

## READING COMPREHENSION

*Task 1: Read the text carefully. Complete the task on the next page.*

### SEEKING ASYLUM

To get asylum, immigrants must prove that they have been persecuted or fear future persecution on the basis of race, nationality, religion, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group and that they can't be protected in their country. Some asylum seekers have fled countries known for corruption, brutality, and the violation of human rights. This improves their chances of getting asylum, though it is not guaranteed. Of more than 500 applicants from 23 countries in 2003, those from Egypt, Ethiopia, and China were the most successful, though only about 40 percent of them received asylum. However, the situations for many others are more ambiguous, such as for members of tiny religious sects in countries that are for the most part humane or for those from far-flung places in which current conditions are not well known.

Asylum seekers typically tell their story first to an immigration officer, who can grant the request on the spot. These officers work for the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, under the Department of Homeland Security. Nationwide, about 29 percent of asylum seekers got approved at this level in 2003, according to the Bureau. Asylum seekers whose requests are not immediately granted are referred to immigration court. Immigration judges then weigh their credibility by checking the story against what is known about the country.

Immigration lawyers and advocates say that convincing a judge is often a difficult task, and success can vary depending on which court takes up the case and whether an asylum seeker has an attorney. Nationwide, immigration judges granted asylum to only 37 percent of the 35,775 applicants, according to the Executive Office for Immigration Review. But, in the courthouse in Eloy, Arizona, the grant rate stood at 2 percent, while it was 59 percent in Orlando, Florida. Immigration judges in Chicago, Illinois, granted asylum in 31 percent of the 898 cases they heard. Immigration courts do not provide immigrants with attorneys, and only about half show up with one. That has a considerable impact on their cases. Those with lawyers are two and a half times more likely to win their cases than those without. Gena Lewis, a former immigration officer, said it is already too difficult to get asylum. Added to that, some immigration officers and judges have law enforcement backgrounds and tend to focus solely on preventing fraud.

Getting asylum was made trickier after September 11, 2001. Craig Mousin, a university professor, said judges have become more fastidious about identification issues and people are fearful that they will let in the next terrorist. Dori Dinsmore, executive director of World Relief-Chicago, which receives federal funding to help resettle refugees, said terrorists are unlikely to exploit the asylum system. "It is not the way someone would want to slip into the country," she said. Furthermore, Fred Tsao, policy director for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said many measures included in the Real ID Act look innocuous on the surface, "but, if you read it with an eye toward asylum-related cases, it can be pretty devastating." For example, one provision would require asylum seekers to identify the main reason they were persecuted. But Tsao said this can be difficult, as people are often persecuted for a combination of reasons.

**READING COMPREHENSION - CONTINUATION**

*Task: Based on what you have read in the article, decide whether the statements below are true (T) or false (F). Circle one of the two letters. Be careful, sentences do not follow in the same order as the information in the article.*

1. Dori Dinsmore doesn't expect terrorists to abuse the asylum process. **T / F**
2. Some judges and immigration officers devote too much attention to revealing criminal deceptions. **T / F**
3. Asylum seekers' requests can be granted exclusively by immigration judges. **T / F**
4. A breach of human rights is the most common reason for seeking asylum. **T / F**
5. One of the measures of the Real ID Act requires refugees to state one essential reason for their persecution. **T / F**
6. Tsao thinks that some of the measures of the Real ID Act can be executed by judges in a subjective way. **T / F**
7. The granted asylum rate doesn't differ significantly in various American states. **T / F**
8. Immigration court is obliged to provide an attorney for an asylum seeker. **T / F**
9. Proven persecution of any kind increases the possibility of receiving asylum. **T / F**
10. The success of immigrants, escaping from distant and unknown places, is rather vague. **T / F**

..... / 10 pts

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**Task 1: Complete each sentence with a phrasal verb from the box. Be careful, there are four extra phrasal verbs. Use the appropriate verb in its correct form.**

<i>come into,</i>	<i>bear out,</i>	<i>see off,</i>	<i>break up,</i>	<i>rule out,</i>	<i>break out,</i>	<i>put off,</i>
<i>account for,</i>	<i>give away,</i>	<i>call off,</i>	<i>turn away,</i>	<i>leave out,</i>	<i>let down,</i>	<i>put forward</i>

1. Hard times are forcing community colleges to ..... students.
2. He ..... a plan for improving office efficiency.
3. How do you ..... his failure?
4. She expects to ..... a lot of money in her grandfather's will.
5. I hope you will ..... what I tell them.
6. Say that again, but this time ..... the swear words.
7. It was decided to ..... the search when there was no hope of finding the missing child alive.
8. He predicted when war would .....
9. She is a great player, and never ..... her team .....
10. The shop is ..... a sample to every customer.

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**Task 2: Fill each blank space in the article below with the correct form of the word in capital letters.**

**DREW BARRYMORE**

For someone who, let's be frank, is Hollywood (11) .....,

**ROYAL**

Drew Barrymore couldn't be nicer. Warm, kind and enthusiastic, she radiates with

a (12) ..... that makes her captivating as an actress, but also

**SINCERE**

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

(13) ..... vulnerable in an industry where the circling **CREDIBILITY**  
media are always looking for their next prey. But Barrymore is resolute:

(14) ..... is simply not her bag, and, besides, what could **HYPOCRITICAL**  
be better than a good chat? “What I’ve been through in my life isn’t unique –  
we all experience relationship breakdowns, we question our decisions and  
choices, but talking about it is (15) ..... and **THERAPY**

(16) ..... . Of course, I definitely keep some things **NURTURE**  
to myself.” But for someone who has gone through more than her share of  
heartache, the former child star is (17) ..... candid. **ADMIRATION**

Born into a showbiz dynasty – the Barrymore (18) ..... **LINE**  
of entertainers dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, while her godparents are big – screen  
legends Sophia Loren and Steven Spielberg – her life has played out like one of  
the (19) ..... melodramas her family is famed for. In fact, **CINEMA**  
Barrymore’s own story is far stranger than fiction. She landed her first acting gig  
in a dog-food commercial when she was 11 months old, and by the time the young  
star found fame as (20) ..... Gertie in *E.T. the Extra Terrestrial*, **ADORE**  
she had already been working on stage and screen for six years. **..... / 5 pts**

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**Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 28.ročník, celoštátne kolo 2017/18, kategória 2B**= **úlohy****G R A M M A R***Task 1: Fill each of the numbered blanks in the passage with one suitable word.***BENEFICIAL MONITORS**

EXAMPLE: (0) be

Monitors which show the real-time cost of electricity use are to (0) ..... provided free of charge to homes across the UK in an effort to slow (1)..... climate change. Under the new government proposals, from next year electricity suppliers will have to provide the devices – which have cut power use (2) ..... up to 6.5 percent in Canada – to all customers (3) ..... want them. Domestic appliances which are left (4) ..... unnecessarily are estimated to waste £900 million of electricity a year. Traditional electricity meters are usually kept (5) ..... of sight in cupboards. (6)....., the monitors, which use microchip technology and a digital display, are intended to be placed in full view as a constant reminder of the electricity that is (7) ..... used in a house at any given moment. The Environment Secretary said: “People want to do their bit to help protect the environment as well as save money, and visual display units provided free of charge will help people to do (8) ..... . A spokeswoman for the Electricity Consumer Council said it supported any plan that (9) ..... give customers access to free monitors. The shadow environment secretary said: “(10)..... it is an interesting and welcome measure, there are still many details that should be considered, e.g. the reliability of these meters.” However, the Energy Retail Council has criticised the proposal, saying that it did not go far (11) ..... . In a statement, their chief executive said: “We (12) ..... hoped the government would recommend the introduction of “smart meters” - (13)..... communicate electricity consumption to both the customer and the energy supplier - (14) ..... than meters that are able to do half the job.

..... / 7 pts

*Task 2: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.*

15. Their marriage failed probably because of their incompatibility.

DOWN

The ..... their incompatibility.

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**G R A M M A R - CONTINUATION**

16. Who disagrees with our intention to go on strike?

FAVOUR

Is there anyone ..... our going on strike?

17. It's too late to try and phone them now.

POINT

It's so late that there ..... phone them now.

18. I am sure the robbery was nothing to do with my son.

MIXED

My son ..... the robbery, I can assure you.

19. Everyone who spoke to the victim is a suspect.

UNDER

Everyone who spoke to the victim .....

20. It was only when I checked that I noticed the tyre was flat.

DID

Only when I checked the tyre .....

21. Please inform the relevant authorities at once.

DELAY

Please inform the relevant authorities .....

22. Let's go home at the end of the second act.

AS SOON

....., let's go home.

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**LISTENING**

*You will hear a presentation about Maria Adams, a musical expert. Below, you can read 10 statements, which summarize the most important ideas. Some essential words are omitted – fill them in the gaps (the number of missing words is indicated in brackets). Use exact words from the presentation, or their different word forms. You will hear the presentation twice.*

**MARIA ADAMS**

1. Maria was first acknowledged as a remarkable ....., and later as a ..... of the York City Orchestra. (2 words)
2. Her project was aimed at children from ..... (2 words)
3. Besides hiring instruments, she insisted on the city council arranging ..... for such children. (3 words)
4. Maria persuaded the city council that a musical education was of a significant ..... (1 word)
5. When supporting the project, her argumentation in front of the committee was ..... and ..... (2 words)
6. When defending the project, Maria proved her ..... and ..... personality. (2 words)
7. Maria intended to ..... from the project when the council considered charging the children. (1 word)
8. Due to Maria's efforts, music has become an essential part of the .....
9. After her successful implementation of the project, she was offered the position of a ..... to the government. (2 words)
10. In recognition of her services, Maria was presented with the ..... (3 words)

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