

**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:**

(prepiši dobivenu riječ)

**TEST**

<b>Slušanje s razumijevanjem:</b>	<b>10 bodova</b>
<b>Čitanje s razumijevanjem:</b>	<b>20 bodova</b>
<b>Uporaba jezika:</b>	<b>70 bodova</b>
<b>Ukupno:</b>	<b>100 bodova</b>

## Task 1: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

### Task 1: Killer Cats

You will hear a recording about killer cats. 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) According to research, cats kill 20 billion animals in the US each year.
- (1) The main animals killed by cats are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (2) Most animals are the victims of \_\_\_\_\_ cats.
- (3) Scientists say cats should wear \_\_\_\_\_ to warn other creatures.
- (4) Animal deaths can be cut by at least \_\_\_\_\_ percent if cats are kept in at night.
- (5) A third of the cats in the research killed two animals each \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6) Most creatures killed by cats are \_\_\_\_\_ where they are caught.
- (7) The most common birds preyed upon by cats in Britain are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (8) In defence of cats, it is argued that they tend to hunt \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
- (9) Some scientists say \_\_\_\_\_ change has more effect on bird numbers.
- (10) Some activists in New Zealand want all cats \_\_\_\_\_ in their country.

(10 points)

**Tasks 2-3: READING COMPREHENSION****Task 2: Going to Multiplex Cinemas**

Read the following texts on people's opinions about multiplex cinemas. 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 separate Answer Sheet.

<b>A Andrew</b> I must confess that I actually go to the cinema quite often, as there's one just a couple of minutes from me, which is really convenient. I'll watch whatever's on, as I'm not that fussy. In the old days, there'd only be a single film on at the town cinema, but it's certainly not like that now, which is absolutely fantastic. The popcorn and soft drinks are a bit dear, though. Other than that, I'd have to say that I'm a huge fan of modern cinemas.	<b>B Belinda</b> I have mixed feelings about these new multiplexes. Despite the wide variety of films that you can see, they tend to be the latest blockbusters from the States. It's true that cinemas have improved enormously in technical terms, although all the flashing images and booming noises are a bit much for me. On the other hand, the cinemas themselves are roomier than they used to be and the tickets, although quite dear, are not too expensive.
<b>C Claire</b> In my opinion, the older cinemas were much more intimate somehow, and I used to love the rickety old seats. On the other hand, it's great to see how families can make a whole afternoon of it these days if they want to. We didn't really have that chance. We just used to watch the film and then leave. People say that it's healthier for kids to be outside running around, but if you ask me, cinemas are better than computer games. All in all, I think they're a positive development.	<b>D Donald</b> The tickets themselves represent very good value, but we need to ask ourselves whether or not we really want our kids stuffing themselves with salty snacks, spending their money on sugary drinks and staring at a ginormous screen for long periods of time. It can't be wholesome being in that kind of atmosphere too often. In spite of the choice, they tend to watch the same kinds of films, too. As you can see, I have quite a few problems with multiplexes.
<b>E Elaine</b> It's great how you can do everything online prior to actually going. If you ask me, it beats queuing hands down. And don't forget the free parking! In the old days, we always ended up walking. My only doubt is that these multiplexes just want to rip you off by getting you to buy a load of other stuff, especially when you consider that they're nearly always situated in malls. Nevertheless, I like to go to one from time to time. It makes a nice change from staying in.	<b>F Frank</b> I used to love going to the pictures with all my mates, but the sound system and picture quality today are terrific compared to what they were like when we were kids. I also love the way everything inside is shiny and new. Basic facilities like bathrooms are also much cleaner these days. The only thing that gets on my nerves is all the commercials that are on. You have to sit through them all, as you don't have much choice. I guess the alternative, though, is dearer tickets.

Which person:

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| 0  | is irritated by the number of advertisements shown?          | <u>  F  </u>  |
| 1  | appreciates the wide choice of films on offer?               | <u>      </u> |
| 2  | approves of the social aspect of going to the cinema?        | <u>      </u> |
| 3  | believes that cinemas are more comfortable places now?       | <u>      </u> |
| 4  | considers ticket prices to be more than reasonable?          | <u>      </u> |
| 5  | disapproves of the price of the snacks and beverages?        | <u>      </u> |
| 6  | enjoys the convenience of modern cinema services?            | <u>      </u> |
| 7  | has the view that modern cinemas lack atmosphere?            | <u>      </u> |
| 8  | is a fan of the décor of modern cinemas?                     | <u>      </u> |
| 9  | is of the opinion that the selection of films is restricted? | <u>      </u> |
| 10 | says that the modern cinema industry is exploitative?        | <u>      </u> |
| 11 | thinks cinemas can have a bad effect on people's health?     | <u>      </u> |
| 12 | welcomes the technical improvements?                         | <u>      </u> |

**(12 points)**

### Task 3: E-books

Read the following article on e-books. 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.

Although everyone would agree that reading is a positive habit, there is far less consensus on how we should actually go about the business of it. **0...K.....** So what precisely are the pros and cons of each format? We thought we would take a closer look at just some of the arguments involved.

Lovers of paper point to the aesthetic qualities that traditional books possess. **1.....** They have a particular feel and smell, and can evoke strong memories of the people, places and events in our lives.

In addition, it would seem that we actually remember more of what we read when it is on paper. **2.....** Some speculate that it is because we are more likely to be distracted when using a digital device, such as constantly checking our messages. This influences how much we can remember of what we have read, or so the argument goes.

It would also seem that paper books have a more soothing effect on the reader. It appears from experiments that have been conducted that our heart rate is faster when we are in front of a screen compared to when we look at words on paper. **3.....**

Researchers also claim that paper books help us fall asleep more easily. When we read a book, light is reflected

from the paper rather than coming at us directly from a screen. **4.....**

On a more practical note, it has been argued that e-books might spell the end for libraries. **5.....** There could also be consequences in terms of unemployment in the publishing and printing industries.

However, there are always two sides to every story. E-books are certainly more practical objects. **6.....** There is also a wider choice of reading material available on digital devices at any one moment. You are not restricted by the limitations of printed paper, as you have a whole electronic library at your disposal.

There are environmental factors to take into consideration, too. **7.....** E-books, on the other hand, are free from ethical considerations concerning sustainable forestry practices.

Finally, e-books seem to have far more relevance to the lives of people today, especially the younger population. **8.....** There is also greater flexibility, as font size can be enlarged to ease readability, which is particularly beneficial for those who experience difficulties in reading. Squinting at small print is no fun if you are dyslexic or suffer from some kind of visual impairment.

- A.** As a consequence, they are certainly both cheaper to produce and buy.
- B.** It thus logically follows that paper books are a much better stress relief.
- C.** Physical books, in contrast, can take up acres of such storage space.
- D.** Reading devices fit more comfortably into one's pocket than a large tome.
- E.** This latter acts as a stimulant and makes it harder for us to become drowsy.
- F.** This would undoubtedly impact on access to reading for the old and socially disadvantaged.
- G.** The reasons for this greater power of recall are not entirely clear.
- H.** They are attractive objects in themselves and not mere images on a screen.
- I.** Those brought up using screens, so-called screenagers, prefer to read in this medium.
- J.** Traditional books need paper, and raw materials are required to produce this.
- K.** ~~Traditionalists extol paper's virtue, while those with more modern views prefer digital media.~~

**(8 points)**

<b>Tasks 4-8: ENGLISH IN USE</b>
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**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 separate Answer Sheet.

- (0) It's unbelievable how much cafés charge for a coffee these days.  
 My phone's not working. I need to charge my battery right away.  
 The accused appeared in court on a charge of armed robbery.
- (1) I weighed myself on the \_\_\_\_\_ today. I've put on three kilos!  
 You need to remove the \_\_\_\_\_ when you prepare fish.  
 Jane's amazingly fit. She \_\_\_\_\_ mountains as a hobby!
- (2) In the past, murder in Britain \_\_\_\_\_ the death penalty.  
 Both malaria and the Zika virus are \_\_\_\_\_ by mosquitos.  
 A census is \_\_\_\_\_ out in Croatia every ten years.
- (3) Dan received a yellow card for a really bad \_\_\_\_\_ in the game.  
 I hate the way Tanya uses \_\_\_\_\_ language when she's angry.  
 Factories shouldn't be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ the water of our rivers and lakes.
- (4) Our teacher told us that we had a test at very short \_\_\_\_\_.  
 There was a \_\_\_\_\_ on the board about the meeting next week.  
 Did you \_\_\_\_\_ anything different about Jim the last time you saw him?
- (5) They say that \_\_\_\_\_ estate is the safest investment these days.  
 The \_\_\_\_\_ issue at the moment is the unemployment rate.  
 We need to get \_\_\_\_\_ about climate change before it's too late.

- (6)** Barrack Obama is in his second \_\_\_\_\_ as US president.  
The prospects for the economy look much better in the long \_\_\_\_\_.  
The influenza virus is the medical \_\_\_\_\_ for the flu.
- (7)** It was pointless. We just \_\_\_\_\_ around all day long.  
Sarah was so angry that she just \_\_\_\_\_ up on me.  
The match \_\_\_\_\_ in the balance until the very last minute.
- (8)** Is that honestly the best solution that you can \_\_\_\_\_ up with?  
The new management has \_\_\_\_\_ in for a lot of criticism.  
Let me know if you \_\_\_\_\_ across any useful information.
- (9)** We might be able to catch the \_\_\_\_\_ if we hurry up.  
I gave \_\_\_\_\_ orders for you to stay at home today.  
Al was glad his son had started to \_\_\_\_\_ an interest in sport.
- (10)** I love the way the path \_\_\_\_\_ through the pine trees.  
Sally really \_\_\_\_\_ me up with her arrogant behaviour.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ in this part of the world can cause serious damage.

**(10 points)**

**Task 5: Unicorns**

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.

✓	(0)	The unicorn is a mythological creature that looks similar to a white horse but
<i>had</i>	(00)	which has had a horn in the middle of its forehead. The ancient Greeks believed
	(1)	that unicorns actually existed. As a result, they do not appear in any single
	(2)	Greek myths but in works of natural history. By medieval times, the belief had
	(3)	developed that the animal's horn had these magical properties and a trade
	(4)	developed in fake unicorn horns, which were not normally the horns of some
	(5)	other animal. In the seventeenth century, it was believed that a complete unicorn
	(6)	skeleton had also been discovered in Germany. However, it was a hoax based
	(7)	upon the bones of a mammoth and the horn of a narwhal, like a kind of whale
	(8)	that has a large tusk. One might ask where do such legends come from. Some
	(9)	think that stories of unicorns could be based on the oryx, a rare species of
	(10)	horned antelope that can be found in the Arabian peninsula and on North Africa.
	(11)	Although the oryx actually has two horns, when is viewed from the side it
	(12)	appears to have only one. Travellers who returning from Arabia or North Africa
	(13)	might have made up tales on the basis of such sightings. Despite the lack of an
	(14)	evidence that the species might ever existed, there are still unicorn hunters
	(15)	today. It seems humans can still have the need to believe in something magical.

**(15 points)**

**Task 6: Avoiding Sports Injuries**

For questions 1-15, 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 separate Answer Sheet.

Playing sport (0) D you with a number of undeniable physical and psychological benefits. However, it can also be responsible for a large number of injuries, many of which are actually preventable if adequate precautions are (1)\_\_\_\_\_. This is basically a question of ensuring that you prepare properly beforehand, which means warming (2)\_\_\_\_\_. Doing this improves flexibility and gets the blood (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to your muscles. Gently stretching your muscles in this way is a vital part of proper preparation for physical (4)\_\_\_\_\_. Such exercises are particularly important when it comes to previously injured muscles and help reduce the likelihood of a (5)\_\_\_\_\_.

In addition, you should clearly stop playing if you feel tired or in (6)\_\_\_\_\_. Fatigue and discomfort are (7)\_\_\_\_\_ signs that should not be ignored. If you continue playing under such circumstances, the chances of you (8)\_\_\_\_\_ an injury increase. Similarly, you should always make sure that you get (9)\_\_\_\_\_ rest after playing. Allowing the body time to get (10)\_\_\_\_\_ the stress it has undergone is a vital part of reducing the risk of injury the next time you play. Such breaks allow muscles and tissue to (11)\_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

Finally, when you play you should always (12)\_\_\_\_\_ to the rules of the game, as they're there for a reason. If you're playing a contact sport, you should (13)\_\_\_\_\_ from making illegal challenges. Such behaviour not only (14)\_\_\_\_\_ a threat to the safety of other players but also yourself. After all, in the (15)\_\_\_\_\_ analysis, it's only a game.

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| (0) A delivers     | B offers      | C grants     | D provides     |
| (1) A made         | B given       | C done       | D taken        |
| (2) A along        | B up          | C off        | D down         |
| (3) A running      | B gushing     | C flowing    | D pouring      |
| (4) A exertion     | B application | C energy     | D labour       |
| (5) A reappearance | B replication | C recurrence | D reproduction |
| (6) A soreness     | B hurt        | C pain       | D ache         |
| (7) A cautionary   | B alarm       | C advisory   | D warning      |
| (8) A bearing      | B enduring    | C sustaining | D undergoing   |
| (9) A fitting      | B sufficient  | C necessary  | D plenty       |
| (10) A across      | B over        | C off        | D through      |
| (11) A restore     | B repair      | C renovate   | D recover      |
| (12) A adhere      | B observe     | C follow     | D respect      |
| (13) A renounce    | B cease       | C refrain    | D avert        |
| (14) A establishes | B creates     | C produces   | D poses        |
| (15) A definitive  | B concluding  | C closing    | D final        |

(15 points)

**Task 7: Attitudes to Bottled Water**

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 separate Answer Sheet.

If you ask me, I think (0) that we have an unhealthy attitude when it comes to bottled water. We need to start thinking more about the impact that it might be (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on our society and the environment. First of all, water in plastic bottles undoubtedly (2) \_\_\_\_\_ towards pollution. It's rather strange that we often import drinking water from other countries when we have springs closer to home, not to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the water that flows through the pipes of our own homes. The process of transporting bottled water from abroad leaves a carbon footprint, as it uses (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of energy. Although consumers are encouraged to recycle their used bottles, many people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ simply toss them in the rubbish when they are empty. In America alone, millions of tons of plastic bottles (6) \_\_\_\_\_ up in landfills every year. In addition, many bottles find (7) \_\_\_\_\_ way into our seas, rivers and lakes, thus further polluting the environment. There is absolutely (8) \_\_\_\_\_ convincing evidence that it tastes better than tap water and neither is there any proof in the developed world that it's healthier.

Clearly, it would be both unfeasible (9) \_\_\_\_\_ morally wrong to ban bottled water. For starters, in some places on earth, there is not all (10) \_\_\_\_\_ much drinking water at certain times of the year. In addition, it's undeniable that bottled water is convenient (11) \_\_\_\_\_ you are travelling in certain parts of the world. For instance, drinking tap water in some parts of the world could (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you to fall ill. Finally, people need to be free to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ an informed choice about whether they wish to consume a certain product or not. However, we need to develop a healthier relationship towards it, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ means finding more environmentally friendly packaging. As human beings that are concerned about the fate of our planet, surely we wouldn't (15) \_\_\_\_\_ too much if this meant paying a little bit more.

**(15 points)**

**Task 8: Working in an Office**

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 separate Answer Sheet.

<p>Maintaining good (0) <u>relationships</u> with colleagues is a vital part of working in an office. Many workers are disliked by their peers because they fail to follow a few (1)_____ social rules in the (2)_____. Firstly, we should avoid criticising others, as everyone hates a (3)_____. Similarly, we should do our best to avoid behaving (4)_____, as no one can stand a (5)_____.</p>	<p>(0) <b>RELATION</b> (1) <b>STRAIGHT</b> (2) <b>WORK</b> (3) <b>STAB</b> (4) <b>BOAST</b> (5) <b>HEAD</b></p>
<p>In addition, don't go directly to senior management if you are involved in (6)_____ with colleagues. In such situations, it's always better to try and clear the air (7)_____ rather than going behind people's backs.</p>	<p>(6) <b>AGREE</b> (7) <b>HAND</b></p>
<p>It's also (8)_____ paying attention to how we communicate. For instance, we should ensure that we avoid (9)_____ formality in our e-mail correspondence with co-workers. It's often interpreted as a sign of (10)_____. Another type of behaviour that can lead to (11)_____ is complaining. Complainers create a general feeling of (12)_____ at work. People prefer colleagues who have a more positive (13)_____ on life.</p>	<p>(8) <b>WORTH</b> (9) <b>EXCEED</b> (10) <b>FRIEND</b> (11) <b>POPULAR</b> (12) <b>SATISFY</b> (13) <b>LOOK</b></p>
<p>Following these simple (14)_____ can help you improve the atmosphere in your office. After all, at the end of the day, we'll be more (15)_____ if we get on well with our co-workers.</p>	<p>(14) <b>GUIDE</b> (15) <b>PRODUCE</b></p>

(15 points)

**THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST**