

**Kategória 1A – Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku – Obvodné kolo 2010/2011**

**G R A M M A R**

**Read the story and fill in the blanks with the correct word or words. Put the each verb in brackets into the correct tense or form; write the correct preposition or *pronoun*.**

Steve and his four friends 1. .... (sit) in a club when Steve  
2. .... (say), “Do you know how  
3..... (make) the clock on Big Ben’s strike thirteen?” Nobody  
4..... (know). Steve put a map of London on the table and  
5..... (mark) Big Ben. Then he drew a big circle around it.  
“You’ll all know 6. .... (preposition) a few minutes. Come on!  
Let’s go! It’s almost time!” And they all ran towards centre of the city, where Big Ben was.

Jack had a walkie-talkie and 7. .... (keep) watch at the  
bottom of Big Ben. Steve and the others 8. .... (stand)  
somewhere on the circle 9..... (*pronoun*) was 1,350 metres away  
from Big Ben.

At midnight, Steve switched 10. .... (preposition) the  
second walkie-talkie and everyone 11. .... (can hear) Big Ben  
strike twelve times. Then Steve turned 12. .... (preposition) his  
walkie-talkie and they 13..... (hear) Big Ben strike a thirteenth  
time.

How is that possible? Over the walkie-talkie, the radio waves  
14..... (transfer) the sound immediately, in real time. But sound  
actually travels slower. It 15..... (travel) four seconds to get to  
where Steve and the others were standing.

**Total ..... / 15 points**

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**V O C A B U L A R Y**

**Read the article. For questions 1-10, decide which ONE word best completes that sentence. Underline your answers.**

**Insects**

Most insects have one or two pairs of **1. claws, feathers, wings**. They also have three pairs of **2. arms, legs, limbs** and a pair of **3. antennae, whiskers, horns**. All insects have a **4. skull, top, body** that is divided into three parts. The front part is the **5. nose, head, forehead** where the eyes are, the middle is called the thorax and the rest is called the **6. abdomen, skeleton, backbone**. If you are not sure whether something you have caught is an insect, count the legs. If it has more than six legs, then it is not an insect.

A baby insect is often not at all like the adult, and it has to pass through several changes in its **7. life-circle, life-progress, life-cycle**. Insects lay **8. babies, worms, eggs** which hatch into *larvae*; these change into *pupae* and the adult insects finally hatch from the *pupae*. This complete change is called **9. translation, metamorphosis, eruption**. Some insects do not have the *pupae* **10. stage, leg, point**.

**Total ...../10 pts**

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**Read the story carefully and do the two (2) tasks below it.**

Eating real food is a thing of the past, say nutritionists about the food which dominates today's eating habits. The success of mass-produced fast food is changing our lifestyles. It seems that we have little time for eating. People eat on the run and avoid having meals around the dinner table. It is much easier to grab a quick snack and a can of soft drink at lunchtime or to spend an evening in front of TV set with a bag of potato chips and a bottle of cola. Among the many kinds of junk food offered by fast-food outlets, which are so favoured by the young, are hamburgers, pizza, fried chicken and cookies. All this spells the end to the culinary traditions of many nations.

Chemical ingredients and other artificial additives provide extra flavour to improve the taste and colouring, and to make a product more attractive and more competitive on the market. Heavy advertising and smart marketing boost sales.

Those who are hooked on junk food may pay a greater price for their culinary obsession. Fast-food diets are rich in fats, cholesterol, sugar and salt, and are responsible for a number of diet-related diseases such as tooth decay and high blood pressure. Obesity, in turn, promotes heart disease and diabetes.

As public awareness of the problem grows, foods labelled as natural and organic, though more expensive, are gaining new followers.

**Find the word or expression in the article that best matches each of the following descriptions and definitions.**

1. having knowledge; knowing .....
2. a person who deals with the science of feeding humans .....
3. food that is low in nutritional value and high in calories .....
4. addicted to .....
5. being really fat .....
6. places that sell things like food, clothing, etc. ....

**Based on the article, decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F). Circle your answers.**

7. T / F Fast food is very popular among young people.
8. T / F The primary purpose of using chemicals is to make fast food healthier.
9. T / F More and more people are taking the time to have sit-down meals together.
10. T / F Junk food is changing national eating habits around the world.

**Total ...../ 10 pts**

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**L I S T E N I N G   C O M P R E H E N S I O N**

**You will hear six different paragraphs (A, B, C, D and E) about roads. Each one has a different main topic.**

**For questions 1-5, decide which headline below (1-6) is the best headline for each paragraph you hear (A, B, C, D or E).**

**There is one headline which is not used.**

**Listen carefully. You will hear the information twice only.**

- \_\_\_\_\_1. ROADS FOR CARS
- \_\_\_\_\_2. A ROAD THAT CAN BE RAISED
- \_\_\_\_\_3. ROADS CAN BE BLOCKED BY NATURE
- \_\_\_\_\_4. ROADS OVER MOUNTAINS
- \_\_\_\_\_5. OLD ROADS AND MODERN TRAFFIC
- \_\_\_\_\_6. PAYING TOLLS

**Total ...../ 5 pts**

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