5) _____ of the village is the buildings, which mimic the architecture of the period magnificently. Guests can open the wooden doors and find themselves in rooms that look almost 6) _____ to the real thing. The settlement also comes equipped with a dungeon located beneath an enormous artificial boulder.

The movie the village was created for was never actually filmed due to funding issues. Ever since, the location has waited for a production company to come 7) _____ and use it. Recently, the wait finally ended when Universal acquired the rights to produce *Vikings*, a film by the Icelandic director Baltasar Kormákur. This film is expected to start production next year, with some of the filming taking 8) _____ at the settlement.

(Adapted from <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/viking-village-film-set>)

- 0) A yet B never C ever D just
- 1) A street B road C way D motorway
- 2) A fee B money C admittance D ticket
- 3) A cater B hang out C socialize D entertain
- 4) A nearby B surrounding C picturesque D surroundings
- 5) A feature B character C characteristics D trial
- 6) A original B identical C authentic D alike
- 7) A to B along C across D away
- 8) A site B set C place D part

(8 points)

TASK 6

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.

global	effects	need	idol	subculture	requirements
demand	project	genres	venues	competition	images

K-pop Music

Korean pop music continues to take over the world's top charts. Boy- and girl-bands have millions of followers on Instagram and their videos have billions of views on YouTube. Not every 0) global star can boast such popularity.

K-pop is a type of music that originated in South Korea in the early 1990s. It combines elements of different 1) _____, like electro-pop and hip-hop, and even modern R&B with impeccable choreography, modern visuals, and young, beautiful artists. By the end of the decade, K-pop had already become a popular 2) _____ with an army of millions of fans in all corners of the world.

In 1997, an economic crisis in South Korea forced its government to pay attention to music styles and invest in the development of K-pop. One reason was to improve the country's image on the world market. The authorities invested in the construction of concert 3) _____, and also actively sponsored the development in the field of holographic technology. This has resulted in achieving the most modern and brightest visual 4) _____ during the performance. Very soon K-pop became a cultural symbol of the country. Thanks to K-pop, Korean language courses, tourism, modelling, plastic arts, Korean universities, and, of course, music companies have become more in 5) _____.

The so-called "Big Three" music companies hold auditions all over the world, so it's not just Koreans who have a chance to become idols. But because of that, the 6) _____ increases. It's not enough to just sing and dance well: you have to look good and have a great reputation. The most famous K-pop group is still BTS.

In addition to watching music videos and other 7) _____ videos, the fan community also uses the platform to develop their K-pop blogs. The idols do live broadcasts where they eat and chat with each other. They post a lot on social media and respond to comments. Any K-pop group is, first and foremost, a 8) _____ designed from A to Z.

(Adapted from <https://theenterpriseworld.com/the-k-pop-phenomenon/>)

(8 points)

TASK 7

Read the text. Match one item from Box A with one item from Box B and for each gap (1 – 8), use the phrase that fits best. There are two words in each box that you will not need. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

BOX A					
become	content	break	breeding	public	take
remain	raise	advertise	invade	attention	

BOX B					
issues	grounds	relevant	a toll	awareness	opinion
creators	brands	consequences	privacy	span	

The Impact of Social Media on Celebrity Culture: Pros and Cons

The advent of social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok, has brought about many changes in the realm of celebrity culture. It's no longer exclusive to actors, musicians, or athletes. Now, influencers, YouTubers, and (0) **content creators** can easily rise to prominence, expanding the definition of a celebrity. The influence of social media simultaneously introduces numerous advantages and challenges that both celebrities and their followers find themselves struggling with. Here are some of them:

The Positives

Increased Visibility: Social media enable celebrities to be constantly present in the public eye. They can share updates about their work, personal lives, and achievements, ensuring they 1) _____ even between major projects. This consistent visibility keeps people interested in their careers.

Marketing and Promotion: Promoting projects and products has become more efficient and cost-effective through social media. Celebrities can 2) _____, movies, music, and charitable causes directly to their fan base, making it a powerful marketing tool.

Social Engagement: Celebrities can use their platform to support important social and humanitarian causes. By influencing their followers, they can 3) _____, inspire donations, and drive positive change in society.

The Negatives

The centre of attention: A significant downside of social media is that they can easily 4) _____ - both celebrities and ordinary people are affected by this. The constant scrutiny, paparazzi, and intrusive questions about their personal lives can become overwhelming.

Cyberbullying and Trolling: Social media platforms are 5) _____ for cyberbullying and trolling. Celebrities are not immune to harsh comments, criticism, and even threats from anonymous users. Dealing with such negativity can 6) _____ on their mental health.

Concentration issues: Social media's fast-paced nature can contribute to a shortened 7) _____. Celebrities may feel forced to produce quick, easily digestible content, potentially sacrificing depth and quality.

To sum up, social media boost both praise and criticism. When celebrities make mistakes or express controversial opinions, the negative feedback can be quick and severe. The court of 8) _____ can be unforgiving, leading to PR crises and damage to their careers.

(Adapted from <https://youthincmag.com/the-impact-of-social-media-on-celebrity-culture-pros-and-cons>)

(8 points)

TASK 8

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.

Lele Pons Seagull Trouble

The 27-year-old content creator took 0) to Instagram to share the clip which saw her posing on a beach among dozens of hovering seagulls. The social media star, who was wearing a sparkly black bikini top and denim shorts, smiled to the camera before disaster struck. One of the birds swooped down and grabbed the end of her bikini strap - pulling the top loose. In the clip, a stunned Lele showcased her lightning quick reflexes as she covered herself with her hands before glaring 1) _____ the bird. As her pals creased up with laughter from behind the camera, the influencer appears to mouth a swear word as the video comes to an 2) _____. The American entertainer shared the funny clip online for her army of 53.8 million followers as she joked: "The bird is 3) _____ paid actor." The light-hearted post quickly went viral and got more than 18 million views in two days.

Lele was born in the Venezuelan capital Caracas and moved to the US when she was five years old. Her provocative music video for her 2018 song *Celoso* has been viewed a massive 400 million times on YouTube. She began her career 4) _____ the video platform Vine which she used to showcase her music and comedy routines. Lele became the first 'Viner' to reach one billion loops and before the platform shut 5) _____ down in 2016, she had become the most-looped and most-followed Viner of all time.

The influencer has acted 6) _____ films and TV shows and in 2016 she co-authored a novel called *Surviving High School*. She married Puerto Rican rapper Guaynaa in March of last year.

(Adapted from: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-12951837/Influencer-Lele-Pons-seagull-bikini-top.html>)

(6 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.

When I think about what I want to do after my (0) childhood years end, I always envision something (1) _____. Although I would love to, for example, explore the vastness of the universe and play around in a (2)_____ state, somewhere high above the Earth, I am aware that my future (3) _____ should maybe be more down-to-earth, excuse the pun. Namely, I have recently become very interested in (4) _____ police work, and mostly that which deals with cyber-bullying and hacking crimes. So, I believe I will take it as my lifelong goal to at least try and bring (5) _____ to those who find themselves in (6) _____ or even dangerous situations. I will become my own little superhero in the fight for the right cause, which is making the world a better place one step at a time.	0) CHILD 1) ADVENTURE 2) WEIGHT 3) OCCUPY 4) INVESTIGATE 5) RIGHT 6) COMFORT
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(6 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.