

II. SKAITYMO TESTAS

Trukmė – 45 min. 20 taškų.

1 užduotis. (4 taškai. 1 taškas už kiekvieną teisingą atsakymą.) Perskaitykite tinklaraščio žinutę apie Julie gyvenimą Amsterdame ir pažymėkite teisingą atsakymą taip, kaip parodyta pavyzdyje.
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An Expatriate Guide: Living in Amsterdam

Hi. I'm Julie. Welcome to my little blog.

Do you want to live in Amsterdam, huh? Maybe I, an American expatriate living in Amsterdam, can help. Now that I have lived in here for over a year (and sadly leaving it soon), I think I am ready to give advice to those that are considering it. Long story short: It is an absolutely fantastic city and I highly recommend it. There. Drop whatever you are doing and move!

Amsterdam has a very unique atmosphere, which is something that clicked with me right away. It really isn't like anywhere else. There is a charm to it that I can't explain. It is easy-going and unpretentious. It's also beautiful and romantic without trying too hard. Actually, it doesn't try at all. It just is.

Okay, so I'm not indifferent to the Pijp because that's where we live, but I absolutely love it. The Albert Cuyp Market gets its fair share of tourists, but the neighborhood is very eclectic and 'bohemian.' There are great boutiques, lots of cool restaurants and a nice park.

The city is conveniently connected by tram, bus and underground subway. Of those, I prefer the tram. But most of the time, I walk or ride my bike. This is the biking capital of the world, so to truly feel like an Amsterdammer, you gotta hop on two wheels. Any questions, please write in the comments!

Adapted from: <http://thosedamamericans.com>

0. How long has Julie lived in Amsterdam?

- A for a short time
- B for a year
- C for more than a year

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1. What is Julie's advice for visiting Amsterdam?

- A She advises readers to consider it before moving.
- B She advises readers to drop her a line before going there.
- C She advises readers to visit it as soon as possible.

2. What does Julie think of Amsterdam?

- A a city which is similar to other places
- B a city which is difficult to understand
- C a city which is very special

3. Why does Julie like Pijp?

- A It's a good area for shopping.
- B Julie's home is there.
- C There are many tourists there.

4. Which means of transport does July usually use?

- A She goes by tram.
- B She rides a bike.
- C She uses all types of public transport.

Iš viso (maks. 4 taškai)

2 užduotis. (5 taškai. 1 taškas už kiekvieną teisingą atsakymą.) Perskaitykite tekstus A–G apie gražiausius pasaulio miestelius ir parinkite po vieną tekstą kiekvienam 1–5 teiginiui. Tekstų yra vienu daugiau negu teiginių.
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Beautiful towns I would love to live in...

0. A place to do various types of sports	<u> E </u>	Čia rašo vertintojas
1. A place which is ideal for sightseeing	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. A place which is both a town and a country	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. A beautiful place with a long history of different populations	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4. A place not to be reached by the usual means of transport	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
5. A place that might be good for those who like boating	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

A. Livno, Bosnia & Hercegovina

This ancient place has been populated, according to experts, since 2000 BC. This plentiful land was home to an iron-age tribe called the Delmatae, as well as the Romans themselves. It is surrounded by beautiful and tranquil views... There is a spring in Livno called Duman and from it flows the Bistrice river. If you are in Livno, be sure to check the bridge that runs across the river right near the spring. It is lovely.

B. Mountain Village in the Himalayas, Tibet

This is only one of many such beautiful villages dispersed in the Himalaya mountains. You can only get to them on foot or on a horse, and they are designed to support the monasteries high in the mountains.

C. Rimaggiore, Italy

This little town off the coast of the Italian Riviera is part of five villages that make up the Cinque Terre area. It is also a national park and world heritage site. Rimaggiore is a pretty small village, so walking around on foot shouldn't cause a problem.

D. San Marino, Italy

The dramatic and breathtaking scenery of the micro-republic of San Marino includes 24 square miles in Northern Italy. This marvelous place was founded in 301 AD and is one of the oldest sovereign states in the world. Once you're inside the walled city, it's small enough to simply walk around. There are only a few streets on which cars are able to drive.

E. Queenstown, New Zealand

The biggest little town on the list. This resort town has a population of about 16,000 people and can be found in the Southwest part of the South Island. The town offers visitors activities such as snowboarding, whitewater rafting, skydiving, paragliding, mountain biking and many more.

F. Tenby, Wales

Things you can find in beautiful Tenby include 2.5 miles of sandy beaches; the 13th century medieval town walls, including the Five Arches barbican gatehouse; the 15th century St. Mary's Church; the Tudor Merchant's House; the Tenby Museum and the Pembrokeshire Coast Path. And just look at the view!

G. Xitang, China

Xitang is an old town divided into 8 parts, connected by 104 bridge crossings. The reason for this unusual division is that this beautiful place is crisscrossed by 9 different rivers. Cobble streets, old buildings, bridges arching over canals, rowing boats lingering on the river, and locals singing folk songs are the features of Xitang, a charming, ancient water town.

Adapted from: <http://www.ba-bamail.com>

Iš viso (maks. 5 taškai)

3 užduotis. (7 taškai. 1 taškas už kiekvieną teisingą atsakymą.) Perskaitykite tekstą apie Buckingham'o rūmus ir į jį iš pateikto žodžių sąrašo įrašykite praleistus tinkamus žodžius. Žodį galite vartoti tik **vieną** kartą. Žodžių yra vienu daugiau negu reikia įrašyti.
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Buckingham Palace

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Buckingham Palace has served as the official London residence of Britain's sovereigns since 1837 and today is the (0) administrative headquarters of the Monarch.

Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms. These include 19 State rooms, 52 Royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices and 78 bathrooms. The Palace is very much a working building and the centre piece of Britain's (1) _____ monarchy. It houses the offices of those who support the day-to-day activities and duties of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and their immediate family.

The Palace is also the venue for great Royal ceremonies, all of which are (2) _____ by the Royal Household.

More than 50,000 people visit the Palace each year as (3) _____ to banquets, lunches, dinners, receptions and the Royal Garden Parties.

For those who do receive a(n) (4) _____ to Buckingham Palace, the first step across the threshold is into the Grand Hall and up the stairs of the Grand Staircase. Portraits are still set in the walls, as they were by Queen Victoria.

The Throne Room, is used by The Queen, on very special (5) _____ like Jubilees. Another use of the Throne Room has been for formal wedding photographs.

The State Dining Room is one of the principal State Rooms on the West side of the Palace. Many (6) _____ people have dined in this room.

The Music Room was originally known as the Bow Drawing Room. Four Royal babies – The Prince of Wales, The Princess Royal, The Duke of York and Prince William – were all (7) _____ by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Music Room. One of its more formal uses is during a State Visit when guests are presented to The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and the visiting Head of State or for receptions.

Adapted from: <http://www.royal.gov.uk>

Iš viso (maks. 7 taškai)

4 užduotis. (4 taškai. 1 taškas už kiekvieną teisingą atsakymą.) Perskaitykite straipsnį apie keliaujantį robotą ir pažymėkite teisingą atsakymą taip, kaip parodyta pavyzdyje.
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Robot flies from Los Angeles to Germany

On 15 December, a humanoid robot named Athena flew economy class with other passengers from Los Angeles to Frankfurt, Germany, via Lufthansa. Unlike most international travelers, however, Athena was met by reporters at both LAX and Frankfurt Airport.

A humanoid robot over 6 feet tall with a head, hands and feet and wearing stylish red sneakers boarded a flight for Germany at Los Angeles International Airport on Monday, becoming what was billed as the first robot traveling as a paid passenger on an airline.

The robot, named Athena, created a scene at the Tom Bradley International Terminal as she was pushed in a wheelchair up to the Lufthansa counter to pick up her ticket to Frankfurt. Television crews swarmed, camera flashes went off and people aimed their cell-phone cameras at her, exclaiming: 'It's a robot!'

Built by the Salt Lake City engineering and robotics company Sarcos, Athena was purchased by Germany's Max Planck Society, which along with researchers at the University of Southern California are trying to make her perform tasks too dangerous for humans, such as cleanup after the nuclear disaster at Fukushima, Japan.

'We don't want humans to go there and risk their lives,' said Max Planck doctoral student Alexander Herzog, who was pushing Athena through the airport. 'I would like to have a robot moving in rough territory, with potential use in emergency and disaster response situations such as opening up doors and cleaning up in disasters.'

Right now, Athena can do little more than sit and enjoy people's attention. The software to make her legs move and stand is still in progress though her arms can operate and her mouth glows blue on a white head fitted with cameras and sensors.

And while Athena did not have to go through the regular metal detector, the Transportation Security Administration had a special electronic checkup awaiting, said airport spokeswoman Nancy Suey Castles. 'TSA didn't want us to say what it was,' she said.

As for the flight, Athena was strapped into a seat like a regular passenger, but was put in the off position, accompanied all the way to her new laboratory home in Germany by Herzog and Jeannette Bohg, senior research scientist at the Max Planck Society.

Representatives for Lufthansa could not be reached for comment.

Athena could have been shipped in a big box like any other electronic gear, but the scientists 'wanted to see how humans responded to a robot sitting in a plane,' said Castles.

'Plus', added Herzog, 'It's cheaper to get a seat.'

*By Michael Fleeman,
Adapted from Reuters*

0. What was so particular about the humanoid robot?

- A It looked like an international traveler.
- B It was the first robot to fly by plane.
- C It was a very tall robot.

1. Which institution produced Athena?

- A Max Planck Society
- B Sarcos company
- C University of Southern California

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2. What was the main purpose of creating the robot?

- A** to help in everyday tasks
B to serve in airports
C to work in unsafe places

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3. How skilful is the robot?

- A** Athena can do very little at present.
B Athena can perform a lot of tasks.
C Athena can make her legs move and stand still.

4. Why was Athena sent to Germany by plane?

- A** to check people's reaction to the machine
B to find the means of transport suitable for robots
C to observe the robot's activity during the flight

Iš viso (maks. 4 taškai)