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Varianta 1**

CLASA a XII-a SECȚIUNEA B

SUBIECTUL A-USE OF ENGLISH

I. Read the text below and complete the following tasks.

All the national parks in Britain are different and have their own special qualities. Together they cover 10 per cent of England and Wales and receive over 100 million visitors every year. (1) _____. Not parks in the usually accepted urban sense nor owned by the nation, they represent the most strongly protected threatened landscapes in Britain.

The Peak National Park, designated in 1988, was the first in the Midlands of England. All the others are in the north or west of the country. (2) _____. The three Welsh national parks – (3) _____ – proudly uphold the Welsh culture, tradition and language. The Snowdonia National Park comprises mountain, moorland and forest, interspersed with deep valleys, and extends as far as the coast.

(4) _____. It was the Lakeland poet William Wordsworth who first suggested that it should be set aside as a ‘sort of National property, in which every man has the right and interest who has an eye to perceive and a heart to enjoy.’ It lies entirely within Cumbria, and is one of England's few mountainous regions. All the land in England higher than three thousand feet above sea level lies within the National Park. The Lake District also contains Scafell Pike, the highest mountain in England.

Further north are the Yorkshire Dales National Park, with its fine limestone scenery and Northumberland, stretching north from historic Hadrian's Wall to the Scottish border. (5) _____. It's a special place – a fantastic outdoor arena for recreation and peaceful relaxation and a haven for wildlife.

Together, the British National Parks represent the cream of unspoiled scenery in England and Wales – there are still no national parks in Scotland.

1 .Five sentences have been removed from the text. Select the appropriate sentence for each gap in the text. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

5 points

- A. The Lake District is probably the best known of the British National Parks, and in one way could be said to be the birthplace of the International National Park movement.
- B. Established in 1954, the Yorkshire Dales National Park has outstanding scenery, a range of wildlife habitats and a rich cultural heritage.
- C. There is an ongoing debate about the damage caused by the amount of human and vehicular traffic that such areas generate.



- D. Dartmoor and Exmoor – the last ‘wildernesses’ of Southern England – are both well known to holiday makers in the southwest.
- E. They are officially recognized by the government as being the jewels in the nation’s conservation crown.
- F. out of which Snowdonia is the most famous

2. For the following sentences, choose the answer (A, B, C, D) which fits according to the text. 5 points

1. National Parks are protected by law as they are _____.
 - A. the property of the nation
 - B. officially recognized
 - C. endangered landscapes
 - D. different from urban parks
2. Welsh National Parks _____.
 - A. are the favourite destination of holiday-makers
 - B. were the first to be created in Britain
 - C. preserve more than just natural landscapes
 - D. were made famous by Wordsworth
3. Snowdonia is _____.
 - A. one of the last wildernesses of Southern England
 - B. the best known British National Park
 - C. the birthplace of the international national
 - D. a unique combination of forms of park movement relief
4. The Yorkshire Dales are famous for _____.
 - A. the cliffs overlooking the North Sea
 - B. the moors
 - C. the limestone formations
 - D. the unspoiled coastline
5. In Scotland, National Parks are _____.
 - A. considered the best British National Parks
 - B. not very many
 - C. still non-existent
 - D. not as well preserved as those in England and Walsh

3. Explain the following words/phrases.

5 points

- A. to dispel a myth =
- B. a dead end =
- C. to have a feel for =
- D. to be immersed in =
- E. to end up at the bottom of the pile =

4. Finish the following idioms.

5 points

1. to be as fit as



2. to keep a stiff
3. to mind one's
4. to pass an exam with
5. to scare the life

**II . For questions 1-10, read the text below, and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.
10 points**

Underground coal fires

When we think of fire which is out of control, it is usually forest fires that first come to mind. However, underground coal fires have also become a serious issue and are making a significant (1) ... to the rise in global temperature. They exist across the world, with (2) ... ones occurring in China and India, and one of the oldest in Australia where “Burning Mountain” is (3)... to have been on fire for over 6000 years. One of the most famous (4) ... , however, can be found in Pennsylvania, USA. The town of Centralia was built around a coal mine and at its (5)..., the township boasted a population of around 2000. Then, when the coal mine became too hard to extract, the mining operation was (6) ... and the entrance to the mine was (7) ... up. Some time later, in 1962, it became evident that the mine was burning and fire was raging below ground. There are several theories about how this happened but the popular (8) ... of the story was that some rubbish had been (9) ... on fire and this in turn had ignited a coal seam lying just below it. The town’s inhabitants began to suffer from carbon monoxide poisoning and were forced to evacuate as the land began to (10) ... beneath their houses. The remaining population currently stands at four.

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| 1. | A. contribution | B. problem | C. development | D. involvement |
| 2. | A. prime | B. lead | C. major | D. strong |
| 3. | A. rated | B. estimated | C. measured | D. evaluated |
| 4. | A. circumstances | B. scenarios | C. samples | D. cases |
| 5. | A. limit | B. height | C. point | D. maximum |
| 6. | A. discarded | B. rejected | C. abandoned | D. withdrawn |
| 7. | A. drawn | B. sealed | C. finished | D. fixed |
| 8. | A. variety | B. alternative | C. version | D. aspect |
| 9. | A. put | B. set | C. lit | D. struck |
| 10. | A. sink | B. decline | C. revert | D. shrink |



III . For questions 1-10, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

10 points

A Taste for Success

Founded in 1892, the Coca-Cola Company is today engaged (0) *primarily* **PRIME** in the manufacture and sale of the famous carbonated beverage that is a (1) ... **CULTURE** institution in the United States and a symbol around the world of American tastes. The drink was originated in 1886 by an Atlanta pharmacist, John S. Pemberton; his bookkeeper, Frank Robinson, chose the name for the drink and penned it in the flowing script that became the Coca-Cola trademark. Pemberton (2) ... **ORIGIN** touted his drink as a tonic for most common (3) ... **AIL**. He sold his syrup to local soda fountains, and with advertising, the drink became (4) ... **EXPECT** successful. By 1891 another Atlanta pharmacist, Asa Griggs Candler had secured complete (5) ... **OWN** of the business for a total cash outlay of \$2,300 and the exchange of some proprietary rights. In 1899 the Coca-Cola Company signed its first (6) ... **AGREE** with an independent bottling company, which was allowed to buy the syrup and produce, bottle, and distribute the drink. Such licensing deals formed the basis of a unique distribution system that now (7) ... **CHARACTER** most of the American soft-drink industry. The post-World-War II years saw (8) ... **DIVERSE** in the packaging of Coca-Cola and also in the development or (9) ... **ACQUIRE** of new products. Today, Coca-Cola stands as one of the most (10) ... **PROSPER** of US businesses.

SUBIECTUL B -INTEGRATED SKILLS

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow:

The media like any big business venture today is an extremely competitive world of its own. In providing material for its public it has constantly to make sure it serves the right diet. No public will waste time on your paper or on your TV channel otherwise. The sad truth is that there seems only one way to catch an 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 sensation 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 public with news ”, newspapermen and women argue. “We envy 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= 10p)

1. 'One man shooting another man 'presumably means
 - A. an assassination.
 - B. a photographer at work.
 - C. actors pretending to show.
 - D. a real shooting.

2. Newsmen feel that television's advantage lies in
 - A. being highly varied.
 - B. using so many pictures.
 - C. being widespread and pictorial.
 - D. being widespread.

3. Experienced news editors think that
 - A. young reporters give too much detail .
 - B. children make the best reporters.
 - C. some reporters are like children.
 - D. children are useless as reporters.

4. The passage hints that to appeal to public you have
 - A. to give them serious problems to think about.
 - B. to make them unhappy.
 - C. to report violent happenings.
 - D. to use physical violence.

5. The suggestion of the author is that newsmen can only keep their jobs
 - A. by following a pattern.
 - B. if they make comic strips.
 - C. if they are really tough.
 - D. by being cynical.

II . Starting from the text above, write an opinion essay on the following statement: „ Mass media is a good way of entertainment.” (280-300 words) (50 p)

N. B. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii!

Punctaj total 100p

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