ŠKOLSKO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOG JEZIKA

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TEST

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

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Task 1 – Reading Comprehension.
You are going to read a text about Mark Twain. For numbers **1 – 6** decide whether the statements are true or false. Write only **T** for **true** or **F** for **false.** There is an example at the beginning **(0)**. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Mark Twain is famous, in part, for writing about adventurous boys and young men – but he certainly didn't think much of their abilities as writers themselves. At least that's what he expressed in an 1881 letter to a young writer seeking thoughts on a manuscript. The 21-year-old Bruce Weston Munro, from Newcastle, Ontario, must have been elated to receive a reply from the eminent writer, who, by that time, had penned *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Innocents Abroad*. (*Huck Finn* was a few years away.) The letter itself, however, must have stung.

"You make a conclusive argument against your book first," Twain writes, in just the second sentence, "when you mention your age …" He continues for a generous five pages, but the core of his critique is built around this point. "I do not see how any but a colossal genius can write a readable prose book before he is 30 years old," as "Experience of life (not of books) is the only capital usable in such a book as you have attempted … "

Helpful or not, the letter is heading to auction later this month at Bonhams, part of an auction titled, "Exploration and Travel, Featuring Americana." Darren Sutherland, a specialist in books and manuscripts at Bonhams, says he is unaware of another letter, from one writer to another, that offers such sustained advice on writing. "It's so Mark Twain," he says. "It's a little bit sarcastic, a little bit sentimental, a little bit sweet."

Twain did offer an exception to the young-writers-can't-be-great-writers rule: "those Brontë sisters." They are, in his estimation, among those "gigantic geniuses" who produced "readable prose" before middle age – and only then because their early lives were consumed with tragedy.

Striking as Twain's letter to Munro is, even $50,000 would not set the record for the sale of one of his letters. An 1887 letter to the dean of Yale Law School – offering to help an African-American student pay for his education – sold for $59,700 in 2002.

Mark Twain had no respect for young writers. **(0)** __T__

A young writer asked for Twain's opinion on his text. **(1)** _____

The young writer must have liked the letter. **(2)** _____

The letter consists of two sentences. **(3)** _____

The letter was sold in an auction. **(4)** _____

Mark Twain liked the works of the Brontë sisters. **(5)** _____

Another Twain's letter was sold for more than $50,000. **(6)** _____

(6 points)

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Task 2 – Verb Forms.
Read the text. For numbers **1 – 6** put the verbs in brackets into the correct verb forms. There is an example at the beginning (**0**). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Thinking about the end of the world **(0)** __**isn't**__ (not be) something I enjoy, but to keep it real, things **(1)** _____ (not look) good - eventually, this planet **(2)** _____ (not be) habitable anymore. Seeing the way my state's government is colluding with the fossil-fuel industry to build new fossil-fuel plants, cutting down our forest, and destroying the habitats of some of the area's most magical species **(3)** _____ (sicken) me. That's why I, along with 12 other young people, **(4)** _____ (sue) Washington. We believe the government **(5)** _____ (not do) its part to ensure we have clean air and water. The government **(6)** _____ (destroy) the beautiful Pacific Northwest that is my home.

(6 points)

Task 3 – Error Correction.
Read the text. For numbers **1 – 6** decide whether there are errors in the text. Each number refers to one line. In some lines there is a word too many. Write ✓ if you think there are no errors. If you find an error, write it down. Use one word only. There are two examples at the beginning, **(0)** and **(00)**. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

The oldest words we have know of are building block words, reflecting	**(0)** __**have**__
key elements in developing societies across humanity.	**(00)** __✓__
The word I is the ultimate personal pronoun, referring to oneself.	**(1)** _____
We date this word all the way back to the year 900, and it makes	**(2)** _____
sense because we're always sure humans needed ways to refer to	**(3)** _____
themselves (as opposed to their mother, brother, husband, child).	**(4)** _____
Self-identity was and always will be such important. Plus, if you want to	**(5)**_____
get in all metaphysical about it, I also refers to your ego. Who wouldn't	**(6)**_____
want to take credit for hunting that huge deer that fed the entire community?	

(6 points)

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Task 4 – Multiple choice test.
Read the text. For numbers **1 – 6**, choose the correct answer **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**. There is an example at the beginning (**0**). Write your answers (only the letters **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**) on the Answer Sheet.

While traveling to Po'ipū Beach, Kaua'i, a man from Alabama (**0**) __D_____ across a monk seal, lying asleep on the beach. It was a rare experience, because there are only 1,400 Hawaiian monk seals (**1**) _____ in the world. The man crept up close, filming with his phone, reached out, and stroked the seal's side. Startled, the seal woke up and turned toward the man, who (**2**) _____ the beach, right past a sign that warned against getting close to wildlife.

He posted the whole encounter on Instagram.

It's become popular to share this kind of encounter with a wild animal on social media. In this case, the post (**3**) _____ authorities from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration right to the seal-toucher. Under laws that protect endangered and marine mammals, this man – seal meeting was illegal. Based on the footage he had posted, as well as another video where he chased (**4**) _____ a sea turtle underwater, the man was fined $1,500.

Once, people approached wild animals mostly to kill or capture them; otherwise, they gave them a wide berth. Animals as large as monk seals (**5**) _____ be dangerous. But as the wild parts of the world disappear and human influence stretches everywhere, an encounter with a wild animal can seem like a special experience, and people can't seem to resist getting too close—and showing their friends what happened.

Both social media companies and government agencies are trying to (**6**) _____ this trend. When people have gotten too close to wild creatures, government agencies have tracked them down and fined them, in the hope that the dad who lifted a baby manatee from the water or the two guys who "surfed" on a sea turtle would become examples of what not to do.

(**0**) **A**) went	**B**) arrived	**C**) passed	**D**) came
(**1**) **A**) survived	**B**) abandoned	**C**) left	**D**) preserved
(**2**) **A**) escaped	**B**) fled	**C**) ran	**D**) disappeared
(**3**) **A**) led	**B**) guided	**C**) caused	**D**) inspired
(**4**) **A**) up	**B**) on	**C**) upon	**D**) after
(**5**) **A**) can	**B**) can't	**C**) should	**D**) shouldn't
(**6**) **A**) encourage	**B**) discourage	**C**) recover	**D**) discover

(6 points)

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Task 5 – Word formation.
Read the text. For numbers **1 – 6** use the correct forms of the words written in capital letters. Write one word only. There is an example at the beginning (**0**). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

I am quite sure I wouldn't like to have an (**0**) __**occupation**__ that has anything to do with physics, chemistry or maths. OCCUPY

The main (**1**) _____ of the book was the predictable ending. WEAK

I always have my cell phone with me. I am completely (**2**) _____ without it. HELP

Mom hates those shoes. They are so (**3**) _____ . COMFORT

My sister likes wearing (**4**) _____ clothes. COLOUR

My friend is the most (**5**) _____ person I know. He always goes to parties and discos. SOCIAL

I am a very (**6**) _____ person. I can never wait. PATIENT

(6 points)

Task 6 – Words beginning with A
Read the definitions. For numbers **1 – 6** complete the missing words. The exact number of letters is given for each word, and all of the words start with the letter **A**. Use one word only. There is an example at the beginning (**0**). Write complete words on the Answer Sheet.

(**0**) **a r r e s t** = take into custody

(**1**) __ __ __ = behave in a certain manner

(**2**) __ __ __ __ __ = stay away from

(**3**) __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ = a set of letters used to write a language

(**4**) __ __ __ __ __ __ __ = feeling guilt or embarrassment

(**5**) __ __ __ __ __ __ __ = the act of coming to a certain place

(**6**) __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ = causing irritation

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Task 7 – Open Cloze.
Read the text. For numbers **1 – 6** write any word which fits best. Write one word only. There is an example at the beginning (**0**). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Imagine you're flying far above the Mara Serengeti, looking down. You'd see a dry, brown landscape dotted (**0**) ___**with**___ trees. You'd see trails and roads. And every (**1**) _____ in a while, you'd also see a large, open area, flush with green grass. What are those peaceful-looking spots? And why (**2**) _____ they look so different from everything else around?
Researchers think they have the answer: ancient cow poop. When Neolithic herders migrated (**3**)_____ the area a few thousand years ago, they would gather their livestock in these areas during the night after letting them graze all day. For a recent study, a group of scholars took soil samples from five of these spots in Kenya, and found that beneficial soil elements (**4**) _____ phosphorus, magnesium, nitrogen, and calcium are much more prevalent there than in the surrounding areas.
This process was kickstarted by the dung heaps the sheep, goats, and cows (**5**) _____ behind. How does this happen? Other studies shed some (**6**) _____. It begins with the livestock themselves, which work like nutrient concentration machines. As they graze, they ingest nutrients from plants spread over a wide area. Then at night, when they're herded into corrals for protection, they excrete some of those nutrients back out in one big heap.

(6 points)

Task 8 – Plural of Nouns.
For numbers **1 – 6** write the plural forms. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

a child	**(0)** ___***children***___
a tooth	**(1)** _____
a businesswoman	**(2)** _____
a mouse	**(3)** _____
a foot	**(4)** _____
a lady	**(5)** _____
a goose	**(6)** _____

(6 points)

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Task 9 – Make/Do.
Read the sentences. For numbers **1 – 6** write the appropriate form of the verbs **DO** or **MAKE**. There are examples at the beginning (**0**) and (**00**). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

(**0**) Could you ____**do**____ the laundry today? We have no clean clothes.
(**00**) __**Did**___ their new business __**make**__ a profit last year?

(**1**) Alison can't come tonight. She _____ already_____ plans.

(**2**) How much money _____ a waitress usually _____?

(**3**) She spent the evening watching black and white films and _____ her nails.

(**4**) Who usually _____ the cooking in your house?

(**5**) The teacher _____ some very positive comments about Susie's work last week.

(**6**) William _____ an excuse to the teacher about why he was late, but she didn't believe him.

(6 points)

Task 10 – Comparison of Adjectives.
Read the sentences. For numbers **1 – 6** write the appropriate form of comparison of the adjectives in brackets. There are two examples at the beginning (**0**) and (**00**). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

(**0**) Sasha is ___**older**__ than Mark. (old)
(**00**) At one time, the Empire State Building in New York was __**the tallest**__ building in the world. (tall)

(**1**) Neptune is _____ planet from the Sun in our solar system. (far)

(**2**) We were_____ last week than this week. (busy)

(**3**) It's _____ today than yesterday. (hot)

(**4**) The film we saw last week was much _____ than the one we saw yesterday. (bad)

(**5**) _____ film I've ever seen was Alfred Hitchcock's 'Psycho'. (frightening)

(**6**) I think that's _____ book we had to read for our book reports. (thin)

(6 points)

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