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VARIANTI B

## Udhëzime për maturantin/kandidatin

Testi përmban gjithsej 60 pikë.

Koha për zhvillimin e pyetjeve të testit është 2 orë e 30 minuta.

Testi ka 20 pyetje me zgjedhje (alternativa) dhe pyetjet e tjera janë me zhvillim dhe arsytim.

Pikët për secilën pyetje janë dhënë përbri saj.

1. Për 20 pyetjet me zgjedhje (alternativa), pasi të keni qarkuar alternativën e saktë në test, duhet të mbushni rrathët përkatës të tabelës në fletë përgjigje:

Lexoni me kujdes udhëzimet e dhëna në fletë përgjigje.

2. Për pyetjet me zhvillim dhe arsytim, përgjigjet duhet të shkruhen brenda zonës së kufizuar me vijë. Çdo përgjigje e shkruar jashtë vijave kufizuese, nuk do të vlerësohet.

Për përdorim nga komisioni i vlerësimit

Kërkesa	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pikët											
Kërkesa	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	32	33a
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Kërkesa	33b	33c	33d	33e	34a	34b	34c	34d	34e		
Pikët											

Totali i pikëve

KOMISIONI I VLERËSIMIT

1..... Anëtar

2..... Anëtar

## SECTION 1 READING COMPREHENSION

*There are 3 tasks in the Reading Section, in which you can read a series of texts and paragraphs (reviews/adds) and answer questions that test your reading skills and abilities and show that you can read and understand different types of texts and question formats.*

### Reading Section Description

<i>Number of Tasks</i>	3
<i>Number of Items</i>	30
<i>Number of Total Points</i>	30
<i>Types of Texts</i>	<i>Descriptive and informational texts, promotional and info materials, advertisements, letters, etc.</i>
<i>Duration</i>	60 minutes

### Task One

*Taking your information from the text below, choose the answer which you think fits best by circling one of the alternatives corresponding to letters A, B, C or D for the answer you choose.*

#### Social networks

- (1) Social networks have become part of everyone`s life connecting people at a very low cost. This can be beneficial for small businesses looking to expand their contacts. Social networks often function as a customer relationship management tool for companies selling both products and services. **They** can also be used for advertising in the form of banners and text advertisements. Since businesses operate globally, social networks can make it easier to keep in touch with contacts around the world.
- (2) Social networks are also being adopted by healthcare professionals as a means to manage institutional knowledge, **disseminate** peer to peer knowledge and to highlight individual physicians and institutions. This is considered as an advantage because using a dedicated medical social networking site makes it easier to have all the healthcare professionals screened against the state licensing board list of practitioners. The role of social networks is especially of great interest to pharmaceutical companies who spend on average "32 percent of their marketing dollars" trying to influence the opinion leaders of social networks.
- (3) Some social networking sites have emerged catering to different languages and countries. Popular sites have been cloned for various countries and languages. In most of the cases these sites have a design which is clearly Face-book inspired and some specialize in connecting students and faculty. For example "studentSN", Student Social Network, is a Face-book clone available in four different countries – Turkey, Russia, Germany, and Great Britain, although its success appears to have been limited.
- (4) Several websites are beginning to take advantage of the power of the social networking model for social good. Such models are considered successful for connecting small industries and organizations without the necessary resources to reach a broader audience with interested and passionate users. Users of these websites benefit by interacting with a like-minded community.
- (5) **Few** social networks currently charge a membership fee. This might be the case in those countries where social networking for business purposes is a relatively new service, and the value of using social networks has not been firmly established in customers' minds. Companies such as MySpace and Face-book sell online advertising on their site. Consequently, they try to have large memberships rather than charge for membership which would be counterproductive. Some believe that the deeper information the sites have for users, the more influence they will have on them thus providing businesses with better targeted advertising. More and more sites are seeking for other ways to make money, such as by creating an online marketplace or by selling professional information and social connections to businesses.

- (6) The wide use of social networking services has brought about the growing concerns that users might give out too much personal information, the threat of cyber bullying etc. It is of imperative importance that users of these services need to be aware of data theft or viruses. However, social network services work with law enforcement to try to prevent such incidents. In addition, there is a perceived privacy threat in relation to placing too much personal information in the hands of large corporations or governmental bodies, allowing a profile to be produced on an individual's behaviour on which decisions may be taken.
- (7) Social network services are **increasingly** being used in legal and criminal investigations. Information posted on social network sites has often been used by police. In some situations, content posted on MySpace has been used in court.

1. What is the main idea of the passage? 1 point
- A) Businesses use social networks only for advertising.  
B) Social networks are always beneficial.  
C) It is about the use of social networks in different aspects of life.  
D) There are no disadvantages to using social networks.
2. What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph mainly about? 1 point
- A) Listing all healthcare professionals on a website.  
B) The importance of pharmaceutical companies.  
C) The use of advertising in social networks.  
D) The use of social networks in the medical field.
3. What does "they" in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph refer to? 1 point
- A) banners and text advertisements  
B) companies and people  
C) products and services  
D) social networks
4. The word "disseminate" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_. 1 point
- A) enlarge  
B) link together  
C) make sure  
D) spread widely
5. "StudentSN" is a social network which is \_\_\_\_\_. 1 point
- A) an identical copy of Face-book  
B) the same as Face-book  
C) only designed to connect businesses  
D) very successful in four different countries
6. What does the word "Few" at the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph mean? 1 point
- A) hardly any  
B) not any  
C) only  
D) some

7. According to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, social networks \_\_\_\_\_. 1 point
- A) are very successful because of the resources  
 B) have a lot of advantages for small businesses  
 C) help industries and organizations to make money  
 D) help users to socialize with people of the same interests
8. According to the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, social networks charge membership fees because \_\_\_\_\_. 1 point
- A) they need to establish the value of their services  
 B) they want to make more money  
 C) they want to sell online advertisements on their sites  
 D) they want to sell professional information
9. What is the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph mainly about? 1 point
- A) It is about the risks of using social network services.  
 B) It is about the ways to protect users' privacy.  
 C) It is about the wide use of social network services.  
 D) It is about the ways to fight cyber bullying.
10. The word "increasingly" in the 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_. 1 point
- A) hardly  
 B) in a small number  
 C) rarely  
 D) to a greater degree

## Task 2

*You are going to read a letter. 10 word groups have been removed from it. Choose from the word groups (a-k) the one which fits each gap (11-20). Write letters instead of word groups in each gap. There is one extra word group which you DO NOT need to use.* 10 points

Dear Mr Adams,

On behalf of the student council, I would like to thank you (11) \_\_\_\_\_ at yesterday's meeting. This problem is definitely a cause (12) \_\_\_\_\_. I feel that it's our responsibility, (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to identify the reasons behind this trend and find ways to tackle this threatening problem.

I, personally, think that there are two main reasons (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Firstly, students lead an increasingly sedentary life. They spend hours and hours in front of the computer or with their mobiles. Secondly, they rely heavily, both at home and at school, (15) \_\_\_\_\_.

The student council can help deal with this problem (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness of the issue among students. Furthermore, we (17) \_\_\_\_\_, such as sport days, to help students develop an interest in keeping active. We (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to the food sold out at our canteen, which is low in nutritional value and fibre and high in fat, sugar and salt content.

The way I see it, students can be taught to lead healthier lives. The student council can, in my opinion, (19) \_\_\_\_\_. I'm hoping that we (20) \_\_\_\_\_ during next week's meeting.

Yours sincerely,  
 Meghan Bright

- a) which contribute to the growing number of obese young people
- b) can also campaign to make changes
- c) for addressing the issue of student obesity
- d) can look into my proposals
- e) for concern for all of us
- f) which plays an important role to obesity
- g) by launching a campaign
- h) as members of the student council
- i) can organize events
- j) on fast food for their nutritional needs
- k) play an active role in this area

### Task 3

*Read the texts below and answer the questions using the information from them. You may use words from the text or your own words.*

#### A. La Tomatina (Spain)

La Tomatina is a food fight festival held on the last Wednesday of August each year in the small town of Buñol, in Spain where thousands of people *swarm* into the town to be part of this thrilling festival. The festival reaches its climax when people start the fight by throwing huge quantities of tomatoes at each other. The fighting starts at 11.00 am when water cannon is fired and ends at 12.00 sharp.

According to a legend it started on the last Wednesday of August 1945 as a few young people were in the main square watching a parade and wanted to be part of it. This very fact made the participants angry and quite unexpectedly a tomato fight began. The same young boys decided to follow up the tradition next year and brought their own tomatoes and a tradition was born but also causing trouble in the town. The festival was outlawed for some years but it soon regained popularity when the law was changed.

#### B. Oniro and Kurama Fire Festival (Japan)

Also known as "Demon`s night", the Oniro Fire Festival is one of the largest fire festivals in Japan. The festival is over 1500 old and it takes place on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Six giant torches weighing more than a tone each are lit one by one as participants in the festival pray for health and happiness in the coming year. This ritual is meant to cleanse the local Shinto temple of evil spirits, which is the main purpose of the festival.

Kurama Fire Festival takes place in Kyoto every autumn on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and has as its main purpose lighting the path of the spirits of the departed.

At dusk, bonfires are lit in front of people`s houses. Then, children and adults dressed up in festive outfits, parade through the main street carrying homemade heavy pinewood torches called *taimatsu* on their backs.

The size and weight of the torch are proportional to the age of the person who carries it. The biggest ones are over 80kg and measure as much as 5 meters long!

#### C. The Hermanus Whale Festival (South Africa)

This festival, which takes place in late September, started 25 years ago as an annual community event and it lasts four days. Not only is it an arts festival but it is also a very important environmental event. The festival is held in honour of the annual return of whales to the shallow waters of Walker Bay and the coming of spring. Thousands of people, who flock to the seaside resort of Hermanus, watch the whales from the high cliffs of the town. Hermanus is considered as one of the best places in the world to watch whales.

Although the whales are the star performers, the festival also has a lot more to offer such as quality crafters, great sport events, kids' entertainment, Vintage car show, Marine ECO village etc. Visitors don't need to worry about missing out on whale spotting because they will be alerted to the arrival of whales by the loud noise of a horn.

**D. England's Medieval Festival (England)**

The beautiful Herstmonceux castle in Sussex hosts the largest medieval-themed festival in England during the August Bank Holiday weekend. Attracting more than 20,000 visitors, the festival started in 1992 and it is the most authentic, one-of-a-kind event with a very special blend of history and fun for the whole family. It features a wide range of activities for visitors which bring history to life. Even the food stalls have medieval dishes for visitors to sample.

Youngsters have their own place called Kid's Kingdom where they have the opportunity to learn what life was like in medieval times through very attractive games, shows and castle rides.

Visitors can choose between staying at the camping ground on-site or in rooms. Herstmonceux is accessible by both rail and road. There is also a shuttle bus operating between the castle and the local train station.

21. Which festival lasts only one hour? 1 point

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22. How are "Oniro and Kurama Fire Festivals" different from the other festivals? 1 point

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23. How do visitors know that the whales are approaching the seaside resort of Hermanus? 1 point

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24. Which festival offers different types of accommodation? 1 point

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25. Why is "England's Medieval Festival" considered as a unique festival? 1 point

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26. How are torches distributed among people participating in "Kurama Fire Festival"? 1 point

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27. Why was La Tomatina banned for some time? 1 point

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28. What is the purpose of "The Hermanus Whale Festival"? 1 point

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29. What does the word "swarm into" in paragraph A mean? 1 point

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30. What does the word "taimatsu" in paragraph B refer to? 1 point

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## SECTION 2 USE OF LANGUAGE

### Use of Language Description

<i>Number of Tasks</i>	2
<i>Number of Items</i>	11
<i>Number of Total Points</i>	15
<i>Types and focus of the questions</i>	<i>Multiple-choice/gap-fill questions to test vocabulary and grammar. Items 31 (a-j) Gap-fill questions to test conversational English. Items 32(a-e)</i>
<i>Duration</i>	30 minutes

#### Task 1

31. *Read the text carefully. From the words and group of words listed below the text, choose the ones which best fit the spaces. There is only one correct answer for each question.* 10 points

Yukie Hanue (a) \_\_\_\_\_ by many to be the finest violinist of her generation. When we visited her, she was (b) \_\_\_\_\_ talk, but she invited us to have a coffee with her in her mid-morning break. Astonishingly, she manages (c) \_\_\_\_\_ her PhD at the university with international concerts and recitals, numerous public appearances and interviews. She evidently (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the workload, buzzing around the place with an industrious enthusiasm that leaves us all breathless. Her fame (e) \_\_\_\_\_ a performer means making regular appearances at (f) \_\_\_\_\_ profile events. Last month, for example, she agreed to appear in a series of recitals organized by Coca-Cola. This involved travelling to far places on successive days a schedule which (g) \_\_\_\_\_ any normal person to lose energy. "I can't stand (h) \_\_\_\_\_ nothing," she says. "I happen to have a particular talent, and it would be wasteful not to exploit it to the full." I encouraged her to tell me about her upbringing but she was rather modest to sing her own praises. I did, however, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ persuading her to confess to a secret desire. "If I (j) \_\_\_\_\_ a musician, I would have loved to train to become a martial arts expert," she says. Certainly she would have had the discipline, but I couldn't imagine someone so physically frail actually standing there hitting someone. But it was an interesting revelation.

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| a) A. is considered | B. was considered   | C. considers         | D. had been considered |
| b) A. so busy to    | B. too busy to      | C. such busy to      | D. so busy for         |
| c) A. combining     | B. for combining    | C. to combine        | D. in combining        |
| d) A. thrives with  | B. thrives for      | C. thrives in        | D. thrives on          |
| e) A. like          | B. as               | C. for               | D. with                |
| f) A. high          | B. higher           | C. highest           | D. the higher          |
| g) A. will cause    | B. will have caused | C. would have caused | D. might be caused     |
| h) A. to do         | B. have done        | C. for doing         | D. doing               |
| i) A. succeed in    | B. succeeded for    | C. succeeded in      | D. succeed with        |
| j) A. haven't been  | B. weren't          | C. hadn't been       | D. wouldn't be         |

#### Task 2

32. *Complete the gaps in the following situation with ONE appropriate word.* 5 points

Ben: Hi Glen, it's been a long time (a) \_\_\_\_\_ we last saw each other. What have you been up to?

Glen: Hi Ben! It's great to see you again. I've been away (b) \_\_\_\_\_ business.

Ben: Really, where did you go?

Glen: Well, first I flew to Greece for two meetings. After that, I flew to Italy, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ I had to make a presentation at a company conference.

Ben: It (d) \_\_\_\_\_ like you've been busy.

Glen: Yes, I've been very busy. It's good to be home again. What have you been doing (e) \_\_\_\_\_?

Ben: Oh, nothing much. I've been working in the garden these past few days.

Glen: Really?







