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CLASA a IX-a SECȚIUNEA A

Varianta 2

SUBIECTUL A - USE OF ENGLISH

1. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense (10x1p=10p)

Two walkers are reported to have gone missing near the summit of Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales. John Watkins, aged 21 and Melanie McBrian, 19, did not return by nightfall, leading to fears that they may have been forced to spend the night on the mountain. Weather conditions, when the pair set off yesterday morning, were fairly good. By the afternoon however, it (1).....(get) much worse. Thick clouds quickly spread over the region and there (2).....(be) a sharp drop in temperature. The surface of the local lakes began to freeze within a few hours. Blizzards began in the evening, with a great deal of snow falling above 500 metres.

Friends of the two walkers were surprised that they (3).....(not hear) from either of them. They think their mobile phones might have become unusable for some reason. Melanie's friend Janet Richards believes Melanie (4).....(call) her to say they were alright if her phone had been working properly. Joe Hill, a friend of John's, (5).....(admit) he is worried they could have had an accident last night, but insists they (6).....(have) a lot of experience walking in the mountains of Wales. They would have found shelter if they (7).....(force) to stay on the mountain during last night. Mountain rescue teams, which (8).....(begin) looking for the couple early this morning, say that one or both of the walkers may have slipped and fallen in bad weather conditions, especially as neither of them is used to walking in the mountains in winter. The hope is, though, that they (9).....(find) safe before long, especially as the weather (10).....(be) forecast to clear up within the next few hours.

2. Complete each sentence with word made from the word in capitals. (10x1p=10p)

1. The result was very strange. In fact, it was simply (BELIEVE).
2. After losing her job she was for another month. (EMPLOY)
3. The most important value in our school is (OBEY).
4. Her arguments are so that it is not possible to have a real discussion with her. (LOGICAL)
5. This is a good essay. I find your statements very (CONVINCE)
6. He simply and nobody knew where he had gone. (APPEAR)
7. You must have You'll be called up soon (PATIENT)
8. Margaret quickly and got into the warm bath. (DRESS)
9. It was an day trip we had with our classmates. (FORGET)
10. The parents decided that it was an pet for such a small child. (SUIT)

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3. Read and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. (10x1p=10p)

Some exciting photos of space have recently appeared on the internet – all (1)..... by teenagers!

Using a cheap camera and a simple balloon, some school students got a large (2)..... of amazing photos from 15 miles (3)..... Earth.

The teacher said, '(4)..... carried out an experiment to explore what different (5)..... on the Earth look like from space – and prove that you don't have to use expensive equipment as the textbooks say.'

Seventeen-year-old student Miguel reported, 'We'd spent long (6)..... working on the experiment after school, but then had to put it (7)..... due to the weather. Then we were worried that the balloon (8)..... rise higher than 10,000 metres, which wasn't high (9)..... for our experiment. But in the end it wasn't a problem. And (10)..... the balloon had travelled so far, it was still working when it returned! So we've learned that in real life, experiments don't always have to follow the textbooks!'

1. A taken B made C given D brought
2. A amount B sum C number D total
3. A among B above C about D along
4. A It B There C These D They
5. A positions B distances C areas D backgrounds
6. A times B hours C ages D days
7. A off B down C out D up
8. A shouldn't B needn't C mustn't D wouldn't
9. A quite B enough C rather D too
10. A unless B although C because D if

4. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. (10p)

The history of surfing undoubtedly goes (1)..... a long way. It seems to (2)..... formed a central part of the culture of the Polynesian people, (3)..... were inhabitants of islands in the Pacific Ocean (4)..... as Samoa, Tonga and Hawaii. These people did not regard surfing (5)..... a mere recreational activity. For them, it was much (6)..... of an art.

Although surfing disappeared from many parts of Polynesia in (7)..... early twentieth century, a small number of people in Hawaii kept the tradition alive. In 1912, it spread to the east coast of the United States, and in particular to Virginia Beach, (8)..... became an important surfing centre. Surfing developed quite rapidly from then on, and the design of surfboards became more sophisticated. However, (9)..... was not until the 1960s that surfing became to be a truly global phenomenon, boosted not only by the success of surfing films (10)..... also by pop songs about surfing culture.

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS

I. Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.



One bitterly cold winter, my driver and I were travelling through Russia in a carriage, when we came to a narrow lane. Knowing that it was wise enough to take only one carriage, I feared that some travellers might appear suddenly round the bend, and bar our way.

"Blow your horn!" I shouted to the driver. "Blow your horn, to give warning of our approach."

The driver put the horn to his lips to blow a merry tune, but no sound came. He tried again, blowing and blowing with all his might, but he could not make the horn give a single note. Just as we were wondering what was wrong with it, we suddenly saw another carriage coming towards us. Fortunately, both drivers stopped in time to avoid an accident - but of course it was impossible for carriages to pass. However, I am fairly strong, so I climbed out of my carriage, lifted it, wheels and all, above my head, and jumped with it over a high hedge and landed back in the road again, just past the other carriage. I then returned for the two horses, lifting one up on my head, and holding the other under my arm. I managed the first jump fairly easily, but before I could make the second, the horse under my arm began to kick and snort. I slipped his back hooves into my coat pocket, and jumped back in the lane.

I. For each question choose the correct letter A, B, C or D (5 x 2p= 10p)

1. The traveller was afraid that:

- a. it might get dark soon
- b. they might get lost
- c. someone might come from the opposite direction
- d. someone might hear them

2. The driver tried

- a. to blow the horn
- b. to push the carriage
- c. to sing a song
- d. to clean the carriage

3. The two carriages

- a. avoided the accident
- b. couldn't avoid the accident
- c. reached their destination safely
- d. avoided each other

4. When they met the other carriage, Munchausen

- a. jumped over a high hedge carrying the horses
- b. jumped over a high hedge carrying the carriage
- c. jumped over a high hedge and ran away
- d. jumped over a high hedge carrying the carriage and the horses

5. When the second horse began to kick and snort

- a. Munchausen gave it some sugar
- b. Munchausen went back to the path



- c. the driver started shouting
- d. the driver burst out laughing

II. Read the text again and write a narrative essay about one time when you went on an eventful trip together with your family. (180-200 words) (50 p)

N. B. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii!

Punctaj total 100p

Timp de lucru 3 ore!