

ŠKOLSKO NATJECANJE U ZNANJU ENGLESKOG JEZIKA za 2. razrede srednjih škola

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Zaokruži broj (1 ili 2) liste u kojoj se natječeš:

- 1 Lista A: gimnazije
- 2 Lista B: ostale srednje škole

Zaporka:

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(pet znamenki i riječ)

Čitanje s razumijevanjem: _____ / 6 bodova

Uporaba jezika: _____ / 54 bodova

Broj postignutih bodova: _____ / 60 bodova

Članovi Povjerenstva:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Predsjednik povjerenstva:

(mjesto i nadnevak)

Task 1: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Making a Good Impression

Read the following text and the eight headings (A - H). Choose the heading which best fits each paragraph. There is an extra heading that you do not need to use.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

0. H
Whether it's going for a job interview or getting to know people in a social situation, first impressions count. It's a fact that people will be quick to judge you and this can have a lasting impact on both your professional and social life. Fortunately, there are some simple tips that you can follow to make sure that you don't get wrongly categorised when you speak to someone for the first time.

1. _____
One obvious way in which you make an impression on someone is with your body language. Consequently, you should try and make it as open as possible. For example, don't fold your arms. You should also make sure that you turn your body towards the person that you are speaking to. If you're sitting down, don't slouch. Sit up straight or lean forward slightly to show that you're paying attention to what is being said.

2. _____
Try and look at the person that you are talking to. Nothing is as off-putting as someone who constantly talks to the floor. However, don't overdo it. You should occasionally look down

or away so that you do not give the impression that you are staring at the person you are with. After all, nobody likes a weirdo, do they?

3. _____
You don't want people to think that you're nervous, so besides maintaining eye-contact, try and stay relaxed. Avoid fidgeting at all costs. Remember that people can't stand pencil-tappers. It has to be one of the most infuriating habits there is. Also, try not to touch your face when talking with people, as it can be very distracting for them.

4. _____
When you're talking, make sure that you speak loudly and clearly enough. Avoid mumbling and talking into your chest. You might think that you come across as cool, but you don't. However, be careful not to talk too quickly. Sometimes people mistake speed for fluency and confidence, but the truth is that people won't be able to follow you. They will think that you're doing it because you're nervous.

5. _____
But it's not just how you talk, but also what you talk about. Unless you want to be a

genuine bore, don't go on about yourself all the time. Ask questions too, though don't do it for the sake of it. You need to find an equilibrium between speaking and listening. It's also advisable to steer clear of potentially disturbing issues such as illness, crime or accidents. People don't really want to talk about these things when they meet someone for the first time.

6. _____
Finally, just try and be yourself. If you pretend to be something you aren't, you will eventually be found out. So be honest. If you don't know something, just admit it. Similarly, if you don't like something, you should say so. At the end of the day, it's the real you that the other person is interested in.

HEADINGS:

- A Cool and composed
- B Don't forget eye-contact
- C Good posture is vital
- D Interest and sensitivity
- E Pay attention to delivery
- F People value genuiness
- G Try not to get distracted
- H ~~Initial opinions matter~~

