

Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 29. ročník, okresné kolo 2018/2019, kategória 2C2**- úlohy****G R A M M A R**

Complete the article by filling the gaps with the proper verb form or verb tense. Write your answers in the spaces below the article. Example: (00) lands

Meeting Her Childhood Tormentor

When the invitation – 00 – (land) in her inbox, Karen hesitates. Reconnect with her classmates of, gulp, more than 30 years ago?

A big part of her is curious, but another part of her shudders. Her school days were most definitely not her happiest. For although there were some people there she liked, and who it – 01 – (be) nice to see again, the truth is that there were others who – 02 – (bully) her. Horribly. And though three decades – 03 – (pass) since those tortuous years and she is now a successful writer, and the mother of two children, the invitation to a reunion cocktail party at the place of her former torment unsettles her.

So she ponders for a bit. But three days later, she emails the school secretary: count me in. Does she feel a sense of trepidation? Of course. But her curiosity burns brighter – it's got her thinking about her younger self. How did the teenage her get so horribly bullied?

It started when she was 14, and only ended when her school days – 04 – (do). In her third year, she was initially very friendly with twin sisters in her class, but towards the end of the autumn term, she began to feel suffocated and tried to introduce another girl to the group. The twins expressed their displeasure, and Karen presumes, sense of rejection, by becoming nasty and, crucially, getting other girls – 05 – (join) in the malice. These days, the phenomenon has a name: mean girl syndrome.

This was a suburban, single-sex school, and Karen was never in any physical danger. The bullying took the form of faux googly-eyed staring; swerving or running dramatically away whenever their paths crossed; and puerile, yet piercing, comments such as 'there's a smell in here' – 06 – (follow) by peals of histrionic laughter. Today it sounds almost pathetic to detail this. Back then, it – 07 – (feel, make, miserable, singularly, her).

Why did they pick on her? She was different. She was quite a serious child: she recalls – 08 – (talk) about world events and life's Big Questions in her favourite history and English lessons while her bullies sniggered quietly in the background. What she – 09 – (not, recall) is her teachers, who – 10 – (hear, must), ever upbraiding them. - 11 - (have) a Polish-born Jewish mum who spoke with a foreign accent, and who put alien things such as rye bread and curd cheese sandwiches in Karen's lunch box, - 12 – (help, not, can) her melt into the background either.

When she meets the twins who exchange chit-chat about their children, one of them says, 'but actually I came over because I wanted to say sorry, you know, for all that stupid stuff that happened when we were young.' A wave of shock – 13 – (hit) Karen and, helplessly, she looks at the floor. But then she gathers herself and looking her former bullies straight in the eyes, she says: 'Thanks for the apology, it – 14 – (be, can, not) easy to make it.' And with those words, something in her lifts. She – 15 – (plan, not) them, but they were the right thing to say. And now she feels better about herself and about the past too.

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Total Points:/15pts

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Read the article below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

The Brilliant Truth about Women Drivers

We all grew up with an understanding that women are not good -00-

DRIVE 00...drivers.....

It starts with parking - 01 - stone of all the jokes in which women are - 02 - bad at gauging distance. This

FOUND 01

COMIC 02.....

has literally nothing to do with women engaged in the act of parking. It might even predate the - 03 - of the car.

INVENT 03

Probably, if you went - 04 - through the history of sexist gags, you would find one about a woman trying and failing

PAINSTAKING 04

to place a horse - 05 - into a stable. This is all to do with male - 06 -: some forgotten hero of man-history decided

SNUG 05

PROUD 06.....

that being able to fit one thing into another thing was at the very core of what it takes to be a man. There is probably some

- 07 - subtext here, which people would never be so coarse as to speculate upon.

SEX 07

The raw - 08 - is that parking, like so many other skills, is developed over time. New drivers, male and female are

TRUE 08.....

- 09 - adept than experienced drivers. If you've been driving for over a decade, it's a fair bet that you rock at parking.

LITTLE 09

People can get into a space in a single, gorgeous manoeuvre, like a swan. - 10 - , there are some poor souls who never

NATURE 10

get the hang of it - men and women. - 11 -? Parking sensors are - 12 - on new cars. Of the 50-plus cars that

PROVE 11

UBIQUITY 12

have been reviewed in the past year, only one, a car so cheap its - 13 - wheel felt as if it was attached with string

STEER 13

came without a sensor. Men, in the main, design cars and they've made a parking sensor a market norm. Ergo they cannot park.

The trump card? Research looking at - 14 - camera data from car parks across Britain has shown that while women

SURVEY 14

may take longer to park, they're more likely to - 15 - leave their car in the middle of a bay. Women were also

THOUGHT 15

found to be better at locating a parking space, more - 16 - at lining - 17 - up before manoeuvring, and more

ACCURACY 16

THEY 17

- 18 - to follow driving instructors' preferred method of reversing into bays.

LIKE 18

Women do not brake hard. They do not harass other drivers with - 19 - proximity to their rear end; they just end up meeting aggressive drivers at the lights and look

SCRATCH 19

- 20 - away, like a dog who has weed on their carpet. Women have a better understanding of mechanics.

GUILT 20

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Read the article about a palaeontologist who has been faulted for rushing the process. For questions 01-10, decide which of the sentences (A-M) above the article best fits into each of the numbered gaps in the article. There are three extra sentences.

More Consumers are Favouring David or Goliath

- A** that large companies have relied on in the past
- B** showing love for small high street businesses
- C** it is highly mutable in different states
- D** any decision will have on ordinary folk
- E** to start a business in a dorm room or garage one day
- F** threatening the existence of travel operators
- G** to force the financial services sector
- H** where they invite all interested specialists
- I** that they get to handle them
- J** where investors can meet
- K** it's a visit to a new tech company's HQ
- L** to start their own businesses
- M** the atomic unit of a company is shrinking fast

Whether it's BT getting rid of 13,000 staff or Unilever deciding to move its HQ from London to Holland, the bigger the business, the greater the impact – 01 –. For decades, politicians have courted big businesses, whether – 02 – or a stroll down a car maker's assembly line. But elected politicians rely on these global (and therefore footloose) businesses at their peril. That is why governments should be heartened that – 03 –. Large companies are losing their popularity, their brands feel old and tired and consumers root for the little guy.

From Dollar Shave Club challenging Gillette, to artisan gins taking the fight to global distillers like Diageo, the advantage is shifting from Goliath to David. Boston Consulting Group reckons that \$22bn of sales was transferred from large to smaller companies in North America between 2011 and 2016. Consumers want more customisation and bespoke products. Mass market has become devalued. The barriers to entry and protective moats that – 04 – are being rapidly removed by technology. For instance staff and assets can both be crowdsourced bedrooms – 05 –. Streetbees, a small market research company, sources its market researchers literally from the streets, whether in Cambridge or Calcutta, through a smart phone app.

Knowledge has been democratised by the internet and that is giving people the tools and the confidence – 06 –.

Entrepreneurs want a global reach. They think about international markets and sectors which are valued in their billions. Facebook has recognised this – witness its recent billboard campaign – 07 –.

Geography and access to markets is no curb on the ambition of smaller companies because recent history has shown that it is perfectly possible – 08 – and 10 years later for it to have a global and profitable presence. Thank you Instagram.

Another reason that the weight of power and energy is shifting to a smaller businesses is that capital is being democratised. One positive impact of the financial crisis was – 09 – to serve its customers better. Now challenger banks and fintechs are making it much easier for small businesses and start-ups to finance their activities, from initial loans to ongoing credit management. Angel investing is also growing both through crowdfunding platforms or syndicates. The UK Business Angels Association has been pushing angel investing further into the regions and is opening more Angel Hubs – 10 – and get to know local entrepreneurs who may be looking for backing.

Total points:...../10pts

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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 texts about life lessons. For statements 01-05, match texts A-F.

- 01 Never forget to pause and look around you.
- 02 When it comes to life, you only get one go.
- 03 Money doesn't matter.
- 04 Be more assertive when you are younger.
- 05 Those who surround you are truly important.

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VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST

List as many nouns related to vegetables as possible. You will score 1 point for every 5 correctly spelled answers.

For example: aubergine

Total Points:pts

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