

**Kategória 1C – Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku – Krajské kolo 2010/2011**

**G R A M M A R**

Add questions tags to the following statements. The 1<sup>st</sup> one has been done for you.

00 Peter hasn't got a new car, ...has he .....?

01 Let him come with us, ..... ?

02 She used to eat a lot of sweets, .....?

03 I am nice, .....?

04 There was no one here, .....?

05 He had a serious accident last week, .....?

06 Don't eat all cakes, .....?

...../3pts (1/2 pt each)

Read the paragraph. If each underlined phrase in bold is the answer to a question, what is each question? Write your questions on the lines below the paragraph. The 1<sup>st</sup> one has been done for you.

(00) **A woman** was murdered at the Seaside Hotel (07) **last night**. (08) **A maid** discovered her body. She found it (09) **in the laundry room**. The police are looking for (10) **the woman's husband**. (11) **They think he did it**. He left the hotel (12) **at 1:35 this morning**. He took (13) **all his wife's jewellery and £5,000** from their hotel safety-deposit box.

00 ..... Who was murdered? .....

07 ..... ?

08 ..... ?

09 ..... ?

10 ..... ?

11 ..... ?

12 ..... ?

13 ..... ?

...../7pts

**G R A M M A R (continued)**

**Underline the word (a, b or c) that best completes each sentence.**

14 You **a) can't b) needn't c) may** eat any cake if you don't want.

15 My sister doesn't mind **a) do b) doing c) to do** the washing.

16 If you **a) don't / b) won't / c) will** stop talking, I'll scream!

17 **a) Neither b) All c) Both** his parents come from Spain.

18 Don't eat those eggs. They **a) can't b) might c) should** be bad.

19 Father **a) has gone in b) has gone to c) has been to** Barcelona. He'll be back soon.

20 I did my homework, but my sisters didn't do **a) their b) theirs c) them**.

21 Please, pick up the **a) children's b) children c) childrens'** toys.

22 The game seems **a) easy b) easily c) easiest**, but it isn't really.

23 I wish he **a) is b) were c) will be** with us now.

...../5pts (1/2 pt each)

**T o t a l :   . . .   . . .   . . . / 1 5   p o i n t s**

**Total Points: ...../15pts**

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- 01 She's going to **make/have** a party for her birthday.  
 02 Could you **do/make** me a favour?  
 03 I'm not very good at **doing/making** decisions.  
 04 Her English is good now; she has **made/done** a lot of progress.  
 05 I'm going to **do/make** four exams next month.  
 06 Can you **make/take** sense of this regulation?

...../3pts (1/2 pt each)

**Agree with the 'A' statements below by completing the 'B' sentence of each set below with a word from the box in its CORRECT form in each of your answers. There are two extra words you do not need. The 1<sup>st</sup> one has been done for you.**

CLEAN	DRESS	EMPLOY	LEGAL	LEGIBLE	LEGITIMATE	PATIENT	POLITE	TIDY
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- 00 **A:** He doesn't have a job, does he? **B:** No, he's ..... *unemployed*.....  
 07 **A:** It's against the law, isn't it? **B:** Oh, yes, it's .....  
 08 **A:** His room is always in a mess, isn't it? **B:** Yes, it's always.....  
 09 **A:** This handwriting is impossible to read. **B:** Yes, I know. It's .....  
 10 **A:** He took off his clothes! **B:** Yes, he got.....to go swimming.  
 11 **A:** I thought it was rude, didn't you? **B:** Yes, it was very .....  
 12 **A:** She can never wait for five minutes, can she? **B:** No, she's very.....

...../3pts (1/2 pt each)

**Give a formal English word (a synonym) for each of the underlined words below. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

- 13 I couldn't go to the meeting. ....  
 14 I thought the film was a drag. ....  
 15 Someone has pinched my pen. ....  
 16 He's a nice bloke. .....

...../4pts

**Total Points: ...../10pts**

Participant's number: .....

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**V O C A B U L A R Y : P R O G R E S S I V E T E S T**

Make a list of vehicles made for transportation on water. You will receive 1 point for every 2 correctly spelled answers.

Example: *boat*

**Total Points: ...../10pts**

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**Read the article. There are three exercises to do on the next page.**

**ARE YOU A BLOGGER TOO?**

Only a few years ago, a “web log” was a little-known way of keeping an online diary. At that time, it seemed like “blogs” (as they quickly became known) were only for serious computer geeks or obsessives.

This didn't last long, though, and within a very short period of time, blogs exploded – they were everywhere, and it seemed that almost everyone read blogs, or was a blogger.

The blogging craze of a couple of years ago (when it was estimated that ten new blogs were started somewhere in the world every minute) now seems to have died down a bit – yet thousands of blogs (probably the better ones) remain. Blogs are no longer seen as the exclusive possession of geeks and obsessives, and are now seen as important and influential sources of news and opinion. So many people read blogs now, it has even been suggested that some blogs may have been powerful enough to influence the result of the last US presidential election.

Blogs are very easy to set up – all you need is a computer, an internet connection and the desire to write something. The difference between a blog and a traditional internet site is that a blog is one page consisting mostly of text (with perhaps a few pictures), and – importantly – space for people to respond to what you write. The best blogs are similar to online discussions, where people write in responses to what the blogger has written. Blogs are regularly updated – busy blogs are updated every day, or even every few hours.

Not all blogs are about politics, however. There are blogs about music, film, sport, books – any subject you can imagine has its enthusiasts typing away and giving their opinions to fellow enthusiasts or anyone else who cares to read their opinions.

So many people read blogs now that the world of blog writers and blog readers has its own name – the “blogosphere”.

But how influential, or important, is this blogosphere really? One problem with blogs is that many people who read and write them seem only to communicate with each other. When people talk about the influence of the blogosphere, they do not take into account the millions of people around the world who are not bloggers, never read blogs, and don't even have access to a computer, let alone a good internet connection.

Sometimes, it seems that the blogosphere exists only to influence itself, or that its influence is limited to what is actually quite a small community. Blogs seem to promise a virtual democracy – in which anyone can say anything they like, and have their opinions heard – but who is actually listening to these opinions? And there is still little hard evidence that blogs have influenced people in the way that traditional mass media (television and newspapers) have the ability to do.

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**READING COMPREHENSION (continued)**

**Based on the article you have read, decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F). Circle the letters of your answers.**

- T / F 1. Not long ago, only people interested in computers had blogs.
- T / F 2. In a very short time, blogs have become very popular.
- T / F 3. The best blogs are about politics.
- T / F 4. There is a lot of doubt about how many people are influenced by blogs.
- T / F 5. All over the world, blogs are becoming much more influential than any other media.
- T / F 6. The greatest advantage of blogs is that they provide space for response.
- T / F 7. There are still technological limitations for anyone who wants to set up their own blogs.

...../7pts

**Find a word in the article for each definition below. Write your answer in the space provided.**

8. a person more interested in computers than in real people .....

9. the blogging community, both writers and commentators .....

10. an interest followed by lots of really enthusiastic people for a short time  
.....

...../3pts

**Total Points: ...../10pts**

**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 someone giving a lecture on the future of the English language. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the speaker. Circle your answer for each statement. If the information is not given, circle NS (not stated).**

**Listen carefully – you will hear the information ONE time only!**

- T / F / NS 1. Knowledge of English is important in the progress of technology.
- T / F / NS 2. The speaker predicts that over half the world's population will speak English by 2020.
- T / F / NS 3. More than half of the contestants in the Eurovision Song Contest sang in English.
- T / F / NS 4. British and American English will lose their dominant positions.
- T / F / NS 5. Native English speakers will not be motivated to learn any other languages.
- T / F / NS 6. Majority English speakers will influence form and content of the English language.

...../3pts (1/2 pt each)

**Circle the option (A, B, C or D) which is NOT mentioned in the lecture.**

7 Swedish music exports...

- A are mostly in English.
- B have become very popular.
- C have influenced English.
- D have brought a lot of money into the Swedish economy.

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Circle the option (A, B, C or D) which is NOT mentioned in the lecture.

8 English as...

A the language of communication and technology

B a global language

C the language of science and politics

D the language of tourism

...../2pts

**Total Points: ...../5pts**

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