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SUBIECTUL A: USE OF ENGLISH

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

Dear Uncle Will

You (1)..... (**probably/hear**) by now about the failure of our attempt to climb Mount Everest. I should have listened to you about not attempting it in October. Obviously, I'm very disappointed, as (2) (**to be**) all my colleagues on the team. We're all physically shattered, and I (3) (**to lose**) almost 20 kilos despite eating like a horse. Everything (4)..... (**to go**) so well until that notorious ridge you warned me about. No sooner (5) (**we/ to reach**) Hunter's Ridge than the weather (6) (**change**) for the worse. The winds (7) (**get up**) from the south, and then the snow drifts (8) (**to start**). It was intensely frustrating, just (9) (**lie**) in shelter unable to move, just 600 metres or so from the summit. Only after several days of blizzard conditions (10) (**we/abandon**) the climb and return to base camp. Oh well, drop me a line when you have time.

Yours,
Ben

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

Terry Little gave his parents the (1) (**FRIGHTEN**) of their lives last weekend when he fell nearly 100 meters down one of the (2)..... (**HIGH**) cliffs in England. Rescue services were amazed, however, when they found Terry unconscious, but alive, on the beach below. "His condition was (3) (**SURPRISE**) good", said one doctor at Penzance General Hospital, where Terry was taken. His (4)..... (**INJURE**) were limited to a few minor cuts and bruises and two (5)..... (**BREAK**) teeth. His (6)..... (**SURVIVE**) was described as 'a miracle' by his parents, who had watched in horror and (7)..... (**BELIEVE**) as their son was blown off the cliff by a sudden gust of wind. 'We felt sure he had fallen to his (8)..... (**DIE**),' said Terry's father. 'The news that he was safe and (9)..... (**REASONABLE**) well came as an enormous (10)..... (**RELIEVE**). We certainly won't be going near any more cliffs for a while.'

3. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D (10x 1p= 10 points).

1. No sooner....her aria than the audience....her a great big hand.
 - a) the great soprano sang/ would give;
 - b) did the great soprano sing/ had given;
 - c) had the great soprano sung/ gave;
 - d) would the great soprano sing/ was giving.



2. My friends wish they.....to Greece this summer but their plans.....
 - a) can go/ will fall off;
 - b) going/ can fall behind;
 - c) could go/ fell through;
 - d) went/ had fallen off.

3. The two girls looked so much....that it was difficult to tell.....
 - a) the same/ each other;
 - b) like/ one of another;
 - c) similar/ either one or other;
 - d) alike/ one from the other.

4. By the time this letter in London, we from our holiday.
 - a) has arrived/ shall return;
 - b) will arrive/ will have been returning;
 - c) arrives / shall have returned;
 - d) will have arrived/ have returned.

5. his hostess her friends were astonished his behavior.
 - a) Either/ nor/ for;
 - b) Both/ and/ at;
 - c) Neither/ or/ about;
 - d) All/with/ by.

6. If it for his dog, the hunter by the pack of wolves.
 - a) hadn't been/ would have been killed;
 - b) wasn't/ should be killed;
 - c) wouldn't have been/ had been killed;
 - d) shouldn't be/ were killed.

7. If you don't mind, I'd rather your children ... football somewhere else.
 - a) are playing;
 - b) had been playing;
 - c) played;
 - d) have played.

8. Only after I home ... that I care of everything except the most important of all – the place where my friend ... shelter..
 - a) reached/ I realized/ had taken/ should take;
 - b) had reached/ did I realize/ had taken/ would take;
 - c) have reached/ I have realized/ took/ will take;
 - d) could reach/ I realized/ did take/ could take.

9. It's time you ... this winter coat. Can't you see spring ... in?
 - a) leave off to wear/ set;
 - b) had left wearing/ is setting;
 - c) would leave off on wearing/ has been setting;;



- d) left off wearing/ has set.
10. Benjamin Franklin the bifocal glasses.
- a) knows to have invented;
 - b) was known to being invented;
 - c) is known to have invented;
 - d) knew to have invented..

4. Complete the letter by writing *one* word in each gap. (10x1p= 10 points)

Extract from a Brochure

Just imagine what life would be like without a washing machine. Life's just (1)busy nowadays for most of us to contemplate washing clothes in the bath tub. So what on earth would you do if your machine broke down? Here at Royston's we pride (2) on our washing machine repair service. Our mechanics fix up to 40% of machines on the spot, and for those that are taken back to our warehouse for repairs, a further 50% (3)repaired within a week. But we don't expect our customers to go without. A replacement washing machine is delivered free of charge within 24 hours of your machine (4) removed. It is installed in your home by our mechanics, and is kept by you (5)your old machine is returned.

Should you wish to purchase a new machine our showroom (6) hundreds of models for you to choose from. All new machines (7) with a three-year warranty, covering spare parts and workmanship. Of course, if it (8)transpire that the fault has arisen from customer negligence or from failure to observe basic maintenance procedures – (9)as regularly cleaning the filters – repair costs will (10)be borne by the company.

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

What makes science fiction the literature choice for so many? Arthur C. Clarke, the novelist and scientist, gave a good answer once, when asked why he chose to write this genre: "Because", he said, "no other literature is concerned with reality." Clarke didn't say what sort of reality he had in mind, but there are two that suggest themselves. One of those significant realities of our time is science and technology. Those are the things that have made this century move so fast, in ways that earlier generations could hardly ever imagine, and science fiction has played some part in accelerating their progress. In the 1930' there was no television, radio showed little interest in science, even the daily newspapers covered it scantily and not very well; but science-fiction magazines were exploring in every pulpwood issue the latest concepts, from genetics and nuclear physics to cosmology. I think it is fair to say that a majority of the world's leading scientists today were first turned on to their subjects by reading science-fiction stories.

The other reason for a fascination with science fiction is that the central fact of contemporary life is rapid, ever-accelerating change, change that alters the rules of all our lives all the time. And science fiction is, in essence, the literature of change.



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

1. The author's main purpose in this passage is
 - A. to explain the popularity of science-fiction literature.
 - B. to show the need for science-fiction literature .
 - C. to classify different types of literature.
 - D. To prove science-fiction is the best genre.

2. Which of the following carried news of science and technology to the public in the 1930's ?
 - A. radio broadcasts.
 - B. television programmes.
 - C. science-fiction magazines.
 - D. newspaper coverage.

3. All of the following are part of the reality with which science-fiction is concerned except
 - A. change.
 - B. publication.
 - C. science.
 - D. technology.

4. The phrase “ turned on to” as used in the passage could be best replaced by
 - A. employed by.
 - B. disenchanted with.
 - C. changed by.
 - D. introduced to.

5. The attitude of the author toward science-fiction literature is
 - A. critical.
 - B. approving.
 - C. wary.
 - D. cold.

II. Read the text again and write a *for - and - against* essay about the impact of technology on our life. (220-250 words) (50 p)

N. B. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii!
Punctaj total 100p
Timp de lucru 3 ore!