

<b>ГРАДСКО ТАКМИЧЕЊЕ</b> <b>ЕНГЛЕСКИ ЈЕЗИК - VIII РАЗРЕД</b> 23. 03. 2014. <b>GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY TEST</b>	<b>ШИФРА:</b>
	ВРЕМЕ: <b>45</b> min.
	БРОЈ ПОЕНА: max. <b>32</b> / min. <b>26</b>

**I Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

**10 points**

J.K. Rowling, author of the series of books about Harry Potter, \_\_\_\_\_ (**DO**) well in school. At University, she \_\_\_\_\_ (**STUDY**) foreign languages to become a teacher. However, after she \_\_\_\_\_ (**TEACH**) English for a few years, she \_\_\_\_\_ (**DECIDE**) to try her hand at her real passion – writing. The idea for Harry, an orphan wizard, \_\_\_\_\_ (**COME**) to her one day while she \_\_\_\_\_ (**TRAVEL**) by train between Manchester and London. The first book *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone* \_\_\_\_\_ (**PUBLISH**) in 1997. Six more books \_\_\_\_\_ (**FOLLOW**) in the nine years to come. Her books \_\_\_\_\_ (**TRANSLATE**) into over 60 languages. At present J.K. Rowling \_\_\_\_\_ (**WRITE**) a new stage play based on the Harry Potter stories.

**II 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. Use between 3 and 7 words.**

**6 points**

1. Donna found the History exam surprisingly easy. **MUCH**

The History exam \_\_\_\_\_ Donna had expected.

2. They don’t keep pets because they live in a tiny flat. **IF**

They would \_\_\_\_\_ in a tiny flat.

3. Although she was very beautiful, she didn’t win the contest. **GREAT**

Despite \_\_\_\_\_, she didn’t win the contest.

4. It’s more than a month since she last saw her grandparents. **NOT**

She \_\_\_\_\_ more than a month.

5. My neighbours hired a famous architect to design their house. **HAD**

My neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ by a famous architect.

6. Tim: "Did Linda pay you for looking after her cats while she was away?" **KNOW**

Tim wants to \_\_\_\_\_ for looking after her cats while she was away.

**III Fill in the blanks with ONE word only.**

5 points

I enjoy watching cartoons \_\_\_\_\_ I am a grown-up person. My favourites are the old \_\_\_\_\_ like *Tom and Jerry*. I like the way Jerry, the little mouse, always outsmarts Tom, the cat. Poor Tom always tries so hard to catch Jerry but often ends up getting hurt \_\_\_\_\_ a funny way.

I also liked the *Shrek* films when I went \_\_\_\_\_ the cinema to see them with my own two children. Shrek is a smelly and ugly green monster, but he has a good heart and a great sense \_\_\_\_\_ humour.

**IV Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits best in the blank. Please, mind your spelling.**

6 points

Do you know anyone who doesn't like ice-cream? I don't. Food experts have tried to \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPLANATION) its popularity and they say it comes from its flavor, temperature and texture. But we don't really need to know all this. The fact is – it's so yummy and \_\_\_\_\_ (FABLE). It is so \_\_\_\_\_ (FANTASTIC) tasty. It is simply \_\_\_\_\_ (RESIST) no matter whether you are a child or a \_\_\_\_\_ (POLITICS)! Simply put - it's the most \_\_\_\_\_ (ENJOY) treat on Earth that makes everybody feel happy!

**V Circle the letter in front of the correct answer**

5 points

1. It was such \_\_\_\_ boring news that no newspaper wanted to publish \_\_\_\_.  
a) a / it  
b) Ø / it  
c) a / them  
d) Ø /them
2. Can you tell me why \_\_\_\_ to school today?  
a) doesn't she come  
b) hasn't she come  
c) she doesn't come  
d) she hasn't come
3. When Peter arrived \_\_\_\_ the party, it was very quiet. Most of the guests \_\_\_\_.  
a. at / had left  
b. at / have left  
c. to / left  
d. to / had left
4. It's been a year since I \_\_\_\_ my aunt in \_\_\_\_ United Kingdom.  
a) have visited / Ø  
b) have visited / the  
c) visited / the  
d) visited / Ø
5. He \_\_\_\_ rather die \_\_\_\_ ask for help.  
a) would / than  
b) would / then  
c) had / than  
d) had / then



*Good luck!*

ГРАДСКО / ОКРУЖНО ТАКМИЧЕЊЕ  
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23. март 2014. године

ШИФРА: \_\_\_\_\_

Време: 20 min.

Број поена: максимум 8 / минимум 6

## Unhappy Childhood?

In recent years evidence has been collected which suggests that the proportion of British children and teenagers who are unhappy is higher than in many other developed countries. For example, a recently published report set out to measure 'well-being' among young people in nineteen European countries, plus the United States and Canada, and found that the United Kingdom came bottom.

The report was based on official statistics and surveys in which young people answered questions on a wide range of subjects. With regard to 'material well-being' it concluded that when comparing developed countries, there was no clear relationship between the wealth of the country and happiness. However, economic inequality within those countries was linked with unhappiness. The United Kingdom is a relatively unequal country with a relatively high proportion of children and teenagers living in households with less than half the national average income, and this seems to have a negative effect on how they feel about themselves.

Young British people also seem to have less healthy family and peer relationships. The report found that relatively few British fifteen-year-olds sit down with their parents to regularly share the main meal of the day – an event seen by the researchers as an indicator of family togetherness. More worrying was the fact that fewer than half of British eleven, thirteen and fifteen-year-olds said they generally found their peers 'kind and helpful' (compared with more than 70% in most of the countries near the top of the well-being table) and that almost 40% said they had been bullied by other young people in the previous two months. As for 'risk behaviours', the report suggested that in Britain a higher proportion of fifteen-year-olds have been drunk on alcohol, smoked cigarettes and taken illegal drugs than in most other developed countries.

More recently, another study has produced similar findings, concluding that young people's lives in Britain have become 'more difficult than in the past' and that more of them are 'anxious and troubled'. This report blames factors such as family breakdown, too much competition in education, income inequality, and even the construction of houses and other buildings in open spaces where children used to play. Its authors also argued that what lies behind most of these things, directly or indirectly, is an individualistic society in which grown-ups are too concerned with their own objectives and insufficiently concerned with looking after others, including children.

**Based on the information from the text “Unhappy Childhood” choose the correct answer and circle the letter in front of it:**

<p><b>1. The number of British children and teenagers who are unhappy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. is the same as in all other developed countries.</li><li>B. is larger than in the USA and Canada.</li><li>C. is larger than in many other European countries.</li><li>D. is larger than in many other developed countries.</li></ul>	<p><b>5. In Britain,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. many teenagers have all three meals at home.</li><li>B. not many teenagers have at least dinner with their family.</li><li>C. many teenagers sit down with their parents to regularly share a meal.</li><li>D. most teenagers share daily meals with their parents.</li></ul>
<p><b>2. Which country was the last in the “well-being” table in the first report?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The USA</li><li>B. Great Britain</li><li>C. Canada</li><li>D. Germany</li></ul>	<p><b>6. The percentage of children and teenagers in other countries that found their peers “kind and helpful”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. is the same as the one in Britain.</li><li>B. is about 35%.</li><li>C. is larger than the one in Britain.</li><li>D. is four times as high as in Britain.</li></ul>
<p><b>3. How many countries were included in the first report?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. 17</li><li>B. 19</li><li>C. 21</li><li>D. 22</li></ul>	<p><b>7. According to the more recent report, in what way is the British education system contributing to unhappiness among young people?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. It is too competitive.</li><li>B. There are no more playgrounds for children.</li><li>C. There are more and more bullies in schools.</li><li>D. It does not encourage parents to help children.</li></ul>

**4. According to statistics and surveys mentioned in the text**

- A. young people in wealthy countries are happy
- B. the wealth of a country has nothing to do with teenagers' feelings
- C. there is a connection between unhappiness and economic inequality
- D. fewer than half of the teenagers in UK have negative feelings about themselves.

**8. Who does the second report blame for the overall factors causing unhappiness among young people?**

- A. schools
- B. teachers
- C. parents
- D. adults

## KEY

### GRAMMAR TEST

**I VERB FORMS/TENSES (10)**

1. DID
2. STUDIED
3. HAD TAUGHT /TAUGHT
4. DECIDED
5. CAME
6. WAS TRAVELLING / WAS TRAVELING
7. WAS PUBLISHED
8. FOLLOWED
9. HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED
10. IS WRITING

**IV WORD FORMATION (6)**

1. explain
2. fabulous
3. fantastically
4. irresistible
5. politician
6. enjoyable

**II SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION (6)**

1. WAS MUCH EASIER THAN
2. KEEP PETS IF THEY DIDN'T LIVE
3. HER GREAT BEAUTY
4. HAS NOT SEEN HER GRANDPARENTS FOR
5. HAD THEIR HOUSE DESIGNED
6. KNOW IF LINDA PAID ME / YOU

**V MULTIPLE CHOICE (5)**

- 1 B
- 2 D
- 3 A
- 4 C
- 5 A

### III OPEN CLOZE (5)

1. ALTHOUGH / THOUGH
2. ONES
3. IN
4. TO
5. OF

#### **Напомена:**

Ни у једном од вежбања не могу се признати одговори који у било ком свом делу садрже грешке у писању (spelling mistakes).



— *Good luck!*

## **KEY**

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23. 03. 2014.

<b>READING COMPREHENSION</b>	<b>1. D</b>	<b>2. B</b>	<b>3. C</b>	<b>4. C</b>	<b>5. B</b>	<b>6. C</b>	<b>7. A</b>	<b>8. D</b>
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