



# ANGOL NYELV

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## I. Olvasott szöveg értése





## Fontos tudnivalók

- Az utasításokat pontosan kell követni.
- Csak az utasításban megadott helyre beírt megoldás fogadható el.
- Szótár nem használható.
- Minden kérdésre csak egy helyes válasz adható.
- Csak az olvasható írás értékelhető, érdemes nyomtatott nagybetűt használni.
- Az üres, nem besatírozott négyzetekbe kell beírni a válaszokat.
- Javítani lehet, de csak egyértelmű megoldások fogadhatók el.

**Task 1**

**You are going to read four customer reviews of the novel *Infinite Jest* by David Foster Wallace. Read the four texts (A-D) and match the statements (1-7) to the texts. Notice that all statements have a matching text. Write your answers in the boxes. There is an *example (0) at the beginning.***

**A.**

David Foster Wallace is a genius, but he never tries to make you feel dumb. He just wants you to understand the same things that he does, so occasionally you'll feel out of your depth. But he's also a gifted writer, so odds are that after reading *Infinite Jest* you *will* come out understanding him. The main sign of his genius is that he can make us feel this inner sadness without even appearing to work at it. His ironic situations can make you feel that there's some deeper, unseen, lurking gloominess about the world, and for that reason it's the easy way out. Wallace has simply written a great story with an unpleasant underlying mood.

**B.**

While I enjoy books set in Tucson with great regularity, *Infinite Jest* paints the city in a way that is utterly foreign. My true complaint is that for all his talent, Wallace takes a clever idea and absolutely drives it into the ground. This book could have been half the length that it was. To say that Wallace's clever little footnote trick gets old, tiresome, and completely maddening is an understatement. This book, in short, is a tiring exercise in cleverness. And when you finish it and come to the realization that the joke is on you, it will sting. But don't take my word for it; read it yourself (I am, after all, only one of a few protesters).

**C.**

This book is hard work. This book, though a novel, is a journey into the mind of David Foster Wallace and is one long suicide note (Wallace hung himself 12 years after publication at age 46). It is, at times, gruesome and frightening, and always insightful into the human condition. I rank it as one of the four best books of all time. I lived with it for three weeks pretty much not doing anything else but reading and thinking about what Wallace was saying. I think parts of Wallace surface in all of the characters (there are scores of them) and what he does is to debate between and within characters.

**D.**

981 pages. Nearly another 100 pages of footnotes. A plot is impossible to describe, if indeed there even is a plot to this book. There's not a way I can describe *Infinite Jest* that doesn't make it sound terrifying and challenging, and there's no denying that, in some ways, those adjectives fit ... a little. But what a description doesn't reveal is just how much fun this book is. It contains deadly wheelchair-bound assassins, Canadian separatist revolutionaries, prep school kids playing nuclear war games, and so much more. It is funny, often on laugh-out-loud levels, beautifully written and crafted. In the entire book, there is not one lazy sentence; his sentences are magnificent, with stunning imagery and often brutal feeling.

*Adapted from <http://www.amazon.com>*

**Information to find:**

**0** *Mentions the book's setting.*

- 1 Describes some of the characters.
- 2 Describes the author's writing style.
- 3 Implies that many people like the book.
- 4 Is dissatisfied with the book's length.
- 5 Mentions Wallace's personal life.
- 6 Thinks that Wallace's writing seems effortless.
- 7 Thinks the novel is sad and depressing.

**Write your answers here:**

<i>0</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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**Task 2**

**You are going to read an article about education. Answer the multiple-choice questions about the text and choose the correct answer: A, B or C. Write your answers in the boxes after the questions (8-14). There is an *example (0)* at the beginning.**

**EDUCATION FOR MACKHAM**

Meckham today suffers from a severe learning deficit according to Councillor Olivia Kramm who represents the northern half of the town. According to the Councillor, speaking on television today, up to one third of young people in Meckham are not in work, training or higher education. “It’s a disgrace and a social catastrophe waiting to happen,” says an angry Mrs Kramm.

The situation is indeed dire and something needs to be done. Meckham has been hit twice. Twenty years ago several of the major industries ranging from steel to shoes closed catapulting unemployment upwards into double digits. In the 2000s some high-tech light industry was induced into the area with generous subsidies, but now all of that has closed.

“Young people pour out of secondary school with no hope of a job” says Councillor Kramm. Her plan is a network of evening courses not just to boost numeracy and literacy, but to teach these subjects to the young - and indeed anyone else attending - through the humanities. “Integrated courses are the key. Teaching numeracy and literacy by themselves can be very boring,” says Councillor Kramm, a former teacher.

The underlying issue is as always financing. The regional educational committee has already stated they have no resources to finance the scheme. According to their press release the region’s central government funding has been slashed and new projects are not on the agenda. Yet, citing previous instances, Councillor Kramm is confident that the decision can be overturned.

Reactions among the young in the town are mostly positive. Janice Gibbons has been unemployed since leaving college. Despite over six hundred job applications she is still waiting for a single interview. “I’m not so sure that these courses will land me with a job, but they will certainly do something to structure my time.” Councillor Kramm is convinced the courses would be oversubscribed.

Not everybody in the town is helpful and cooperative. Local management consultant, Hector Jenner, is threatening legal action to stop public funding of the scheme. “My firm employs highly educated and trained people, but it’s up to people to sort out their own education, not for people like me to pay for it from our taxes. However these jobless people will remain unemployed because they are not needed in the economy whether they are educated or not.”

Adapted from <http://www.birminghampost.co.uk/all-about/education>

**Example:**

**0** *Councillor Kramm said that one third of young people in Meckham*

- A *have jobs.*
- B *have lost their jobs.*
- C *are unemployed.*

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**8** **Councillor Kramm said on television that...**

- A there is a shortfall in the education budget.
- B she is speaking for only a part of the town.
- C the current situation is both morally unacceptable and will deteriorate.

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**9** **Concerning the economic problems of the town...**

- A newer industry had no incentive to move to the town.
- B the period from the 1980s was one continuous decline.
- C two decades previously joblessness increased to ten percent or more.

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**10** **According to Councillor Kramm's proposals...**

- A there will be no threshold age for admissions.
- B the young can chose either a basic course or one in the humanities.
- C there will be a number of distinct and separate courses.

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**11** **Concerning finance...**

- A money from the regional committee is required.
- B the money for the project would be raised locally.
- C other new educational programmes have priority.

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**12** **Janice Gibbons...**

- A has had only one interview for a job.
- B thinks she will find work easily after the course.
- C feels the courses would be good for her in general.

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**13** **Hector Jenner...**

- A has started legal proceedings.
- B opposes evening classes.
- C believes many jobless people will find work.

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**14** **The article writer...**

- A is broadly sympathetic to the project.
- B relies exclusively for his information on Councillor Kramm.
- C ends the article on a positive note.

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**Task 3**

**You are going to read a list of good advice on how to tackle job interview questions. The headings and the answers have been mixed up. Match the advice (15-23) to the most suitable heading (A-L). There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. Write your answers in the boxes. There is an *example (0)* at the beginning.**

**HOW TO ACE THE MOST COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

<b>0</b>	<i>Getting a list of common questions for an interview is easier than ever before. You can never underestimate the importance of preparation. It's the first step and the most important.</i>
<b>15</b>	Google the company you're interviewing with and read some of the articles that pop up; study the company's website; know the company's mission, its products and services, its locations, and who their top executives are.
<b>16</b>	Interviewers always appreciate a relaxed and confident candidate, as opposed to a heavy promoter and edgy one. Practice calming your nerves, and focus on how you can prove you'd be a valuable asset to the company.
<b>17</b>	It is much better to talk about a glass being half full then to talk about it being half empty. It's all about your perspective.
<b>18</b>	While the focus of 'Why should we hire you?' (and other similar interview questions) is on 'you,' the interviewee, it's important to remember the employer's interests.
<b>19</b>	Find out what the company knows about you. See what they see. If there's anything negative about you, have a response ready as to why it's negative but don't get too defensive. Respond and then move on.
<b>20</b>	Many of the commonly asked questions during an interview want to explore your future ambitions. Prepare and remain honest here. Inconsistent answers won't get you the respect and credibility that is a must to impress an interviewer.
<b>21</b>	Try to avoid answering this question in the first interview because you may short-change yourself by doing so. If possible, let them make the first offer. Don't necessarily accept their first offer. There may be room to negotiate.
<b>22</b>	This can actually be a trick question. Hiring managers can't ask you certain questions legally but if you get off the point when answering, you may tell them some things that are better left unsaid. Focus on what's relevant.
<b>23</b>	Role play answering typical interview questions with a friend, colleague, or coach. Be prepared for the typical interview questions by thinking about what your response would be. You don't necessarily want to memorize responses—but try to have a general strategy for answering common interview questions.

*Adapted from <http://www.forbes.com>*

- A Practice and plan.
- B Identify what the organization wants and needs.
- C “Tell me about yourself.”
- D Interview yourself for the position.
- ~~E Prepare a list of likely questions (*example*)~~
- F Get comfortable.
- G “What are your salary requirements?”
- H Be positive.
- J Google yourself.
- K Figure out how to articulate your goals
- L Do your homework.

**Write your answers here:**

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## Task 4

You are going to read a newspaper article about weight loss. Some parts of the text are missing. Choose the most suitable part from the list (A-L) for each gap (24-33) in the text. Write your answers in the boxes. There is an *example* (0) at the beginning.

### EATING BREAKFAST MAY NOT MATTER FOR WEIGHT LOSS

"Eat breakfast!" nutrition experts have been telling us for decades. It keeps you **0** (*example*)! It helps you lose weight! But a new study suggests the "most important meal of the day" may not be so important - at least for adults trying to lose weight. The study found dieters who skipped breakfast lost just as much weight **24**. The researchers concluded that while breakfast may have several health benefits, **25**.

#### So where did breakfast get its credit?

So far, research has generally shown a link between **26**, but it hasn't proven that skipping breakfast causes weight gain. "Previous studies have mostly demonstrated correlation, but not necessarily causation," study author Emily Dhurandhar said in a statement.

There is good observational evidence **27**. Nearly 80% of more than 4,000 people who have lost at least 30 pounds and kept it off, eat breakfast every day. Ninety percent of them eat breakfast **28**.

Researchers split 309 adults who were interested in losing weight into three groups. One, the control group, received a pamphlet titled "Let's Eat for the Health of It" that described good nutrition habits but did not mention breakfast. The second group received the same pamphlet and was instructed to **29**. The third group received the pamphlet as well and was told to avoid **30**. Researchers followed the groups for 16 weeks and recorded their weight to show changes over the study period.

#### Results

All three groups **31** on average, showing researchers that eating breakfast (or not) had no significant effect.

"This should be a wake-up call for all of us to always ask for evidence about the recommendations we hear so widely offered," said David Allison, director of the Research Center. "The participants **32** they ate every day," he said. "So at this point we cannot conclude anything about how much or what kinds of food you should eat." The study was only 16 weeks long, **33**.

Keith Kantor, a nutrition expert says eating breakfast is still a good idea. Doing so creates a routine, he says, and humans thrive on routine.

*Adapted from <http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2014/06/04>*

- A to support breakfast's place on the menu
- B weight loss isn't one of them
- C lost the same amount of weight
- D as dieters who ate breakfast regularly
- E were able to choose what
- F skipping breakfast and the likelihood of being overweight,
- G eat breakfast before 10 a.m. every day
- H consuming anything but water until 11 a.m.
- ~~J from overindulging at lunch (example)~~
- K at least 5 days a week
- L which may have been too short to see a significant effect.

**Write your answers here:**

<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>
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**This is the end of this part of the exam.**

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<b>VIZSGAPONT</b>		<b>30</b>	