

**ŠKOLSKO 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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(peteroznamenasti broj i riječ)

TEST

Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	6 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	54 boda
Ukupno:	60 bodova

Task 1: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: A Costly Mistake

Read the following magazine article. Choose which of the sentences A – H from the box best fits into the numbered gaps 1 – 6. 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.

Dave Brown has a sticker on his laptop that says “Check before you click!” **0...I.....** He was making some payments via on-line banking when he mistakenly sent 3,000 euros to the wrong bank account.

“I had intended to pay back part of a loan I had taken out. **1.....** Unfortunately, I clicked on the account number of someone whom I had paid a couple of years previously. I then completed the transaction without checking.

“When I realised what I had done I felt a complete fool. When I had finally calmed down, I thought it would be easy enough to get the money back. **2.....** All I had to do was contact the bank and explain the situation. At least that’s what I thought.

“The bank spoke to the person concerned and got back to me immediately. **3.....** To make things worse, the bank said that there was nothing they could do about it. As they were not at fault for the error in the first

place, they could not take action against the person to force them to return my money.

“I thought I would be able to make this person see sense. **4.....** It seems I was not entitled to obtain their details as a result of the bank’s data protection policy.”

So what can Dave do about his money? **5.....** Without the recipient’s personal details, he cannot take them to court. The only thing that he can do is to make sure that he does not repeat his costly mistake.

It would seem that Dave’s case is not an isolated example. According to one on-line banking expert that we spoke to, about one in every hundred on-line payments goes to the wrong account. **6.....** However, most of these people will eventually get their money back. For Dave, though, that’s small compensation.

- A. After all, I had made an honest mistake.
- B. He'll undoubtedly be far more careful in future.
- C. However, I couldn't even get in touch with them.
- D. I had certainly learnt my lesson the hard way.
- E. I wasn't really concentrating on what I was doing.
- F. Legally, he does not have a leg to stand on.
- G. That's millions of euros every single year.
- H. The recipient of the money was refusing to return it.
- I. ~~The reason for this is that two years ago Dave made an expensive error.~~

(6 points)

Tasks 2 - 6: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 2: Figs

Read the following article. For each gap 1 – 12, think of one word which best fits into the text. Use only one word for each space.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The fig tree, which is so common in southern Europe these days, originally came (0) from the Middle East, where it flourished in the dry conditions. It is believed (1) _____ figs were one of the first fruits ever to be cultivated by man. Man's relationship with figs is even referred (2) _____ in the Old Testament when Adam and Eve hide their nakedness in the Garden of Eden with the fruit's leaves. Fossil records tell us man was growing figs as long (3) _____ as 9,000 BC. In fact, it would seem humans were cultivating figs well before they started growing crops (4) _____ wheat. We know that the ancient Romans not (5) _____ ate figs themselves but also used them to feed their domestic animals.

It was not long before the humble fig started to spread around the globe, initially to Europe but later on (6) _____ afield to the Americas. One of the reasons why the fruit has been (7) _____ a spectacular success is its nutritional value. Figs are extremely high in calcium and fibre, both of (8) _____ are vital for human health. It is also possible (9) _____ the fruit to be consumed in a variety of ways. For instance, figs may be eaten (10) _____ dried or fresh. In addition, in some cultures, they are made (11) _____ jam, while in others they are even used to distil alcoholic spirits. So, (12) _____ you can see, figs are very versatile and have long and rich history!

(12 points)

Task 3: The River Mersey

Read the following text. In most of the lines 1 - 12, there is one extra word. Identify the extra words which are either grammatically incorrect or do not fit in with the meaning of the text. Remember: some lines are correct.

If a line is correct, write the word 'CORRECT' 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.

has CORRECT	(0)	Otters have made a spectacular comeback to what has used to be
	(00)	Europe's most polluted river. The mammals will only tolerate the cleanest
	(1)	natural environments too and their return is a triumph for the River
	(2)	Mersey and the campaigners and government institutions that will have
	(3)	fought to return life to the river. Back in the 1980s, even the Mersey was
	(4)	the continent's filthiest river, as human waste and an industrial pollution
	(5)	from the city of Liverpool was pumped up into the lifeless water. But then
	(6)	a campaign was being launched to clean up the river and return it to its
	(7)	former glory. Slowly but surely, wildlife had began to return to the river
	(8)	and its banks. Besides otters, salmon and rare birds have recently been
	(9)	spotted additionally. It is hoped that the River Mersey's story will serve as
	(10)	inspiration to the millions of people that living near polluted rivers in other
(11)	parts of the world. The lesson to be learnt us is that it is never too late to	
(12)	start changing the way we treat the environment in which we live.	

(12 points)

Task 4: The Translator

Read the following text and the options below. 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.

It was never my (0) C to become a translator. In fact, as far as my university background is concerned, I am not even a language (1) _____. It was something that I (2) _____ into completely by chance. I had been working abroad for a long time and learnt a couple of languages rather well. When my children were born, I realised that I (3) _____ a greater degree of flexibility in my life. Obviously, (4) _____ a nine-to-five job is demanding if your kids are ill and need to be looked after. In addition, the children need to be dropped off at school in the morning and (5) _____ in the afternoon. On top of all that, they have all their various after-school activities.

Translating allows me to work from home and to do things when it (6) _____ me. I enjoy not having to (7) _____ the routine of being in a certain place for a defined period of time. If I want to take a break, I can. However, there are several (8) _____. Translating can be a time-consuming process and there are always (9) _____ deadlines, which can make it very stressful. The subject matter can be very challenging too sometimes, although with the internet it is now easier to (10) _____ the necessary research on the topic and terminology.

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| (0) A determination | B dedication | C intention | D purpose |
| (1) A bachelor | B degree | C graduate | D master |
| (2) A collapsed | B descended | C dropped | D fell |
| (3) A demanded | B involved | C necessitated | D required |
| (4) A hanging on | B holding down | C keeping by | D sticking up |
| (5) A collected | B gathered | C lifted | D taken |
| (6) A agrees | B conforms | C matches | D suits |
| (7) A adhere | B follow | C make | D set |
| (8) A barriers | B drawbacks | C obstacles | D obstructions |
| (9) A definite | B severe | C stiff | D tight |
| (10) A carry out | B fulfil | C make | D proceed |

(10 points)

Task 5: Gap Filling

For questions 1 to 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) 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) Is it the custom to leave _____ for waiters in your country?
The teacher gave us some good _____ on how to do the exam.
Jo is so messy! He just _____ everything from his bag onto the floor.

(2) Please can you hurry up? We don't have a great _____ of time.
It must be stressful if you have to _____ with the public in your job.
My dad got a good _____ for his car. It was really cheap.

(3) We spent ages trying to _____ out a solution to the problem.
Nobody would deny that this sculpture is a great _____ of art.
Antibiotics won't _____ so effectively if you take too many.

(4) Does your motorbike _____ on unleaded petrol?
It must be really stressful to _____ your own company.
Edward goes for a quick _____ every morning to stay in shape.

(5) The forecast says it's going to be _____ tomorrow.
The judge decided to _____ Peter for breaking the speed limit.
Although she said she felt _____, Sally did not look well at all.

(6) Dave said that his mum would _____ him up after school.
We generally _____ grapes in the autumn in my country.
If you had to _____ the best one, which one would you choose?

(7) The finance minister needs to take _____ to tackle inflation.

There is a flight of _____ leading down to the basement.

I can hear the sound of _____ coming down the corridor.

(8) The boss has threatened to _____ any lazy workers.

The demonstrators started setting _____ to buildings.

The officer ordered his troops to _____ on the enemy.

(9) National minorities have the _____ to speak their languages.

I'd appreciate it if you could sort this problem out _____ away.

To get to the stadium, just take a _____ at the next set of lights.

(10) It's no _____ you feel sick after everything you've eaten.

The internet is truly a _____ of the modern age.

I _____ how Elizabeth is getting on at her new job.

(10 points)

Task 6: Complaining about a Product

Read the following text. Use the word given at the end of the line to form a new word that fits in the same numbered space in the text. Your answer must be ONE word only.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

If you want to make a (0) complaint about a product, it's essential that you do so as soon as the problem comes to light. It will help if you have a (1)_____. If you don't have one, you will have to provide some other kind of (2)_____. This could be a bank or credit card (3)_____. In fact, according to UK law, even this is not required if a shop (4)_____ can back up your story. If you are returning the product, you have three (5)_____ open to you. First of all, you can ask for a (6)_____. Alternatively, you could ask to have the (7)_____ product repaired. Lastly, you can ask to be (8)_____. Some stores tell customers that it is the manufacturer's (9)_____. However, under UK law it is actually the shop's obligation to deal with the claim. Unfortunately, some store owners try to take advantage of the fact that there is a general (10)_____ of consumer rights.

- (0) COMPLAIN
- (1) RECEIVE
- (2) PROVE
- (3) STATE
- (4) ASSIST
- (5) CHOOSE
- (6) REPLACE
- (7) FAULT
- (8) FUND
- (9) RESPONSIBLE

- (10) AWARE

(10 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST