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**CLASA a XI-a SECȚIUNEA B**

**SUBJECT A- USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)**

**I. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks related to it (10X2 p= 20 points):**

At eleven o'clock, his pregnant wife rose and went to bed. David stayed downstairs, reading the latest issue of *The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. He was known to be a very good doctor, with a talent for diagnosis and a reputation for skilful work. He had graduated first in his class. Still, it was early in his career and- though he hid it very carefully- he was unsure enough about his skills that he studied in every spare moment, collecting each success he accomplished as one more piece of evidence in his own favour.

When he was younger, he felt himself to be the odd one out at home, born with a love for learning in a family absorbed in desperately trying to just get by, struggling day to day to make ends meet and avoid the debt collector. They had seen education as an unnecessary luxury, and no guarantee of making a good living. They were so poor, that when they went to the doctor at all it was to the clinic in Morgantown, fifty miles away. His memories of those rare trips were vivid, bouncing in the back of the borrowed pickup truck, dust flying in their wake. The dancing road, his sister had called it, from her place in the front with their parents. In Morgantown the rooms were dim, poorly lit, and the walls were painted in a depressing green that reminded David of dirty pond water. The doctors had always been hurried, abrupt with them, distracted.

All these years later, David still had moments when he imagined those doctors from his childhood gazing at him, and he felt himself to be an impostor, about to be unmasked and revealed by a single mistake.

**A. Answer the questions (4X2p= 8points)**

1. Why did David study in his spare time?
2. What did David's family think of education?
3. What impression does the writer give of the clinic in Morgantown?
4. What does the writer use the phrase „make ends meet” to mean?

**B. Choose the right synonym (3X2 p= 6points)**

1. **get by:** a. go on; b. subsist; c. try; d. insist
2. **struggle:** a. try hard; b. resist; c. insist; d. demand



3. **vivid:** a. imaginary; b. dull; c. ugly; d. clear

**C. Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same (3X2p= 6 points):**

- 1) David was known to be a very good doctor.  
They..... a very good doctor.
- 2) At eleven o'clock, his pregnant wife rose and went to bed.  
What his pregnant wife..... to rise and go to bed.
- 3) David graduated first in his class despite being very poor.  
Even .....first in his class.

**II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence (10x1p.=10 p.):**

Muscle cars were never intended to be valuable. In fact, the whole idea behind muscle cars was to make them (1) ... (EXPENSIVE) and fast. Muscle cars were stripped-down versions of the most (2) ... (UTILITY) homely, and basic mass-produced cars to ever roll out of Detroit. These rattle trap, bare bones, crude devices were built to conform to a price point with little regard given to sophistication or (3) ... (LONGEVIVE), and aimed squarely at the (4) ... (YOUNG) market.

And this market couldn't get enough of them. These were the cars every red-blooded (5) ... (AMERICA) kid wanted. The image, the speed, the lifestyle were all highly (6) ... (ADDICTION). Looking back, the muscle car years were a (7) ... (RELATIVE) brief moment in time that we will never see the likes of again. It was a perfect storm, just what the market wanted, and was presented at the right place in the right time. So how did these seemingly (8) ... (DISPOSE) cars, built in large numbers and owned by kids who (9) ... (LITERAL) tried to kill them from the first twist of the key, become so valuable? More importantly, why did they become so valuable? Most people are astounded when they hear the recent sales results of the most (10) ... (DESIRE) muscle cars.

**III. Read the text and think of a word that best fits the gap. You must use only ONE word for each gap (10 p.):**

Scientists in Bonn have developed a method of listening to sounds from plants normally inaudible to the human ear. The basic technique (1) ... developed in the Netherlands, but the German equipment is more sensitive. When a leaf is sliced, the plant signals pain or dismay (2) ... releasing ethylene over its entire surface. The gas molecules are collected in a bell jar and



bombarded with laser beams, (3) ... makes them vibrate. The resultant sound waves are amplified in a resonance tube, (4) ... detected with a sensitive microphone. The (5) ... a plant is subjected to stress, the louder the signal. One surprising result came from an apparently healthy cucumber that was virtually shouting (6)... agony. A closer study showed it (7) ... developed mildew, a harmful fungus, though the symptoms were (8) ... apparent. Listening to plants in this way could be of great benefit to farmers as an early-warning system to detect pests and disease, and as an aid to efficient storing and transporting. Apples, for instance, give (9) ... high levels of ethylene, increasing with ripeness and causing neighbouring fruit to rot. Invisible differences of ripeness (10) ... be detected acoustically, enabling fruit to be separated into batches in order to prolong its freshness.

## **SUBJECT B- INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)**

**Read the text below and do the tasks that follow:**

Throughout history, animals have been used to perform tasks for humans, from ploughing fields to sniffing out illegal drugs. Some people have moral objections to forcing animals to perform tasks that are not in their nature, seeing it as exploitative or even a form of slavery. But what about when the animal itself volunteers its services?

Two unusual waiters in Japan provide an example of this. Restaurant owner Kaoru Otsuka originally kept its macaque monkeys, Yat-chan and Fuku-chan, as pets, but they have since become two much-loved and very useful members of staff. Having observed their master at work in the restaurant for some years, the monkeys soon began copying his actions and doing simple tasks around the kitchen. Then taking into account how friendly they were with strangers, Kaoru decided to teach them how to serve to customers. Which they do amazingly well.

The monkeys receive soya beans from diners in return for their efforts, and work only two hours a day to comply with Japanese animal labour laws. Some people, however, may think their little, waiter uniforms are a step too far.

Another hard-working animal is Jip, a sheepdog, who is the pet of café owner in England. Many dogs like to fetch things for their master, but Jip takes this activity to a whole other level. Whenever someone throws a dart on the café's dartboard, Jip jumps up to retrieve **it** with her teeth. She leaps up around three times her own height to reach the darts, and her owner says the spectacle is bringing in more and more clients. Due to her efforts, she's even become an honorary member of the café's darts team!

### **I. For each question choose the correct letter A, B, C or D (5X2p= 10 points)**

1. What is the main purpose of this article?

- A to criticise people who use animals to do jobs
- B to report on two curious cases of animal labour



- C to encourage pet owners to put their animals to work  
D to compare the job skills of macaque monkeys and dogs

2. Why did Kaoru Otsuka decide to train his monkeys to become waiters?

- A because customers requested that they serve them  
B so that they would feel less shy with customers  
C so that he could stop them from destroying the kitchen  
D because they showed interest in doing other jobs in the restaurant

3. According to the writer, why might some people disapprove of Kaoru Otsuka putting his monkeys to work?

- A because he dresses them in humiliating clothes  
B because he forces them to work more than legal amounts of hours  
C because he doesn't reward them for their work  
D because any form of animal labour is illegal in Japan

4. In the third line of the fourth paragraph, what does **it** refer to?

- A a dartboard  
B a dart  
C the darts team  
D the café

5. What does the writer mention has been a consequence of Jip's talent?

- A More café customers have begun playing darts.  
B The café's darts team has won more matches.  
C More customers have been attracted to the café.  
D The café no longer has a darts team.

**II. Starting from the text above, write a *for and against* essay on animal exploitation and the use of animals in entertainment. (250- 280 words) (50 points)**

**N. B. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii!  
Punctaj total 100p  
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