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

- 1 Kategorija 2.A: gimnazije
- 2 Kategorija 2.B: ostale srednje škole

Zaporka:

(dobivena riječ)

TEST

Čitanje s razumijevanjem:	12 bodova
Uporaba jezika:	38 bodova
Ukupno:	50 bodova

Napomena: svi odgovori moraju biti prepisani na List za odgovore. Sadržaj ove testne knjižice se NE boduje.

Tasks 1 and 2: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: To Be or Not to Be an Influencer

Read the following texts about people’s opinions on being an influencer. For **questions 1-6** on the next page, choose one of the people **A-D**. Some choices will be required more than once. Write the corresponding letter A-D on the Answer Sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

A Alyson	B Bethany
<p>When it comes to being an influencer, I believe it is paramount to be aware of everything you say and do, because each and every one of your actions, whether good or bad, might affect not only you, but the people who follow your channel. Most would argue that we do this only for popularity and the money, but I beg to differ. I mean, sure, there are definitely perks that come into the equation when one is choosing this line of work, but we must never underestimate the influence we have on our followers. One day they might find themselves in a situation where they would be able to follow my example, and I would like to think that I had set a good one; I would like to believe I have somehow made a positive impact on some of my followers and improved their lives.</p>	<p>If I am to be completely honest, I got into this business for the money. That was the goal I set my sights on from day one. And it wasn’t easy either. Despite what many may think, and I will openly admit to having been one of them, being an influencer is hard work. It isn’t just taking selfies at breathtaking places or glamorous parties. You have to become recognizable, unique; a brand of some sorts, and that takes some elbow grease. When you put so much effort into something and invest so much of your time, you begin to appreciate various facets of your newly established, blossoming career – the sense of achievement, the awareness that you can sway the public towards a noteworthy goal or a new range of products. I really do love what I do.</p>
C Clyde	D Dwayne
<p>I’ve always been involved in sports and it seemed only natural to continue evolving in the field, so when my buddy came to call and told me I had what it takes to become a sports influencer, I was genuinely interested. True, it’s not the career I originally had in mind, but there is enough common ground to keep me happy. And there are also some unexpected perks that go along with this line of work. I really do enjoy being recognized, receiving free goodies; and the money is much better than anything I would have earned otherwise. Any downsides? Well, I am slightly discouraged by the insinuations that the work we do is not actual work and that we have it easy. I am telling you, each and every one of my posts is thoroughly thought through and every buck is truly earned.</p>	<p>My thoughts on being an influencer? Well, I’d say it’s a bittersweet experience, and it’s been that way ever since my friend nudged me into it. It’s brought me all sorts of wonderful experiences: meeting amazing new people, making a positive impact on other people’s lives, growing as a person, and improving the quality of my life. Also, the money isn’t something to be scoffed at, either. But there were challenging moments as well. It really is hard work and it irks me to read these ill-constructed tales of influencers having things fall into their laps. I am aware that these comments are usually made by internet trolls who sit in the comforts of their homes, not lifting a little finger to do something constructive with their lives, but I guess I am too emotional not to let it get to me.</p>

Which person:

- (0) states that financial benefits of influencing are not as important? A
- (1) became an influencer after being visited by a friend? _____
- (2) changed their opinions and motivation as their career evolved? _____
- (3) is determined to make the world a better place? _____
- (4) openly admits to having profited financially? _____
- (5) is livid about certain aspects of being an influencer? _____
- (6) emphasizes the importance of hard work? _____

(6 points)

Task 2: It's Time to Defrost Mariah Carey!

Read the following article about Mariah Carey. Choose which of the sentences **A-I** from the box on the next page 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.

“It’s time.”

Mariah Carey delivered her message while singing in a pitch nearly outside the range of human hearing. Time for what, you may wonder as you watch the clip of a latex-clad Carey pumping away on a Peloton. Time for rent reform? **(0)** C The end of fossil fuel production? No, it’s time for Christmas, Carey reminds us, as her Halloween costume transforms into a sexy Santa suit.

Two things are usually true on 1 November: you’re bound to find some discounted bulk candy at the convenience store, and you might hear *All I Want for Christmas Is You* echo through the aisles while you shop. **(1)** ____ The song is inescapable, and it managed to re-enter the Billboard Hot 100 list last year at No 1, with 37.6m streams in the US alone.

The mega hit became an instant classic after its release on 29 October 1994, earning Carey more than \$60 million in royalties. **(2)** ____ That’s justice for the singer, who reportedly didn’t want to record a Christmas song at the time, considering it a move for hacks and has-beens. Nearly 30 years later, Carey seems quite content making the most out of the mere 55 days she has to capitalize on holiday cheer.

And capitalize she will. There’s Carey’s new book, co-written with Michaela Angela Davis and illustrated by Fuji Takashi, *The Christmas Princess*, a Cinderella-esque children’s tale about a girl named “Little Mariah” who – get this – loves to sing about yuletide cheer. “It’s a short little book, but it really does have a deeper meaning,” Carey told USA Today. **(3)** ____

Carey – who also saw a boost this year with rapper Latto’s hit *Big Energy*, which features an interpolation of her song *Fantasy* (itself based on Tom Tom Club’s *Genius of Love*) – has plans to return to the stage this season. She’ll perform two sets of special concerts in Toronto and New York. **(4)** ____

That’s no doubt music to the ears of her fans, whom Carey calls her “Lambs”, a largely millennial and Gen X crowd that manages to match the enthusiasm of Gen Z’s strongest stan groups. **(5)** ____ As Rich Juzwiak wrote in a 2018 New York Times profile, they are earnest in their adoration of the unfailingly positive diva: “The inspirational nature of her message positions her as a shepherd for her lambs.”

No Christmas time comes without its share of scrooges, and Carey’s earworm is just as hated as it is beloved. “Climate change has her defrosting early this year,” one person tweeted. “Eat it, Gen Z. This is Gen X’s nuclear stink bomb you’ll have to deal with for generations,” another wrote.

Living in Carey’s home around Christmas time, by the way, sounds either enchanting or a little terrifying, depending on how much you like Hallmark fare. “There are rules that I set,” Carey told USA Today, as divas do. “I don’t care who it is – the kids, if I have guests, whatever – nobody is allowed to play or watch anything other than a Christmas-related thing. If I wake up in the middle of the night and walk into the living room and the music isn’t playing and the lights aren’t on, I just can’t handle it.”

(6) ____ As the absolute arbiters of culture and taste over at Pop Crave reported, *All I Want for Christmas Is You* re-entered the top 100 on the US iTunes charts a few hours after midnight on 1 November. To quote another classic, it's the most wonderful time of the year – at least for Mariah Carey.

(A) A Christmas cash grab, for sure, but one that comes off as slightly more heartfelt than, say, Carey's special McDonalds menu, which came out last year.

(B) Carey placated her following by confirming she will sing *All I Want for Christmas Is You* in both her outings.

~~(C) A gas bill strike?~~

(D) It became the 11th biggest-selling single of all time with 16m sales, just under Celine Dion's *My Heart Will Go On*.

(E) Not to fear: the music is playing.

(F) And if you manage to dodge it on the first day, you won't avoid it for long.

(G) But her fans will not be deterred in their defence of the timeless singer.

(H) They defend her sometimes unpredictable singing voice and at times train-wreck performances.

(I) Carey let USA Today know that the mini-tours will include songs that have never been performed live.

(Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/music/2022/nov/01/mariah-carey-all-i-want-for-christmas-is-you-season>)

(6 points)

Tasks 3 – 6: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 3: Italian Coffee Culture

Read the following text. For each gap **1–10**, think of **one** word that best fits into the text. Use only **one** word in each gap.

The task begins with an example (0).

Write the correct answer on the Answer Sheet.

Coffee is an integral **(0) part** of Italian culture and **(1)** _____ arriving here over six months ago, I have drunk a lot of it! Of course, coffee is also very popular in the UK, but coffee culture in Italy is a completely different story. In Italy, when you order a coffee in a café or bar, you are presented with a tiny espresso. This is ‘normal coffee’ for Italians and they are not so keen **(2)** _____ the huge coffees that we drink in the UK. In addition, whilst takeaway coffee is extremely popular **(3)** _____ Brits, it is not very common at all in Italy, especially in non-touristy areas.

Generally, while drinking espresso, Italians **(4)** _____ standing to sitting, and, for many, this short break is an important part of their day that people can't do **(5)** _____. Typically, breakfast in a bar in Italy involves coffee and a pastry. I have **(6)** _____ spoiled for choice with lovely cafés in **(7)** _____ Italian town I'm living in. These cafés sell an array of mouth-watering pastries, **(8)** _____ plain or decadently filled with cream, chocolate, or Nutella, as well as delicious coffee. Cappuccinos are very popular **(9)** _____ breakfast time and, for me, a creamy cappuccino and a pastry full of Nutella is the perfect way to start the day. I think it's a nice ritual to head to a bar to grab a coffee for breakfast before work and it's a luxury to take more time to indulge **(10)** _____ such a breakfast at the weekend.

Finally, I have found that coffee in Italy is so much cheaper than coffee in the UK. Normally, an espresso or a macchiato (an espresso with a drop of milk) costs around a euro and a cappuccino about €1.50! They are small, of course, but this means that in Italy it is possible to go out for coffee regularly.

(10 points)

(Adapted from <https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/blogs/life-around-world/italian-coffee-culture>)

Task 4: The Story of Valentine's Day

Read the following text. Use the word in brackets to **form a new word that best fits each gap**. Use only **one word** in each gap.

The task begins with an example (0).

Write the correct answers on the Answer Sheet.

Valentine's Day has roots in several different legends that have found their way to us through the ages. One of the earliest popular (0) symbolic (**symbol**) images of the day is Cupid, the Roman god of Love, who is (1) _____ (**present**) by the image of a young cherub with a bow and arrow. Valentine's Day is named after a Roman martyr Valentine.

Actually, there are two Valentines in the history of Roman martyrs. One was a Christian priest who lived around 300 AD. He had been thrown in prison for his (2) _____ (**teach**) and for refusing to worship the Roman gods. He also (3) _____ (**suppose**) cured the jailer's daughter of her blindness. On February 14, this Valentine was (4) _____ (**head**). As the story goes, the night before he was executed, he wrote the jailer's daughter a farewell letter, signing it "From Your Valentine".

The other Valentine was an Italian bishop who allegedly lived at about the same time. It is believed that he was (5) _____ (**prison**) because he secretly married couples, contrary to the laws of the Roman emperor. The men were forbidden by the emperor to marry until they had served as soldiers. This Valentine also (6) _____ (**report**) lost his head, becoming a martyr for the cause of love.

Around February 14 there was a yearly Roman holiday, "Lupercalia", held near the caves of Lupercal, the place where the (7) _____ (**myth**) founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus, were nursed as infants by a she-wolf. The date of that holiday, the association with fertility, and the custom that young men randomly chose the name of a young girl to escort to these (8) _____ (**festive**) may link the ancient festivals with Valentine's Day.

The custom of choosing a sweetheart on this date spread through Europe in the Middle Ages, and then to the early American colonies. During the 1700s, on Valentine's Day young men wrote the name of their sweetheart on their sleeve, a practice that is probably the origin of the saying, "wearing his heart on his sleeve". Throughout the ages, there was a widespread (9) _____ (**believe**) that birds picked their mates on February 14! Whatever the odd and almost (10) _____ (**conceive**) mixture of origins, Valentine's Day is now a day for sweethearts.

(10 points)

(Adapted from https://americanenglish.state.gov/files/ae/resource_files/valentinesday.pdf)

Task 5: Gap Filling

For statements **1-8**, 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).

Write the correct answers on the Answer Sheet.

- (0) She is the first fifty plus player to win the tournament. She is ageing like fine wine.
They wine and dine their clients in the most expensive restaurants and resorts.
Do you need to take some sort of an exam to become a wine connoisseur?
- (1) Jennifer decided to travel to France on the _____ of the moment.
Obama's speech served as a powerful _____ to take action.
Having broken both the first and the second _____, he had no way to urge his horse forward.
- (2) Unfortunately, the rookie officer was allowed to _____ the suspect for hours.
Make sure the _____ is clean and hot before you place the meat on the bars.
I prefer my car to have a massive, mean-looking _____ at the front.
- (3) I don't care if it's called Yorkshire _____. It looks like a pastry to me.
My grandma always used to say: "Never mind their words, the proof is in the _____."
Jacinta stuffed her face so much she had no room left for dessert – butterscotch _____.
- (4) The component is used to _____ heavy metals at high temperatures.
Meredith blew a _____ when she found several stray cats digging through her dustbin.
As soon as the lights went out, we assumed it was a _____ malfunction.
- (5) As a tabloid journalist, John was paid to _____ into other people's lives.
Dennis used a knife to _____ the crate open.
Victor needed a large _____ to open his car trunk after it had got stuck.
- (6) The decision to sell the stocks when I did was nothing short of _____ inspiration.
Del wondered if his teacher really expected him to _____ what she was thinking.
I had my doubts about pineapple as pizza topping, but the end result is just _____.
- (7) Don't worry, it's easy. Just hurl the ball down the _____ towards those pins.
Ever since I retired, I've been taking daily trips down the memory _____. Such fond memories.
If we take the carpool _____, we can be there in half the time.
- (8) The fighter's first objective was to _____ up his opponent.
Marble- _____ chunks of hail bombarded the city for twenty minutes.
When it comes to sheer _____, redwoods are probably the record holders in the tree world.

(8 points)

Task 6: 2001: A Space Odyssey

Read the following text. In most of the lines **1-10**, 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 the 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.

2001: A Space Odyssey		
(0)	Three million years before the present, a tribe of "man-apes" is eking <u>on</u> out an existence	<u> on </u>
(00)	in a drought-ravaged climate, beset by the lack of food and tormented by predators.	✓
(1)	Although they share habitat with the various herbivorous animals, the man-apes do not	_____
(2)	appear to have considered of them as a potential source of food. We encounter one man-	_____
(3)	ape, Moon-Watcher: "In those dark, deep-set eyes was a dawning awareness - the first	_____
(4)	intimations of an intelligence that could not possibly fulfil on itself for ages yet, and might	_____
(5)	soon be extinguished forever." One morning, a new rock appears near the caves of the	_____
(6)	tribe: "It was a rectangular slab, three times his height, but narrow enough to span with his	_____
(7)	arms, and it was made out of some completely transparent material." This monolith	_____
(8)	proceeds to awaken up something in the man-apes, stimulating them to acquire new skills	_____
(9)	and understanding. Moon-Watcher acquires as skill as a tool-user, killing a warthog, and	_____
(10)	later a leopard, with a "heavy-pointed stone". A new phase in the evolution of a man has	_____
	begun.	_____

(Adapted from: <http://www.bibliomania.com/0/-/frameset.html>; Section: Study/Study Guides/Clarke and Kubrick/2001: A Space Odyssey/Plot Synopsis)

(10 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST!