

ŠOLSKO TEKMOVANJE IZ ANGLEŠKEGA JEZIKA

ZA 8. RAZREDE OSNOVNIH ŠOL

PART ONE – READING COMPREHENSION

PART TWO – LANGUAGE IN USE

PART THREE – CREATIVE WRITING

ŠIFRA TEKMOVALCA: _____

PART ONE		PART TWO		PART THREE	
TASK ONE	____/13 points	TASK THREE	____/12 points	TASK FIVE	____/8 points
TASK TWO	____/15 points	TASK FOUR	____/17 points	TASK SIX	____/15 points
POINTS TOTAL	_____/80 POINTS				

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TASK ONE

Read the text below carefully and ...

a) answer the questions.

The Taj Mahal (adapted from books, encyclopaedias)



The Taj Mahal is one of the Wonders of the world. It is a symbol of eternal love. This building is in Agra in India. Its name means “crown of buildings” in Persian. Although it looks like a palace, it is actually a tomb¹. It’s one of the most beautiful tombs in the world. There are gardens and fountains around the building. All of this makes it one of the most recognisable structures in the world as well as one of the most beautiful ones.

In 1631, Mughal emperor Shah Jahan was grief-stricken when his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal, died during the birth of their 14th child. Shah Jahan was very sad, so he built the Taj Mahal to remember his wife. The constructions started the next year and were finished in 1653. Taj Mahal is the finest example of Mughal architecture, a style that combines elements from Persian, Islamic and Indian architectural styles.

The tomb is made of 28 types of stone and jewel from all over India and other countries. Most of the tomb is made of a beautiful white stone called marble. About 20,000 people built the Taj Mahal and more than 1,000 elephants helped to move the stones for the building.

However, this beautiful building is not the last resting place of only one person. The story explains that later Shah Jahan’s son wanted to be the emperor, so he put his father into prison. When Shah Jahan died, people put his body in the Taj Mahal, so that he was with his wife forever.

In 1983, the Taj Mahal became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Taj Mahal attracts between 2 million and 4 million visitors each year. There is a dual-pricing system, with a significantly lower entrance fee for Indian citizens than for foreigners. Most tourists visit it in the cooler months of October, November and February. Among them are also a lot of couples, who by looking at a symbol of eternal love hope that theirs will also last forever.

¹ last resting place; burial place; mausoleum

1. What kind of a building is the Taj Mahal?

2. Who was Mumtaz Mahal?

3. Which year did they start building Taj Mahal?

4. What is marble?

5. Why are two people buried in Mumtaz's tomb?

6. Who pays more to see the inside of Taj Mahal?

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b) decide whether the statements below are true (T), false (F) or not given (NG).

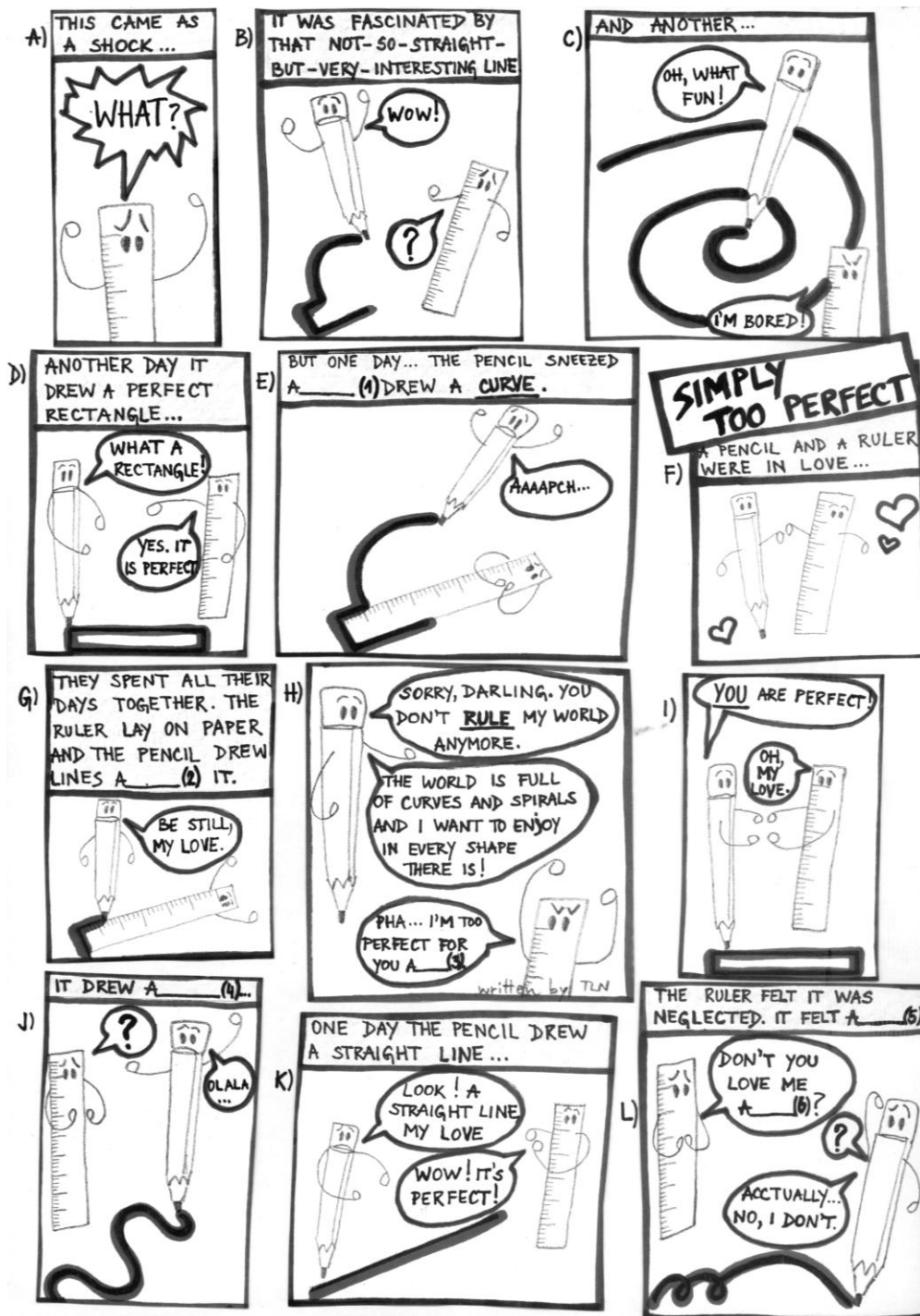
		T	F	NG
1)	The Taj Mahal is a symbol of first love.			
2)	It looks like a castle.			
3)	Mughal emperor Shah Jahan loved all his wives very much.			
4)	Taj Mahal isn't built according to Mughal architecture.			
5)	There are more than 26 types of building materials in Taj Mahal.			
6)	Shah Jahan was put into prison by one of his relatives.			
7)	A lot of couples get engaged in front of the Taj Mahal.			

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TASK TWO

Look at the parts (A – L) of the comic and put them into the correct order.

(You have to use all the parts.)



ANSWERS: 1-__ 2-__ 3-__ 4-__ 5-__ 6-__ 7-__ 8-__ 9-__ 10-__ 11-__ 12-__

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Read the comic again. Some WORDS are missing. They all begin with the letter A. Choose from the words below to fill them in. (Write the words you choose on these lines.)

1 - A _____

2 - A _____

3 - A _____

4 - A _____

5 - A _____

6 - A _____



ALWAYS	-	AROUND	-	ANYWAY	-	ALREADY
ALONE	-	ANOTHER	-	ANYMORE	-	AND
ACCTUALLY	-	AT	-	ANYONE	-	ALL

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PART TWO – LANGUAGE IN USE

TASK THREE

Choose a word to fill the gaps in the text. (They are all function words.)

LOVE

is more than (0) just a word. It is an emotion, a feeling, a “reason to live”. For those _____ (1) are true romantics, the world is full of love. They see the world through different eyes, eyes full of hope, wishes and compassion. However, there are also _____ (2) who think that the whole concept _____ (3) love is exaggerated. They believe that it is not _____ (4) important as it is portrayed in romantic films. There, a beautiful girl will always end up with _____ (5) equally beautiful (inside and outside) guy and their love overcomes all the troubles and obstacles _____ (6) its way. Though this is usually the case in such films it can _____ (7) happen in real life. It is true that there is only one “first love” _____ (8) everybody and that “puppy love” normally doesn’t last really long. _____ (9) some wait patiently to be struck by one of Cupid’s arrows, others use the word love too often and not in its true meaning. One must never forget, that there is a wide variety _____ (10) emotions to chose from, and that sometimes it is more appropriate _____ (11) use the word LIKE than LOVE to express how you feel about something _____ (12) someone ☺

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TASK FOUR

Fill the gaps with the correct tense: Present Simple, Present Continuous or Past Simple.

There are many different customs when it comes to love, dating and marriage around the world.

A girl in Australia can 1) _____ (ask) guys out on a date and she 2) _____ (pay) for the date as well. I 3) _____ (think) about this right now and I've decided that's definitely a custom worth taking up!

On the other hand, there 4) _____ (be) practically no dating in Afghanistan. Girls and boys are separate in schools and marriages are arranged by the parents. A girl I know said she first 5) _____ (meet) her husband a week before the wedding.

Similarly, in Iran it is against the law to date. One of the parents 6) _____ (arrange) the meeting between two people and if they like each other, marriage follows.

Interestingly, a person decides if they are attracted to you while you 7) _____ (still/say) hello to them – in the first three seconds! This is why speed dating is such a success. A rabbi 8) _____ (invent) it in the '90s, because he wanted Jewish singles to 9) _____ (meet), maybe even 10) _____ (marry) in time.

If you go to a speed dating event, you 11) _____ (talk) to one person for only 3-8 minutes. After that, a bell 12) _____ (ring) and even if you 13) _____ (enjoy) yourself immensely and want to keep talking, you must move on.

Teenagers in Asia don't usually 14) _____ (have) much time for dating. When you ask them what are they doing on Saturday night they'll always say, "I 15) _____ (study)" Kai remembers his first girl: „I 16) _____ (run into) my girlfriend in a library, of all places. We've been together for three years now and next month we 17) _____ (rent) a flat together. My mum is helping us with the money and we've already signed the contract.”

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PART THREE – CREATIVE WRITING

TASK FIVE

Choose one of the given morals (circle it) and then draw a comic to go with it. The comic has to have a moral (you can also add a title).

Add some interesting characters and speech bubbles. (Be careful about the spelling.)

Morals:

Love your neighbour. Love rules the world. First love is the deepest. Love is blind.

Your comic strip:

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TASK SIX

Meep is a two-headed, four-armed and hopelessly romantic *extra terrestrial*² who falls in love with Moira. Read the beginning of the story and write the rest of the story (at least 150 words).

Don't forget to write:

- who is Moira
- how they meet and why Meep falls in love with her
- an interesting ending

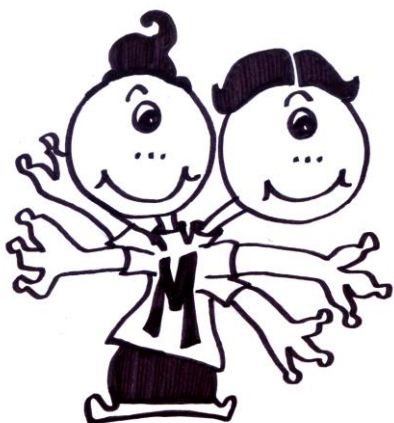
The story has to be:

- a science fiction romance

A place to write your ideas/draft ...

²

an alien



Moíra and Meep

It was just one of those days. The sun wasn't shining, the birds weren't singing, it was a pretty boring day, actually. As usually, Meep had nothing to do. He ... _____

- The End -