

Etapa județeană / a sectoarelor municipiului București a olimpiadelor naționale școlare - 2025

Probă scrisă

Limba engleză

CLASA A X-A - SECȚIUNEA B

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

SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

10 points

Ensuring the wellbeing of adolescents requires a comprehensive approach that addresses various dimensions of their development. The eight dimensions of wellbeing — emotional, physical, social, intellectual, spiritual, environmental, financial, and occupational — provide a **holistic** framework for understanding and supporting the multifaceted needs of young people.

Emotional wellbeing, the ability to recognize, manage, and express emotions in a healthy way, is crucial during adolescence, a period marked by heightened emotional sensitivity and social pressures. Fostering **resilience** and encouraging open communication can help adolescents achieve greater emotional stability.

Physical health is equally foundational to overall wellbeing. Adequate sleep, balanced nutrition, and regular physical activity are essential for supporting their growth and maintaining their energy levels. Meanwhile, intellectual wellbeing involves engaging in activities that spark curiosity, promote critical thinking, and encourage lifelong learning. Adolescents flourish when challenged academically and given opportunities to explore their interests.

Spiritual wellbeing, often misunderstood, is about finding purpose and meaning in life. Encouraging adolescents to reflect, practise mindfulness, or participate in community service can nurture spiritual growth and provide a deeper sense of fulfillment. Occupational wellbeing **pertains** to finding satisfaction and purpose in work or meaningful pursuits. For adolescents, this often translates to academic engagement and career exploration, which lay the groundwork for their future aspirations.

Investing in the wellbeing of adolescents not only enhances their present happiness but also builds a strong foundation for their long-term success and fulfillment.

A. Choose the right synonym for the words given below, according to their meaning in the text.

3 points

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|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. holistic: | a. balanced | b. integrated | c. inclusive | d. comprehensive |
| 2. resilience: | a. patience | b. fortitude | c. reverence | d. compliance |
| 3. pertains: | a. relates | b. applies | c. belongs | d. responds |

B. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning. Use the word given WITHOUT changing it.

3 points

1. Fostering resilience and encouraging open communication can help adolescents achieve greater emotional stability.

CAN

Greater emotional stability in adolescents by fostering resilience and encouraging open communication.

2. Adequate sleep and regular physical activity are essential for supporting their growth and energy levels.

SLEEP

If adolescents or take regular exercise, their growth and energy levels are not supported.

3. Adolescents flourish when challenged academically and given opportunities to explore their interests.

FLOURISH

Only when they are challenged academically and given opportunities to explore their interests

C. Four words have been removed from the summary of the text above. Choose the right words to fill in the summary. There are four extra words which you do not need to use. 4 points

mental; meditation; urges; spiritual; founded; promotes; supported; learning

Ensuring adolescents' wellbeing requires addressing eight key dimensions: emotional, physical, social, intellectual, (1), environmental, financial, and occupational. Emotional wellbeing involves managing feelings and building resilience, while physical health is (2) by sleep, nutrition, and activity. Intellectual wellbeing thrives through curiosity and (3), and spiritual wellbeing focuses on finding purpose and meaning. Fostering these dimensions holistically (4) happiness and prepares adolescents for long-term success and fulfillment.

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

Branding, an intricate mixture of strategy and creativity, is the cornerstone of modern business identity. In an (1) (**INCREASE**) saturated market, a robust brand serves as a beacon, (2) (**DIFFER**) a company from its competitors and fostering customer (3) (**LOYAL**). At its core, branding is about storytelling. Effective brands craft compelling (4) (**NARRATE**) that resonate emotionally with their target audience. This (5) (**RESONATE**) is achieved by supporting visual elements such as logos and color schemes with consistent messaging that reflects the brand's ethos. Moreover, branding is an exercise in adaptability. This requires a deep understanding of market dynamics and an (6) (**WAVER**) commitment to authenticity, as today's consumers are adept at discerning genuine engagement from superficial tactics. Beyond the external audience, branding plays a pivotal role internally. It stimulates employees, providing them with a sense of purpose and (7) (**ALIGN**) with the company's vision. This internal coherence translates into enhanced (8) (**PRODUCTION**) and a unified front that (9) (**STRONG**) the brand's external image. All in all, branding is not a static construct but a dynamic, evolving process, the (10) (**SYNTHETIC**) of art and science.

III. For questions 1-10, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct and some have a spelling or a punctuation error. On your answer sheet, if a line is correct, put a tick (✓) by the number on your answer sheet. If a line has an error, write the correctly spelled word or show the correct punctuation next to the number on your answer sheet. 10 points

- (0) ...✓..... K-pop has become a global cultural phenomenon, captivating fans worldwide
(00) some.. with its unique blend of some music, dance, and fashion. Originating in South Korea,
(1) K-pop goes beyond music; it's so an immersive experience that combines
(2) catchy melodies, intricate choreography, and both visually stunning performances.
(3) K-pop groups often consist of highly trained idols who undergo years of rigorous
(4) training in singing, dancing, and even so language skills to connect with
(5) international audiences. What sets K-pop apart from is its attention to detail.
(6) From vibrant music videos to themed album concepts, each other release
(7) feels like an artistic event. Beyond entertainment, K-pop has been a cultural
(8) impact, spreading the Korean language, traditions, and fashion trends globally.
(9) Whether it's through its catchy songs or electrifying performances, K-pop yet
(10) continues to redefine the boundaries of global music, uniting fans from all walks of life.

IV. Translate the following text into English. 10 points

Mama vorbea și vorbea – nici nu bănuisem că știa atâtea cuvinte. Am lăsat-o să scoată din ea totul, să se reverse până la ultima picătură, deși vedeam că inventează lucruri care nu aveau cum să fie adevărate, pentru că la vremea când se întâmplaseră nu mai eram copil și nici nebun și țineam minte. Adică țineam minte că ele pur și simplu nu au existat, că nu s-au produs și că oricât de frumos le-ar fi povestit ea acum, fiind pe moarte, acestea nu erau decât niște minciuni.

Ar fi fost frumos să fi existat. Să fi avut și să fi simțit măcar jumătate din ceea ce îndruga mama în acea sâmbătă din acea vară, însă amintirile, ca și toate lucrurile bune, costă. Iar noi – și ea cu tata, și eu – am fost mereu niște zgârciți și am preferat mereu să băgăm în noi decât într-o amintire.

(Tatiana Țîbuleac, *Vara în care mama a avut ochii verzi*)

SUBIECTUL B –Integrated Skills (60 points)

I. Five paragraphs have been removed from the following interview. Choose from the paragraphs A-F the one which fits each gap 1-5. There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use.

10 points

In an era defined by rapid technological advancement and unprecedented access to resources, young entrepreneurs are emerging as trailblazers in the global economy. Armed with bold ideas and an unrelenting drive, these innovators are proving that age is no barrier to success. "I wanted to make a difference and do something I loved," says Mikaila Ulmer, founder of "Me & the Bees Lemonade." At just 11 years old, Mikaila turned her fascination with bees and her grandmother's flaxseed lemonade recipe into a socially conscious business. **(1)**

Ben Pasternak is another name making waves in the entrepreneurial world. As the co-founder of "Flogg" and "Monkey," two highly successful social apps, Ben's ventures highlight the power of leveraging technological skills to create products that resonate with a digital-native audience. **(2)**

Then there's Mozhiah Bridges, founder of "Mo's Bows," who started his bow tie business at the age of 9. "I wanted to make bow ties because I couldn't find any that suited my style," Mozhiah shares. **(3)** Today, "Mo's Bows" is a thriving enterprise, demonstrating how creativity and ambition can translate into tangible success.

Adding to this roster of inspiring stories is Alina Morse, creator of "Zolli Candy." At just 14 years old, she developed a line of sugar-free, teeth-friendly candies, combining her passion for health with her entrepreneurial spirit. **(4)**

What sets these young entrepreneurs apart is their ability to identify market gaps and address them with innovative solutions. They are adept at using digital platforms to amplify their reach and impact, giving them a competitive edge in the modern marketplace. Additionally, their willingness to take risks and learn from failures underscores a resilience vital for sustained success. **(5)**

Support networks play a crucial role in their journeys. Mentorship programs, incubators, and online communities provide guidance and resources to budding entrepreneurs. Schools and universities are also fostering entrepreneurial mindsets through dedicated courses and competitions, further empowering young visionaries. Organizations like the "Young Entrepreneurs Academy" and initiatives such as "Start-Up Kids" create platforms for aspiring business owners to hone their skills and access funding.

The rise of young entrepreneurs is not just a trend but a testament to the transformative potential of innovation and ambition. Their stories remind us that the future of business lies in the hands of those who dare to dream and persistently pursue their goals. As Mikaila aptly puts it, "You're never too young to start making a difference."

A. These quickly gained popularity among teenagers, with the latter amassing millions of downloads. His understanding of his target audience's preferences helped him design platforms that felt intuitive and fun.

B. She credits her parents for encouraging her creativity and business mindset. "They always told me to follow my ideas," she says, explaining how their support helped her overcome the challenges of entering a competitive industry.

C. Her business not only creates a product but also educates people about the importance of bees in the ecosystem. She has partnered with conservation groups to spread awareness, ensuring her company's mission goes beyond profit.

D. These young entrepreneurs are not only focused on profit but also on creating meaningful impacts in their communities. Their ability to blend passion with purpose sets them apart in a crowded marketplace.

E. Young entrepreneurs often juggle their ventures with education, finding unique ways to balance their academic responsibilities with the demands of running a business.

F. "I've always loved dressing up and wanted accessories that felt unique," he recalls. His designs caught the attention of fashion enthusiasts and media alike, earning him a reputation as a trendsetter in youth entrepreneurship.

II. You are the head of the student council in your high school. The principal has asked you to write a report on encouraging entrepreneurship at school through projects run by the student council. Starting from the text above, write a report to describe two projects/initiatives of the council and assess their effectiveness in supporting aspiring entrepreneurs among students.

50 points

Write a 220-250 word report.