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: [ ] [ ] [ ]

(peteroznamenkasti broj i riječ)

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Čitanje s razumijevanjem: 6 bodova
Uporaba jezika: 54 boda
Ukupno: 60 bodova
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.
The fig tree, which is so common in southern Europe these days, originally came from the Middle East, where it flourished in the dry conditions. It is believed figs were one of the first fruits ever to be cultivated by man. Man’s relationship with figs is even referred to 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 as 9,000 BC. In fact, it would seem humans were cultivating figs well before they started growing crops wheat. We know that the ancient Romans not 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 afield to the Americas. One of the reasons why the fruit has been a spectacular success is its nutritional value. Figs are extremely high in calcium and fibre, both of are vital for human health. It is also possible the fruit to be consumed in a variety of ways. For instance, figs may be eaten dried or fresh. In addition, in some cultures, they are made jam, while in others they are even used to distil alcoholic spirits. So, you can see, figs are very versatile and have long and rich history!
Otters have made a spectacular comeback to what has used to be Europe’s most polluted river. The mammals will only tolerate the cleanest natural environments too and their return is a triumph for the River Mersey and the campaigners and government institutions that will have fought to return life to the river. Back in the 1980s, even the Mersey was the continent’s filthiest river, as human waste and an industrial pollution from the city of Liverpool was pumped up into the lifeless water. But then a campaign was being launched to clean up the river and return it to its former glory. Slowly but surely, wildlife had began to return to the river and its banks. Besides otters, salmon and rare birds have recently been spotted additionally. It is hoped that the River Mersey’s story will serve as inspiration to the millions of people that living near polluted rivers in other parts of the world. The lesson to be learnt us is that it is never too late to start changing the way we treat the environment in which we live.
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)_______ 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.

(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 _______ for a coffee these days.
    My phone’s not working. I need to _______ my battery right away.
    The accused appeared in court on a _______ 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.*

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<td>If you want to make a <strong>(0) complaint</strong> 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 <strong>(1) receive</strong>. If you don’t have one, you will have to provide some other kind of <strong>(2) prove</strong>. This could be a bank or credit card <strong>(3) state</strong>. In fact, according to UK law, even this is not required if a shop <strong>(4) assist</strong> can back up your story. If you are returning the product, you have three <strong>(5) choose</strong> open to you. First of all, you can ask for a <strong>(6) replace</strong>. Alternatively, you could ask to have the <strong>(7) fault</strong> product repaired. Lastly, you can ask to be <strong>(8) fund</strong>. Some stores tell customers that it is the manufacturer’s <strong>(9) responsible</strong>. 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 <strong>(10) aware</strong> of consumer rights.</td>
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