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Lënda: Gjuhë angleze (Niveli B2)

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 arsyetim**.

Pikët për secilën pyetje janë dhënë përbri saj.

Për përdorim nga komisioni i vlerësimit

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Kërkesa	29	30	31	32	33	34	
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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 ability 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>	<i>60 minutes</i>

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.

(1) Are you up for a challenge? We don't mean a physical challenge, but we are talking about a mental challenge. It's time to give your brain a workout! How can you do that? Well, you could, for instance, read or study or do homework. But, being a student, you do plenty of that already. One of the best ways to give your brain a workout is doing puzzles.

(2) Do you love puzzles? Today, there are thousands and thousands of different types. From jigsaw puzzles and Sudoku to crossword puzzles and anagrams, there's no shortage of brain teasers out there to fill your time. Most kids love a variety of different kinds of puzzles. They're just fun to do in your free time. But they can also be very educational. Puzzles may seem like they're just for fun, but they got their start as educational tools.

(3) Further back in 1760, a mapmaker from London named John Spilsbury is believed to have created the first jigsaw puzzle. He fitted one of his handmade maps onto a thin sheet of wood and cut around the borders of the countries with a saw. The result was an educational tool **that** he used to help children learn Geography. His invention **caught on** and, for the next 60 years or so, people mainly used jigsaw puzzles as educational tools. Have you ever done a puzzle of the United States where you had to fit all the states into their proper spots? Well, then, you have done a puzzle similar to the first puzzles invented hundreds of years ago.

(4) Over time, jigsaw puzzles developed into a fun pastime, which progressed beyond just educational value. They were not just for children; they were a trendy pastime among wealthy adults, too. Made of wood and handcrafted, only the rich could afford them.

(5) In the late 1800s, cardboard puzzles were first developed. Wooden puzzles continued to be more popular for a considerable time, but cheaper cardboard puzzles eventually grew in popularity. In the 1920s and 1930s, many companies began to manufacture a variety of jigsaw puzzles with fascinating artwork. Manufacturers started to create even more challenging puzzles to appeal to adults and children. They also began to be adopted as giveaways to introduce citizens to new products.

(6) In 1932, some companies began to produce weekly jigsaw puzzles. What started with a small initial supply soon grew to hundreds of thousands of new puzzles each week. Although, it was during the Great Depression, which hit America in the year 1929, when puzzles experienced a high increase in popularity, perhaps because they provided a lot of entertainment for a small price. When most families could not afford more expensive recreational activities, jigsaws provided a recyclable form of entertainment. In addition, one could also share jigsaw

puzzles with friends and family members. Some experts believe the process of solving a puzzle may have helped reduce some of the stress of the Great Depression, too.

(7) Nowadays, people enjoy puzzles as much as they did decades ago. Today's Covid era sales have beaten previous records by brands like Ravensburger, one of the top puzzle companies, selling over 28 million puzzles worldwide in 2020 alone. That translates to sales in the billions of dollars for puzzle companies worldwide. That is a lot of puzzles! Modern technology has evolved and, with it, so have puzzles. You can do all sorts of puzzles on smartphones and tablet computers!

Adapted from <https://wonderopolis.org/>

1. The primary purpose of the writer in writing this text is to _____. 1 point
 - A) compare the popularity of puzzles in different periods
 - B) describe how jigsaw puzzles were developed
 - C) highlight the mental benefits of solving jigsaw puzzles
 - D) promote the use of puzzles as a pastime activity

2. According to the 2nd paragraph, which is the best option? 1 point
 - A) Anagrams are the most recent variety of puzzles nowadays.
 - B) Jigsaw puzzles are more challenging than crossword puzzles.
 - C) Nowadays, there are plenty of different types of puzzles available.
 - D) Puzzles serve as an educational tool rather than a pastime activity.

3. According to the 3rd paragraph, which is the best option? 1 point
 - A) For the first 60 years jigsaw puzzles were only used in teaching.
 - B) John Spilsbury dedicated the first jigsaw puzzle to his children.
 - C) The first jigsaw puzzle ever created was made with wood.
 - D) The first jigsaw puzzle was a map of the United Kingdom.

4. As used in the 3rd paragraph, "caught on" comes closest in meaning to _____. 1 point
 - A) became available
 - B) became helpful
 - C) became pleasant
 - D) became popular

5. The word "that" in the 3rd paragraph refers to the _____. 1 point
 - A) result
 - B) saw
 - C) tool
 - D) wood

6. According to the 4th paragraph, jigsaw puzzles were _____. 1 point
 - A) appropriate only for adults
 - B) not used in education any more
 - C) too complicated for children
 - D) too costly for ordinary people

7. According to the 5th paragraph, cardboard puzzles _____. 1 point
 - A) cost more than wooden puzzles
 - B) could only be made by hand
 - C) were introduced in the late 1800s
 - D) were simpler than wooden puzzles

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8. According to the 5th paragraph, jigsaw puzzles were also used as _____. 1 point
- A) ads
B) bills
C) gifts
D) tips
9. According to the 6th paragraph, jigsaw puzzles _____. 1 point
- A) could only be bought once a week
B) led to increased levels of stress
C) were cheap for what they offered
D) were made with recyclable materials
10. According to the 7th paragraph, which is the best option? 1 point
- A) Online puzzles have become more popular than traditional ones.
B) Ravensburger increased its profits to \$28 million in 2020.
C) Ravensburger was unknown to the public a few decades ago.
D) The Covid era has increased puzzle sales considerably.

Task Two

Read the texts below and answer the questions using the information from them. You may use words from the text or your own words. Do not use more than 15 words for each answer.

Grand Theft Auto V

RATING: MATURE, 17+

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Released by Rockstar Games in 2013, *Grand Theft Auto V* is an open-world, action-adventure game. As its title implies, players in the game's fictional world of San Andreas commit crimes and try to evade authorities. After *Minecraft*, *Grand Theft Auto V* is the second best-selling game of all time.

Platforms: PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S and Microsoft Windows

MLB The Show 21

RATING: EVERYONE

\$65 At AMAZON

MLB The Show 21 is a baseball simulator game with features that make it easy for newcomers, and others would delight advanced players. San Diego Padres shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. is on the regular cover. But, with each purchase of the Jackie Robinson edition, a portion of the proceeds goes to the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which gives scholarships for higher education.

Platforms: PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One and Xbox Series X/S.

Madden NFL 22

RATING: EVERYONE

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\$30 At AMAZON

We may have lost John Madden in 2021, but his video game franchise goes on, and Madden NFL 22 was thankfully released before his death. The football simulation received mixed reviews from critics, but it was praised for having an improved franchise mode, which lets players lead teams over multiple seasons.

Platforms: Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S and Stadia.

Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales

RATING: TEEN

\$50 At AMAZON

Players in this comic-inspired game swing around New York City as Miles Morales. Morales is the Spidey featured in the 2018 animated film *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, **which** is getting a sequel this year. As Morales completes different missions and assignments, he unlocks various gadgets and suits to help him along the way.

Platforms: Playstation 4 and Playstation 5.

Adapted from <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/>

11. What is the purpose of these texts? 1 point

12. According to Grand Theft Auto V, which is the best selling game of all time? 1 point

13. Why might Grand Theft Auto V be unsuitable for people up to 16? 1 point

14. Write a similar word or phrase to "give a lot of enjoyment to" used in MLB The Show 21. 1 point

15. According to MLB The Show 21, what can you do to help in a good cause? 1 point

16. Which two games offer the best bargains? 1 point

17. According to Madden NFL 22, what happened in 2021? 1 point

18. What was Madden NFL 22 complimented for? 1 point

19. What does "which" refer to in Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales? 1 point

20. Which of the games is the most restrictive regarding platforms? 1 point

Task 3

You are going to read a short text. 10 word groups have been removed from it. Choose from the word groups (a-k) the one which fits each gap (21-30). Write letters instead of word groups in each gap. There is one extra word group which you DO NOT need to use.

10 points

Working on a volcano

A team of geologists (21) _____ atop a sleeping volcano. They take samples of ash and gases, hoping to find information about when the volcano may awaken. Geologists are scientists that study rocks. These scientists secure instruments onto this molten mountain (22) _____ and other activity. The information they receive from inside and outside the volcano (23) _____.

Half of them hope to determine (24) _____. Increased temperatures, excessive gases, and swelling of certain areas are all warning signs that volcanic activity may follow. Domes on the surface sometimes crack and reveal red-molten lava inside, (25) _____. They indicate that the volcano may soon erupt.

The other half of the group works at the base of the volcano. They study the outside of the volcano and also analyze (26) _____. They use survey equipment to measure ground tilting, (27) _____. The land around the volcano resembles the landscape of the moon. Craters, large rocks, and a lack of vegetation (28) _____.

These geologists know that working near a volcano can be very dangerous. However, (29) _____ to predict a mighty explosion is invaluable. Monitoring volcanic activity is a vital geological job. It can help give the people living around the volcano time to evacuate (30) _____.

- a) any information they can gather
- b) a possible sign of a future volcanic eruption
- c) can be used to track eruptions
- d) evaluate the effects of an eruption
- e) in case of an imminent eruption
- f) is hard at work
- g) just below the surface
- h) tell of previous eruptions
- i) the area surrounding it
- j) to measure small earthquakes
- k) what is occurring inside the volcano

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.</i> Items 31 (a-j) <i>Gap-fill questions to test conversational English.</i> Items 32(a-e)
<i>Duration</i>	20 minutes

Task 1

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

10 points

Do you feel at home in your body?

It's Monday morning and, while you are getting dressed, you're staring (a) ____ yourself in the mirror. 'I'm skinny. I want to put on a little weight and be a bit taller and more muscular,' you think. 'I also wouldn't mind thicker hair, longer legs, better teeth, and a smaller nose. Why can't I be like Sue? She's the prettiest girl in class.'

Do these (b) ____ sound familiar? Teenagers feel that way (c) ____ often because their bodies change while they're growing up. As your body changes, so does the way you perceive your appearance. Your body image can affect the opinion you have of yourself.

As your body matures, you may think it (d) ____ attention to you. Therefore, you may feel uncomfortable. But, growing up (e) ____ at the same speed for everyone. Girls usually start changing sooner than boys. Sometimes, they suddenly gain weight as their bodies need fat to grow. On the other hand, boys notice their shoulders getting wider and their voices deeper. These changes usually take (f) ____ over two to five years.

Media images from TV, films, and advertising may also affect your self-esteem. Women and girls on TV and in magazines are usually thin, while men look strong and very muscular. It can make you (g) ____ that something is wrong with you (h) ____ you don't look this way. Media images may also pressurize you to go to extreme diets to become as thin as possible. Remember that it's more important to exercise regularly and eat healthily. Do not try to change your body to fit an unrealistic image. Adverts sell fantasy and vanity, not reality.

(i) ____ you may often think that your classmates notice every single kilo you (i) ____, this is not the case. What they see is how you feel about yourself. You need to focus on things you like about yourself and walk with confidence! If you like yourself and the way you look, other people will, too!

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| a) A) at | B) in | C) on | D) to |
| b) A) arguments | B) explanations | C) conclusions | D) remarks |
| c) A) a lot | B) much | C) quite | D) rather |
| d) A) calls | B) draws | C) interprets | D) pays |
| e) A) didn't happen | B) doesn't happen | C) isn't happening | D) hasn't happened |
| f) A) notice | B) part | C) place | D) turns |
| g) A) believe | B) believed | C) believing | D) to believe |
| h) A) if | B) even | C) unless | D) whether |
| i) A) Although | B) Despite | C) Even | D) When |
| j) A) collect | B) earn | C) gain | D) win |

Task 2

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

At the doctor's

Doctor: Hello Mr. Jones! Come in and take a (a) _____.

Patient: OK. Thank you.

Doctor: Now, what (b) _____ to be the problem?

Patient: Well, it's my shoulder. I got a mosquito (c) _____ a few days ago, and now it's swollen, itchy, and painful.

Doctor: OK. Let's take a look. Hmm, yes, it's very red. I'm afraid it's infected.

Patient: Oh, no! What should I do?

Doctor: You should put some antibiotic cream on it three times a day. I'll write you a (c) _____.

Patient: Should I come back and see you again?

Doctor: Only if it gets (e) _____.

Patient: OK. Thanks again.

Doctor: You're welcome.

**SECTION 3
WRITING**

Writing Section Description

<i>Number of Tasks</i>	2
<i>Number of Total Points</i>	15
<i>Types and focus of the tasks</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Item 33: (10 points) <i>An essay: Arguing for or against the topic given. Giving reasons and examples to support the answer by respecting the structure of an essay.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Item 34: (5 points) <i>Formal letters or emails, (complaints, job requests, etc.) respecting the structure of a formal letter or email.</i></p>
<i>Duration</i>	70 Minutes

Write the **TWO** tasks below.

33. Task 1 will be marked for:

10 points

- ✓ *content* *2 points*
- ✓ *organization* *2 points*
- ✓ *grammar* *2 points*
- ✓ *vocabulary* *2 points*
- ✓ *mechanics* *2 points*

Each of the five criteria carries two points to give a total of ten points altogether. You should use between 130-150 words

Topic: You have had a class discussion about the following statement: "*Studying abroad is a growing trend nowadays*" Your teacher has asked you to write an essay on the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad. Discuss the issue by giving examples to support your opinion.

34. Task 2 will be marked for:

5 points

- ✓ task completion 1 point
- ✓ organization 1 point
- ✓ grammar 1 point
- ✓ vocabulary 1 point
- ✓ mechanics 1 point

Each of the five criteria carries one point to give a total of five points altogether. You should use between **60-80 words**.

Topic: You have ordered a tracksuit online. When it arrived, it was the wrong colour and of poor quality. Write a *letter of complaint* to the company explaining the problem and what action you expect to be taken.

In your letter you should include:

- ✓ reason for writing
- ✓ complaints with justification, examples
- ✓ action to be taken, closing remarks

Dear Sir/Madam,

Yours faithfully,
Helen Smith