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Varianta 2

SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

1. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

(10x1p = 10p)

Sue Thomas is a fashion designer. She 1) (make) clothes ever since she 2)..... (be) a young girl. She got her first job in a clothes factory when she was sixteen. She 3)..... (sew) buttons onto a shirt one day when she 4) (have) a brilliant idea for a design. After she 5) (speak) to her bank manager, she got a loan and she opened her own little workshop. Now she 6) (make) lots of money. By the end of the year she 7) (open) a shop which will sell all her own designs. She 8)..... (already, sell) clothes to a lot of famous people, including film stars and singers, and she 9) (think) she 10) (be) very rich soon.

2. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence. 10 points

1. My teacher says there has been a big (IMPROVE) in my English lately.
1. The recipe says you only (NEEDY)to add two spoonfuls of salt.
2. Why did you do that? I thought you had more (INTELLIGENT) than that.
3. The singer gave a brilliant (PERFORM) on stage yesterday.
4. Be sure to contact him if you need advice. He's a very (HELP) person.
5. It was a really (ENJOY) party. Thanks for inviting me.
6. He has just taken out a (MONTH) subscription to the magazine.
7. When he became a teenager he wanted to be more (DEPENDENT) from his parents.
8. It was really (HONEST) of you to take that money without asking.
9. If you hadn't been so (CARE) with that book you'd still have it now.

3. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap

(10x1 = 10p)

A first time for everybody

Joe stepped onto the aeroplane and was met by one of the cabin (1) ... who showed him to his seat. This was his first flight and he was feeling quite nervous. His hands were (2) ... slightly and he was breathing deeply. He walked along the (3) ... of the plane and found his seat. Joe had spent a lot of time on planning his holiday, given this was the first time he had been abroad. Sitting next to him was an 8-year-old boy who also (4) ... to be quite nervous. Joe knew he was quite good with children, so he decided to try to calm the boy. After (5) ... with



the boy for a few minutes, Joe produced some chocolate and gave it to him. The (6) ... then became quite cheerful as he explained that he loved chocolate so much. The man and the boy found that they (7) ... well together as they chatted for the (8) ... flight. Joe discovered that they were on the same return flight the following week, which pleased them both. When they (9) ... at the terminal, Joe commented about what a very good flight he'd had. The young boy agreed, saying that he was looking forward to (10) ... Joe again on the return flight.

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| 1. A. team | B. party | C. crew | D. company |
| 2. A. moving | B. trembling | C. jumping | D. rattling |
| 3. A. corridor | B. path | C. lane | D. aisle |
| 4. A. was | B. appeared | C. sat | D. showed |
| 5. A. conversing | B. arguing | C. debating | D. negotiating |
| 6. A. young | B. youth | C. juvenile | D. youngster |
| 7. A. got on | B. were | C. got to | D. got so |
| 8. A. all | B. total | C. whole | D. single |
| 9. A. disembarked | B. took off | C. left | D. boarded |
| 10. A. see | B. seeing | C. have seen | D. having seen |

4. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits in each gap. Use only one word in each gap. 10 points

All I wanted to (0) ..do .. was to get an Internet domain name of my (1) – the part of an e-mail address to the right of the '@' and the part of the World Wide Web address that typically follows www. The (2) is that Lewis is a (3) common name and Lewis.com (4) already taken.

So, (5)millions of Internet users before me, I (6) looking elsewhere (7) ... a domain I could call home – the Internet equivalent of 40 acres, where I (8) grow electronic mail, raise a small herd of web pages and maybe someday open a little electronic collage industry of my own.

It used (9) be technically difficult for average computer users to get (10) own personal Internet domain names.

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

For centuries, the common view of how domestication had occurred was that prehistoric people, realizing how useful it would be to have captive herds of food animals, began capturing wild animals and breeding them. Over time, by selecting only animals with "tame" characteristics to mate and produce offspring, human beings created animals that were less wild and more dependent upon people. Eventually this process led to the domestic farm animals and pets that we know today, many of which would fare quite badly in the wild, having lost their ancient survival skills and instincts.



Recent research suggests that this view of domestication is incomplete. Prehistoric human beings did capture and breed useful wild animals, and those species became tamer over time (they generally changed physically, too, developing larger bodies and smaller brains than their wild cousins). But specialists in animal behavior now think that domestication was not simply something people did to animals - the animals played an active part in the process. Wolves and wild horses, for example, may have taken the first steps in their own domestication by hanging around human settlements, feeding on people's garbage and crops and getting used to human presence and activity. Individual animals that were not too nervous or fearful to live near people produced offspring that also tolerated humans, making it easier for people to capture and tame them.

In this version, people succeeded in domesticating only animals that had already adapted easily to life around humans. Domestication required an animal that was willing to become domestic. The process was more like a dance with two partners than a triumph of humans over animals.

I. For each question decide which answer (A, B, C or D) fits best according to the text.
10 points

- Domestication had occurred because
 - people were starving.
 - prehistoric people found useful to capture wild animals and breed them.
 - farm animals were needed.
 - more pets were needed.
- According to traditional theories of domestication, how were wild animals tamed?
 - Through selective breeding.
 - Capturing only smaller animals.
 - Aggression and control.
 - Capturing only big animals.
- By allowing only animals with "tame" characteristics to mate and produce offspring,
 - animals were stronger.
 - human beings had more food.
 - human beings created animals that were less wild and more dependent upon people.
 - people were happier.
- What is suggested in the new theory?
 - That animals were less afraid than thought.
 - That wolves and horses were the first to be domesticated.
 - That animals had an active role in their domestication.
 - That animals had a passive role in their domestication.
- Why is the word "dance" used in the 3rd paragraph?
 - To show that animals and humans were close.
 - To show that there was a struggle.
 - To show that everything was too complex to understand.
 - To show that it was too hidden.



II. Write a narrative-descriptive essay about a situation when a pet proved to be a loyal friend. (200-220 words) 50 points

- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**
- **Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**
- **Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.**