

**ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA  
za 4. razred srednjih škola**

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**TEST**

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

- 1**    Lista 4.A: gimnazije
- 2**    Lista 4.B: ostale srednje škole

**Zaporka:**

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**(peteroznamenkasti 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: Space Tourism

You will hear a recording on space tourism. 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 exact words that you need to use. 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 passage for the second time, you have 1 minute to check your answers and transfer them to the separate answer sheet.

- (0) Commercial trips into space were forced to stop in 2010 .
- (1) In the first decade of this century, \_\_\_\_\_ people paid to travel in space.
- (2) The most expensive trip into space cost the individual \_\_\_\_\_ million dollars.
- (3) The first commercial astronauts were \_\_\_\_\_ by profession.
- (4) A \_\_\_\_\_ was the first person from Great Britain to travel in space.
- (5) The money from the first space tourist was used to pay for \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (6) The second space tourist made his money from \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (7) The main doubts about space tourism concern the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (8) Some social critics of space tourism say it is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (9) There will be limits on the \_\_\_\_\_ people can take on board.
- (10) The speaker believes that \_\_\_\_\_ is often ignored in space tourism.

(10 points)

## Task 2: READING COMPREHENSION

### Task 2: Staying In Hotels

Read the following texts on staying in hotels. For questions 1-10 on the next page, choose one of the people A-F that best matches each question. 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.

<b>A Amir</b> I had to visit a client in another city, so I booked myself into a hotel that a friend had recommended. He'd been there with his wife two years before. It was a pretty decent place apart from the thermostat settings. It was stifling in there. On the other hand, at least you didn't have to pay a supplement if you wanted to press a shirt, and it was reasonably clean too. I could check my e-mail at a nearby café, which was convenient, as I needed to keep up with developments.	<b>B Belle</b> I was away for a couple of days on business, so my company organised accommodation for me. It was very handily placed indeed for my meetings, which was a mercy. It was impeccable too, with hardly a speck of dust in the place. I was also really pleased that I managed to reduce my food intake while I was there, too. The accommodation itself was reasonably priced but the extras, like internet access or coffee or tea served in your room, cost a small fortune.
<b>C Colin</b> We wanted to get away from it all, so we went for a break to what we hoped was a quiet lakeside town. Despite the fact the place was by the shore, my view was of a building site. The food was on the meagre side too, though I didn't hear any grumbling. Even then it would have been ok if it were not for the hot water supply, or rather the lack thereof. The only redeeming feature was that my ironing cost next to nothing. It was all very different from our previous trip.	<b>D Dora</b> I had to go down south on business. Given my hectic schedule, I really needed somewhere with a dependable wireless connection, and on the whole this was the case. I wish I could say the same about my wake-up calls. Another thing that bothered me was that it was swelteringly hot but there was no air-conditioning. I had no choice but to take cold showers. The last couple of days things quietened down a bit and I was even able to relax a bit.
<b>E Eddie</b> It wasn't too far from where I was working. It was just a short taxi-ride of a quarter of an hour or so. The personnel were courteous, which is precisely what you'd expect, given I was being charged an arm and a leg. To be honest, the only drawback was that I had been hoping for a greater choice of vegetarian food, but in the end I had to make do with salad every day. It was either that or spending yet more money in a restaurant.	<b>F Florence</b> I had to travel abroad to finalise a deal. I don't normally give much thought to the hotel accommodation, but after the hustle and bustle of the meetings in the morning, the location's tranquillity was much appreciated. The on-suite complimentary refreshments and kettle were a nice touch too. In addition, the waiters and bellboys were really laid back, which made a nice change. I'd like to go back there with my family some time.

Which person stayed in a hotel

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| 0  | where they had an unattractive view from their room?     | <u>  C  </u> |
| 1  | in which the food portions were rather small?            | _____        |
| 2  | where they could have their ironing done free of charge? | _____        |
| 3  | that was in an extremely clean condition?                | _____        |
| 4  | that was located in a peaceful setting?                  | _____        |
| 5  | where the heating was turned on too high?                | _____        |
| 6  | that was conveniently located close to their work?       | _____        |
| 7  | where they did not get something they requested?         | _____        |
| 8  | which allowed guests to make hot drinks in their room?   | _____        |
| 9  | where they thought the staff were well-mannered?         | _____        |
| 10 | where they were unable to take a warm shower?            | _____        |
| 11 | where there was reliable access to the internet?         | _____        |
| 12 | where they thought the rooms were expensive ?            | _____        |

**(12 points)**

### Task 3: Abusive Spectators

Read the following article on abusive spectators at school sports events. 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 Answer Sheet.

Junior sports associations up and down the country are being encouraged to take action against abusive parents at school sporting events. **0.....K..** Evidence suggests that such conduct is having a detrimental effect on both behaviour and participation levels in school sport.

I recently attended a nephew's under-ten football match. **1.....** The level of abuse reduced the child to tears in front of his teammates and the spectators. I told the bully he should be ashamed of himself but he just laughed and said the kid had to "toughen up".

Sadly, it would seem that this is not an isolated incident. **2.....** The result has been a worrying increase in the number of junior players dropping out of competitive sport at school. This is indeed a worrying trend when you consider the reports stating that our children are not getting sufficient amounts of exercise.

A concerned parent informed me that his daughter had been having nightmares after being repeatedly criticised by the mother of another player for making mistakes in a basketball game. **3.....** She's grateful to him and now does aerobics twice a week, which is obviously a lot less stressful.

A further negative effect of this phenomenon has been on some of the

adults involved in school sport. **4.....** It thus comes as no surprise to learn that it is becoming increasingly challenging to recruit suitable match officials. Who needs the aggravation, especially when you normally don't even get paid for giving up your time?

However, it's not only the refs, as school coaches are also becoming reluctant to work with teams. **5.....** She told me that she was sick and tired of pushy parents shouting at her during games, criticising tactics and calling for certain players to be substituted.

She also says that all of this is having an adverse impact on standards of behaviour on and off the field or court. **6.....** Where are they getting this attitude from? It does not take a genius to work out that those on the sidelines are setting a bad example.

It is against this background that the authorities have been compelled to act. **7.....** If they persist in what they are doing, they will be asked to leave.

Obviously, enforcement is a challenge, but by-laws are being pushed through that would allow banning orders to be issued. **8.....** After all, at the end of the day, it is only a game and kids should be allowed to get on with it and enjoy themselves.

- A. You have to wonder why a grown woman feels the need to say something like this to a child.
- B. A parent at the game started verbally abusing a lad who had unluckily scored an own-goal.
- C. Spectators who insist on shouting at the players and match officials will receive a warning.
- D. He felt that he was left with no other alternative but to withdraw his child from the team.
- E. Maybe they are just living out their frustrated sporting ambitions through their own children.
- F. It is not uncommon to hear touchline abuse directed at refs for perceived incorrect decisions.
- G. It is hoped that the availability of such measures will help deter any potential offenders.
- H. An increasing number of children are showing dissent in matches and questioning trainers.
- I. Apparently, a dozen such occurrences get reported to school sports federations every week.
- J. A friend who trained the hockey team at the school where she works recently quit as trainer.
- ~~K. One of the measures is a ban on any shouting at players and referees during games.~~

**(8 points)**

## Tasks 4 - 8: ENGLISH IN USE

### Task 4: Gap Filling

For questions 1-10, 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).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

- (0) Gymnasts need a good sense of balance if they are to avoid falling.  
Now that I have internet banking, I am able to check my balance on-line.  
For success in life, it's necessary to balance your work and family life.
- (1) The police decided to \_\_\_\_\_ out and search the entire area for clues.  
The potato \_\_\_\_\_ from the Americas to Europe in the sixteenth century.  
Anne always puts chocolate \_\_\_\_\_ on her bread in the morning.
- (2) Have you got a piece of \_\_\_\_\_ so that I can stick this poster on the wall?  
Before digital recordings, the police used to \_\_\_\_\_ interviews with suspects.  
Don used a \_\_\_\_\_ measure to see how long the piece of wood was.
- (3) If you ask me, some of Pete's jokes are in incredibly bad \_\_\_\_\_.  
Our local football team enjoyed a brief \_\_\_\_\_ of success in the 1990s.  
Can you \_\_\_\_\_ the chilli powder that I added to the stew?
- (4) The two states' border \_\_\_\_\_ will be settled by an international court.  
I don't think that anyone would \_\_\_\_\_ that Newton was a great scientist.  
Opinions on who is the world's best player are always open to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) Apparently Joanna and Ed went out on a \_\_\_\_\_ over the weekend.  
Please could you sign and \_\_\_\_\_ the document at the bottom of the page?  
According to archaeologists, the ruins \_\_\_\_\_ back to the first century AD.
- (6) We \_\_\_\_\_ off at the crack of dawn so as to avoid the rush-hour traffic.  
Janet bought her dad a new \_\_\_\_\_ of tools for his fortieth birthday.  
Did you see the sun \_\_\_\_\_ while you were staying on the island?

- (7) My grandfather put another \_\_\_\_\_ on the fire to stop it going out.  
Please can you \_\_\_\_\_ off when you finish using the computer?  
The captain should record the day's events in the ship's \_\_\_\_\_.
- (8) The new law is the most radical \_\_\_\_\_ in the government's programme.  
I hate it when old rock groups \_\_\_\_\_ and go on tour again.  
In America, young offenders are sent to \_\_\_\_\_ school instead of prison.
- (9) The match was so unbearably \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't watch it to the end.  
The English \_\_\_\_\_ system is complicated compared to other languages.  
My doctor has advised me not to \_\_\_\_\_ up so much but to try and relax.
- (10) We had to \_\_\_\_\_ for cover when it started to pour with rain.  
Please could you put a \_\_\_\_\_ of milk and some sugar in my coffee?  
In punctuation, what's the difference between a \_\_\_\_\_ and a hyphen?

**(10 points)**

### Task 5: Airships

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 Answer Sheet.

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| (0)  | Airships are a type of aircraft that are lighter than air. They rely on gas in  |
| (00) | order to provide the lift to enable them to fly up. The earliest airship models |
| (1)  | have utilised hydrogen for this purpose. Between the two World Wars, all of     |
| (2)  | the major powers, such as the Great Britain, America and Germany, were          |
| (3)  | engaged in both airship construction for commercial and military purposes.      |
| (4)  | Commercial flights were very popular, as airships were able to carry more of    |
| (5)  | passengers than airplanes. However, the 1930s had witnessed a number of         |
| (6)  | these disasters involving airships, most notably the Hindenburg catastrophe     |
| (7)  | in America. This halted production and prompted the industry to look back for   |
| (8)  | such a non-combustible alternative to hydrogen. The solution was helium,        |
| (9)  | which has 93 percent of hydrogen's lifting power, but which also has the        |
| (10) | advantage of not being an inflammable gas. Another alternative to hydrogen      |
| (11) | is through hot air. This powers an airship in exactly the same way as hot-air   |
| (12) | balloons. Nevertheless, the questionable and safety image of airships has       |
| (13) | meant that all their use is limited, and they have not really been used for     |
| (14) | transportation purposes since in the Second World War, although they can        |
| (15) | be used either in tourism, for example in Japan, and advertising as well.       |

(15 points)

### Task 6: Reality TV

Read the following text 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.

Reality TV has become a prime ingredient in the nation's viewing (0) C. Nevertheless, very few kinds of programme divide public (1) \_\_\_\_\_ quite so much. It would seem that we have become (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to what one commentator has called "a celebration of idiocy". What is it that makes us (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in watching other people's humiliation? Is it that the protagonists are ordinary folk that we can (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with? If that is the case, then why do celebrity reality shows also get such favourable viewing (5) \_\_\_\_\_?

Some analysts argue that reality TV shows show that ordinary people can become famous too, no (6) \_\_\_\_\_ how fleetingly. Others argue that they appeal to our love of gossip, with the added bonus that no harm is (7) \_\_\_\_\_, as we do not know the people involved. Psychologists claim that such programmes bring out the voyeur in viewers, as we are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with the opportunity to see what goes on behind closed doors, as it were.

On the other hand, critics claim the programmes represent a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of broadcasting standards on the part of the authorities, as they seem to promote all that is vulgar in our society and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ up role models of questionable moral standing to impressionable viewers. Opponents have also (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their exploitative nature and the way they profit from humiliating participants and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ emotional cruelty. Many of those who debase themselves on reality TV are psychologically vulnerable. Because of this, they should be (13) \_\_\_\_\_ our protection rather than be exploited, or so the argument goes.

However, at the end of the day, we live in a society in which people are free to do what they please within certain (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Who are we to dictate what others should or should not watch in the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of their own homes?

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| (0) A conventions | B habits      | C customs    | D practices     |
| (1) A attitude    | B opinion     | C judgment   | D belief        |
| (2) A hooked      | B captivated  | C dependent  | D addicted      |
| (3) A enjoy       | B delight     | C appreciate | D savour        |
| (4) A bond        | B equate      | C link       | D identify      |
| (5) A sums        | B figures     | C quantities | D amounts       |
| (6) A account     | B means       | C matter     | D telling       |
| (7) A made        | B done        | C achieved   | D realised      |
| (8) A handed      | B awarded     | C imparted   | D presented     |
| (9) A depressing  | B sinking     | C lowering   | D falling       |
| (10) A set        | B hold        | C keep       | D give          |
| (11) A blamed     | B condemned   | C charged    | D reprimanded   |
| (12) A encourage  | B boost       | C persuade   | D uphold        |
| (13) A supplied   | B delivered   | C provided   | D afforded      |
| (14) A limits     | B edges       | C curbs      | D margins       |
| (15) A care       | B contentment | C comfort    | D entertainment |

(15 points)

### Task 7: Ned Kelly: Outlaw

Read the text below and think of the word that best fits each space. Use **ONLY ONE** word each time.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Ned Kelly was a violent outlaw (0) whose life and death have controversially given rise to one of Australia's most celebrated national myths. Kelly was born in Victoria in 1854 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ a poor family of Irish immigrants. His father (2)\_\_\_\_\_ actually arrived in the country as a convict. As a teenager, Kelly frequently found (3)\_\_\_\_\_ in trouble with the law and was imprisoned for stealing horses. He came out of prison unreformed and quickly (4)\_\_\_\_\_ to his life of crime. Wanted by the authorities, he fled into the bush with his brothers and some friends. Together, they were to (5)\_\_\_\_\_ down in history as the Kelly Gang. The group was responsible for (6)\_\_\_\_\_ spree that included robbing banks and murdering police officers. The authorities were finally able to track Kelly and his accomplices (7)\_\_\_\_\_ and surrounded the house they were holed up in. Undeterred, Kelly (8)\_\_\_\_\_ up with an elaborate plan. Knowing that he was hopelessly outgunned, he made a suit of armour (9)\_\_\_\_\_ of a plough and exited the building guns blazing. The bullets of the police were unable to make any impact upon Kelly's suit of armour (10)\_\_\_\_\_ an observant officer noticed his legs were exposed and brought him down this way. Kelly was arrested, tried and pronounced (11)\_\_\_\_\_ of murder. He was hanged at the age of twenty-six. His accomplices were either killed in the shoot-out or met the same fate (12)\_\_\_\_\_ their leader.

Kelly's reputation (13)\_\_\_\_\_ to undergo a remarkable transformation following his death. Although he was a convicted thief and killer, Kelly has (14)\_\_\_\_\_ to be seen by many Australians as a champion of the immigrant working class against their colonial masters. The Australian Post Office has even issued stamps commemorating (15)\_\_\_\_\_ deeds, and figures dressed in armour appeared in the opening ceremony of the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

(15 points)

### Task 8: Taking Up Cycling Again

Read the following text. Use the word given in **CAPITALS** at the end of each line to form a new word that best fits the gap in the same line.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

<p>In a bid to improve my (0) <u>fitness</u> and do my bit for the environment, I recently took up cycling. Afraid of having a fall, I went out and bought myself some suitable items of (1)_____ clothing. I had read that the majority of cycling (2)_____ were the result of head injuries, so I made sure that I had a helmet. I was advised to wear it all times, (3)_____ of whether I was going for a long ride or just popping down to the shops, and should not think that it was (4)_____. After all, it's better to be safe than sorry. I was also reminded to take my bike in for a regular (5)_____.</p> <p>Next, I started work on the bike itself. I hadn't ridden it for years and was (6)_____ nervous as I sat on it. I'd put on weight in the intervening years, so I took it down to the store and they adjusted the seat and (7)_____ for me. I decided to take things easy to begin with, as I didn't want to (8)_____ my ability and pull a muscle.</p> <p>The streets were far busier than when I had last cycled. I was shocked at how (9)_____ some drivers and cyclists behaved, making rude gestures and shouting out (10)_____. I was particularly concerned at how (11)_____ some cyclists and drivers were. A car in front of me pulled out all of a sudden to (12)_____ but didn't even bother signalling. It was without doubt an experience that made me feel distinctly (13)_____. Somehow, I managed to survive what seemed like a new kind of urban (14)_____ and made it back home in one piece. Despite the (15)_____ health benefits of cycling, I thought I'd better try something more sedate.</p>	<p>(0) <b>FIT</b></p> <p>(1) <b>PROTECT</b></p> <p>(2) <b>FATAL</b></p> <p>(3) <b>REGARD</b></p> <p>(4) <b>COOL</b></p> <p>(5) <b>UP</b></p> <p>(6) <b>UNDERSTAND</b></p> <p>(7) <b>HANDLE</b></p> <p>(8) <b>ESTIMATE</b></p> <p>(9) <b>RESPECT</b></p> <p>(10) <b>OBSCENE</b></p> <p>(11) <b>PREDICT</b></p> <p>(12) <b>TAKE</b></p> <p>(13) <b>EASE</b></p> <p>(14) <b>WAR</b></p> <p>(15) <b>DENY</b></p>
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**THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST**