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CLASA a X-a SECȚIUNEA B

Varianta 1

SUBIECTUL A - USE OF ENGLISH

I. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks. (20p)

“It was clear enough, as I have told you, years before YOU ever saw her—and why, in the mysterious dispensations of Providence, you ever did see her, is more than humanity can comprehend—it was clear enough that the poor soft little thing would marry somebody, at some time or other; but I did hope it wouldn’t have been as bad as it has turned out. That was the time, Mr. Murdstone, when she gave birth to her boy here,” said my aunt; “to the poor child you sometimes tormented her through afterwards, which is a disagreeable remembrance and makes the sight of him odious now. Aye, aye! you needn’t wince!” said my aunt. “I know it’s true without that.

”He had stood by the door, all this while, observant of her with a smile upon his face, though his black eyebrows were heavily contracted. I remarked now, that, though the smile was on his face still, his colour had gone in a moment, and he seemed to breathe as if he had been running.

“Good day, sir,” said my aunt, “and good-bye! Good day to you, too, ma’am,” said my aunt, turning suddenly upon his sister. “Let me see you ride a donkey over my green again, and as sure as you have a head upon your shoulders, I’ll knock your bonnet off, and tread upon it!

”It would require a painter, and no common painter too, to depict my aunt’s face as she delivered herself of this very unexpected sentiment, and Miss Murdstone’s face as she heard it. But the manner of the speech, no less than the matter, was so fiery, that Miss Murdstone, without a word in answer, discreetly put her arm through her brother’s, and walked haughtily out of the cottage; my aunt remaining in the window looking after them; prepared, I have no doubt, in case of the donkey’s reappearance, to carry her threat into instant execution.

A. Answer the questions: (4x2p=8p)

1. What was one of Mr. Murdstone reactions to the aunt’s speech?
2. What does David’s aunt threaten to do if Miss Murdstone rides a donkey across her lawn again?
3. Why did Miss Murdstone walk haughtily out of the cottage?
4. The author says David’s aunt was prepared “to carry her threat into instant execution.” What does execution mean in this quotation?

B. Choose the right synonym: (3x2p=6p)

Heavily: a. awfully; b. extremely; c. especially; d. desperately

Soft: a. comfortable; b. fluffy; c. delicate; d. smooth

Bonnet: a. hood b. cover c. headdress d. hat

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C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning: (3x2p=6p)

1. "I'll knock your bonnet off and tread upon it if I see you ride a donkey over my green again", she said turning upon his sister.

She saidride a donkey over her green again.

2. "What a pity you married him!"

I wish.....married him.

3. Though the smile was on his face still, his colour had gone in a moment.

Despite..... his colour had gone in a moment.

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence: (10 x 1p = 10p)

1. On our (ARRIVE)we were greeted by the head of the department.

2. He bowed to us with elaborate (COURTEOUS)

3. A person with an (INFERIOR)complex is generally quite shy.

4. He is very anxious about his son's (LOSE)..... of memory.

5. All of us burst into (LAUGH).....at his joke.

6. The professor's explanation was out of my (DEEP)....

7. Romanian cuisine offers a great (VARY).....of dishes.

8. I wonder what they expect from this (INVEST).....

9. I can't understand his attitude; it is absolutely (EXPLAIN)....

10. Practicing any sport definitely makes you (MUSCLE)...

III. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. (10x1=10p)

Rainforests once occupied almost all the land around the Equator, (1) there is hot sun and rainfall almost every day. In these hot, wet areas, trees and (2)..... kinds of vegetation grow fast, feeding massive numbers (3) insects and animals. Until recently, the rainforests filled river valleys in warmer countries (4).....Australia. They climbed hillsides of great mountain chains (5)..... as the South American Andes, and covered islands (6)..... Borneo to the West Indies. In West Africa, the rainforests cover (7)..... wide strip of the coast from Sierra Leone to Gabon. In the last century these forests (8) mostly uninhabited. The Europeans arrived and soon began chopping (9) the trees for timber and to make way for massive plantations of cocoa, peanuts and cotton.

Today, two thirds of the West African forests (10)gone.



SUBIECTUL B - INTEGRATED SKILLS

Read the paragraph below and do the task that follow:

Media like any big business venture today is an extremely competitive world of its own. In providing material for its public it has constantly made sure it serves the right diet. No public will waste time on your paper or your TV channel otherwise. The sad truth is that there seems only one way to catch the audience - hit them right between the eyes. What started as a mild tap has now become a sledgehammer blow that goes by the name of sensationalism.

A reporter chooses - has to choose - a new story because of its sensation value. The young inexperienced cub reporter rings his news editor about a car crash. He starts to explain the details to him but the experienced editor asks the cub one question: "Anyone killed?" and to himself he thinks "Why do we offer jobs to children?".

One may accuse newsmen of cynicism but they will quickly remind you of the hard facts of survival in the world of the media. The favourite words the newspaper placards in the streets bombard the public with are: "Surprise", "Sensation", "Drama", "Shock". You wonder, when the papers batter the public with dramas and sensations day after day, that they haven't put an end to sensation long ago. As a regular newspaper reader you also thank Heavens for the light relief of the comic strips.

The newspapers, of course, blame it all on television. "Television's changed the whole concept of presenting the news to the public", newspapermen and women argue. "We envy them and their huge visual coverage. We just can't hope to compete with them over that. They can actually show the public one man shooting another man". And they remind you of Vietnam, and Oswald and Ruby at Dallas after the Kennedy assassination ...

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

1. The passage hints that to appeal to public you have
 - a. to use physical violence
 - b. to give them serious problems to think about
 - c. to report violent happenings
 - d. to make them unhappy
2. Experienced news editors think that



- a. children are useless as reporters
- b. some reporters are like children
- c. children make the best reporters
- d. young reporters give too much details
3. The suggestion of the author is that newsmen can only keep their jobs
- a. by being cynical
- b. if they are really tough
- c. by following a pattern
- d. if they make comic strips
4. Newsmen feel that television's advantage lies in
- a. being widespread
- b. being widespread and pictorial
- c. using so many pictures
- d. being highly varied
5. "One man shooting another man" means
- a. actors pretending to show
- b. a real shooting
- c. an assassination
- d. a photographer at work
- II. Starting from the text above, write a narrative-descriptive essay about a heart-breaking scene (220-250 words) (50p).**

N. B. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii!

Punctaj total 100p

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