

**ŠKOLSKO 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:

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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: Sleep: Are You Getting Enough?

Read the following text and the nine headings (A - I). Choose the heading which best fits each paragraph. There are two extra headings that you do not need to use.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

0. I

One of the most basic ways to improve your chances of getting sufficient sleep at night is to keep to a regular pattern. The body is geared to a natural cycle of sleep and being awake, and you should do your best to follow nature's rhythm and not disturb it too much. Therefore, try and get to bed at more or less the same time every evening. The same goes for getting up in the mornings as well.

1. _____

Everyone likes to go out for a late-night meal or drink with friends from time to time, but if you miss out on sleep due to coming home late, the worst thing you can do is to try and catch up by sleeping in in the morning. This will just disrupt your regular sleeping pattern and make it harder for you to put your head down in the evening. A quick sleep in the afternoon, a maximum of half an hour, is a more sensible solution if you need to catch up on your shut-eye.

2. _____

The body's natural sleep rhythm is in part regulated by the production of a hormone called melatonin. The production of this hormone is affected by light. This is why it's normal to feel sleepier at night when it's dark. As a result, you should dim the

lights in the time leading up to your bedtime, which means that you shouldn't be in front of the telly or laptop. A dimmed ambience will get you in the mood for sleep.

3. _____

You'll find it much easier to get off to sleep at night if you do some form of regular physical activity during the day, as this is something that encourages sleep. As far as the amount is concerned, experts recommend something in the region of at least half an hour a day. This need not be anything challenging. Something relaxing like yoga will do the trick as well as more demanding forms.

4. _____

You'll find it more difficult to fall asleep if you're feeling bloated. You should therefore also keep an eye on what you consume in the evening. If you have something heavy a couple of hours prior to going to sleep, you might find it harder to drop off, as digestion will take longer. As a result, you could find yourself tossing and turning on your mattress and feeling tired in the morning.

5. _____

The same goes for liquids. The effects of caffeine are well-known, although interestingly enough, contrary to popular belief, the truth seems to be that such problems often do not

occur until several hours after its consumption. Consequently, you might want to avoid it in the afternoon. In addition, you should keep away from other beverages late at night or you might find yourself having to make a visit or two to the bathroom.

6. _____

Finally, ensure that your bedroom is a suitable place for sleeping. Try and maintain it at an appropriate temperature. If it's either too hot or too cold, sleeping will become more difficult. Experts recommend eighteen degrees centigrade as an optimum temperature. However, everyone is different, so work out what's best for you. Your room should also be suitably aired, so you might want to avoid closed windows. You should also remember that the bedroom is a place for sleep, so keep the TV out of it.

HEADINGS

- A Avoid a stuffy atmosphere
- B Get a good mattress
- C Go easy on your stomach
- D Have a little work-out
- E Relax before you sleep
- F Turn off bright screens
- G Watch your fluid intake
- H Why not take a nap?
- I ~~Stick to the same routine~~

(6 Points)

Tasks 2 - 6: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 2: The History of Rice

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.

When people call to (0) B significant events in human history, they tend to think of wars and the rise and fall of mighty empires. However, the truth is that the (1) _____ of mankind often rests upon more humble foundations. One such instance is the role (2) _____ by rice, the world's second most important crop after corn.

Scientists are now of the (3) _____ that rice was first domesticated in China some 12 millennia ago. Several thousand years later, cultivation had already become (4) _____ in the Indus valley in what is now India. (5) _____ today, Asia produces over ninety percent of the rice eaten in the world.

Nevertheless, it quickly (6) _____ beyond the frontiers of the continent upon which it was initially farmed. Soon after its (7) _____ in the Middle East, rice was brought to Europe by victorious Islamic armies in the tenth century. The first rice to be grown in Europe was cultivated in Spain by the Moors, who also (8) _____ it to Sicily. In (9) _____ centuries, the Ottoman Turks planted it in the Balkans.

However, its remarkable journey did not come to a (10) _____ in Europe. Spanish and Portuguese settlers took it (11) _____ the ocean to the New World, and it was also one of the earliest crops planted by the British in Australia. The rise of rice as the world's second most popular staple has truly been a (12) _____ occurrence in history.

(12 points)

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| (0) A attention | B mind | C notice | D thought |
| (1) A development | B extent | C movement | D upgrading |
| (2) A achieved | B acted | C played | D portrayed |
| (3) A assessment | B estimate | C judgement | D opinion |
| (4) A established | B formed | C founded | D launched |
| (5) A Although | B Even | C Still | D Yet |
| (6) A distributed | B enlarged | C increased | D spread |
| (7) A arrival | B coming | C entrance | D presence |
| (8) A commenced | B initiated | C instituted | D introduced |
| (9) A consequential | B next | C resulting | D subsequent |
| (10) A break | B cease | C halt | D stay |
| (11) A by | B cross | C opposite | D over |
| (12) A leading | B main | C major | D principal |

Task 3: The Early Life of Charlie Chaplin

Read the following text. 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.

Sir Charles Chaplin, better known simply (0) as Charlie Chaplin, was the most famous movie star in the age of silent films. Chaplin was born into poverty in London in 1889 and had (1) _____ endure an extremely difficult childhood. When he was just seven years old, because his parents were unable to care for him, he was sent to the workhouse, (2) _____ was to leave a strong impression on him.

Both his parents had worked in the theatre, and in (3) _____ of their lack of success, the young Charles left school at thirteen to pursue his own dream of becoming a comic actor. He registered with an agency and gradually started to get jobs on (4) _____ stage. Throughout the 1900s, he (5) _____ in earning a living from acting and even toured America. It was during a second tour of the States in 1913 (6) _____ his breakthrough came. His gift (7) _____ comedy was spotted by a representative of the Keystone film studio and he was signed up.

In his second role for the studio, Chaplin adopted the character (8) _____ costume that were to bring him international fame: 'The Tramp'. As a result (9) _____ the great reception the film enjoyed, Chaplin was able to persuade Keystone to allow him to direct his own pictures. This was a smart move, as his next movie, *Caught in the Rain*, was one of the biggest commercial hits that Keystone (10) _____ ever had. Chaplin was now not only established as an actor (11) _____ also as a director. By the (12) _____ the First World War ended in 1918, Charlie Chaplin was one of the most famous people on the planet.

(12 points)

Task 4: When The Oil Runs Out

Read the following text and the options below. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which best fits each numbered space.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Without a doubt, oil (0) D the main energy source in the world today. However, many experts are keen to point out that at this moment in time we (1) _____ the peak of oil production. It is believed that this state of affairs (2) _____ by the middle of this century if not before. Others argue that this point (3) _____ several years ago. However, whether or not this state (4) _____ at in recent years is something of an irrelevance. Whichever way you look at it, it remains an inescapable fact that something (5) _____ to change if we are to avoid a major energy crisis at some point in the near future.

Such a crisis could lead to greater political problems. Wars over oil (6) _____ for decades. Many analysts are worried that such conflicts will get worse unless something (7) _____ soon. With hindsight, it would have been better if mankind (8) _____ this problem more seriously decades ago. However, what is needed is action rather than words.

We need to start thinking more about what the planet (9) _____ on in a few decades' time. One thing is for sure, and that is that we (10) _____ so much oil as we are now.

(10 points)

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| (0) A) has been remaining | B) has remained | C) is remaining | D) remains |
| (1) A) approach | B) are approaching | C) have approached | D) will approach |
| (2) A) has been achieved | B) is achieved | C) is being achieved | D) will have been achieved |
| (3) A) had been reached | B) has been reached | C) was being reached | D) was reached |
| (4) A) had been arrived | B) has been arrived | C) was being arrived | D) was arrived |
| (5) A) has needed | B) is needing | C) needs | D) will be needing |
| (6) A) are happening | B) had been happening | C) had happened | D) have been happening |
| (7) A) is done | B) is going to be done | C) will be done | D) will have been done |
| (8) A) had taken | B) has taken | C) took | D) was taking |
| (9) A) is going to run | B) runs | C) shall run | D) will have run |
| (10) A) are not using | B) won't have been using | C) won't have used | D) won't be using |

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) Teachers shouldn't set their pupils too much homework.

The film is set in Ireland at the start of the last century.

Ivanišević beat Rafter in the fifth set of the men's tennis final.

(1) Real Madrid scored the winner with only a minute of the second _____ left.

I got this dictionary _____ price at the closing down sale. What a bargain!

Jim says his pay rise was only _____ as much as he had expected.

(2) Farmers are often in their fields at _____ light.

Paramedics provided _____ aid to the injured at the scene.

Dan says he heard the news _____ hand from Mary.

(3) In my opinion, parents should be _____ but fair with their children.

Some people say you need a _____ bed if you have a bad back.

Jane's mother is director of a large _____ in the city.

(4) It's getting really difficult to find a _____ to park these days.

Mrs Smith called six times in the _____ of half an hour!

Please could you make some _____ so I can sit down?

(5) Jim told the cab driver that he could _____ the change.

Jo asked her neighbours to _____ an eye on her flat while she was away.

Eric always tries to _____ a record of every cent that he spends.

(6) Our boat started to sail gently _____ the river.

Jack got turned _____ by the college he applied to.

There's no need to feel quite so _____. Cheer up!

- (7) The group have already had a number one _____ in the States.
The European economy has been badly _____ by the recession.
Barcelona _____ the post twice but just couldn't get the ball in the net.
- (8) Because of the strong _____ , you should avoid swimming in the river.
Jenny's parents are not particularly impressed with her _____ boyfriend.
Edward's not interested at all in politics or _____ affairs.
- (9) Suzy took a five-dollar _____ out of her purse and paid the waiter.
Most telephone companies _____ their clients monthly.
The new education _____ is being discussed by Parliament.
- (10) Some people believe the _____ has too much freedom.
Just _____ this button if you want to turn the screen off.
The police have decided not to _____ charges against the suspect.

(10 points)

Task 6: Igloos

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.

Igloos are homes made of snow that have (0) traditionally been built by the Inuit people of Canada and Greenland. Although outside in the (1) _____ Arctic air, the temperature might be as low as minus forty, inside an igloo it can be as warm as an (2) _____ ten or fifteen degrees centigrade. This is because the snow provides insulation that prevents body (3) _____ from escaping. In addition, animal skins are placed across the doorways and on the floors and walls in order to keep the (4) _____ in.

Igloos are assembled from bricks made of packed snow. The roof is formed into the shape of a dome. The construction is given (5) _____ strength by a layer of ice on the inside. This is created by starting to melt the snow and then allowing it to refreeze. (6) _____, it can take a builder as little as an hour to build an igloo from scratch.

Igloos are environmentally (7) _____, as building and removing them involves no pollution. They are a remarkable (8) _____ to the difficulties caused by living in harsh (9) _____. However, unfortunately, the skill of building them is slowly being lost, as younger generations of the Inuit increasingly turn to modern types of (10) _____.

(0) TRADITION

(1) FREEZE

(2) AGREE

(3) HOT

(4) WARM

(5) ADD

(6) AMAZE

(7) FRIEND

(8) SOLVE

(9) SURROUND

(10) HOUSE

(10 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST