

Etapa județeană / a sectoarelor municipiului București a olimpiadelor naționale școlare – 2026

Probă scrisă

Limba engleză

CLASA a VII-a

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Se acordă zece puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 2 ore.

SUBIECTUL I – USE OF ENGLISH (25 points)

I.1. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms. 10 points

As Mark 1) _____ (cycle) through the park, he suddenly 2) _____ (hear) a strange noise. A drone 3) _____ (hover) above him, and it 4) _____ (appear) just as he 5) _____ (ride) past the lake. "Why 6) _____ (you/follow) me?" he muttered while the drone was being controlled remotely. A moment later, the drone dropped a small message in front of him. Mark picked it up and read: "We 7) _____ (select) you for a surprise challenge. We 8) _____ (prepare) this challenge for weeks, and everything is finally ready. You 9) _____ (discover) the first clue as soon as you 10) _____ (open) the envelope." Mark's heart trembled with excitement.

I.2. Read the text below and look carefully at each line. If the line is correct, write a tick (✓). If it has a word that should not be there, write the word. 10 points

Pizza

0. Pizza is a food item that enjoys popularity in worldwide. It has a long history.	in...
00. Pizza as we know it today came into existence in the city of Naples in the	✓.....
1. 1700s. At that time, Naples was turning into a major industrial city, and the	.....
2. large numbers of people were moving there for work. Most of them were poor,	.....
3. so they wanted food that was nutritious but inexpensive. Pizza could be made out	.....
4. with cheap, simple, readily available ingredients, which made it too ideal.	.....
5. The introduction of tomatoes into the Italian cuisine in the 18th and early 19th	.....
6. centuries finally gave us the true modern Italian pizza. Even though tomatoes yet	.....
7. have reached Italy in the 1530s, it was widely thought that they were poisonous	.....
8. fruit and, therefore, were only grown up for decoration. Pizza gradually spread to	.....
9. other parts of Italy, and when the first pizzeria opened in the USA in 1905, it started	.....
10. to become the internationally known and loved dish it is over today.	.....

I.3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capital letters. 5 points

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| 1. After months of _____, she finally decided to start exercising regularly. | ACTIVE |
| 2. Teenagers like to dress _____, but their parents don't always approve their style. | FASHION |
| 3. Don't _____ ! It's not that serious! | REACT |
| 4. She was rushed to hospital after having eaten _____, almost raw, fish. | COOK |
| 5. His _____ cost him his best friend's trust. | HONEST |

SUBIECTUL al II-lea – READING COMPREHENSION (25 points)

Read the text below and complete the tasks that follow.

Social media

1. _____

Social media includes a variety of websites and apps that allow people to create and share content, communicate with others, and stay connected. Popular platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok are used by millions of people every day. Many users rely on social media to keep in touch with friends and family, share photos or videos, and follow the latest news and trends. It is also an important tool for businesses and influencers who want to reach a wider audience and promote their products or services. Because it is so easy to access and use, social media has become a regular part of daily life for millions of people.

2. _____

Social media has many benefits. It helps people stay in touch with their loved ones, especially if they live far away. It allows users to discover new information, entertainment, and ideas. Users can join online communities where they connect with others who have similar interests. For businesses, social media is a useful way to advertise, communicate with customers, and build a strong online presence. It also encourages creativity by giving people a space to express themselves through posts, photos, and videos.

3. _____

However, social media also has some drawbacks. It can be addictive, and spending too much time on these platforms may lead to problems like poor mental health or reduced face-to-face interactions. Sometimes, people might compare themselves to others, which can lead to negative feelings. In addition, social media can spread false information quickly and provide a space for online bullying. These issues show that social media can have real consequences if it is not used responsibly.

4. _____

Despite these challenges, social media remains an important part of modern communication. It has changed the way people communicate, exchange ideas, access information, and build relationships. Many people use it every day for personal and professional reasons, and it continues to grow and change with new features and apps. As technology continues to develop, social media will likely play an even bigger role in people's lives.

5. _____

Overall, social media can be a great tool for connecting with others and staying informed, but it is important to use it responsibly and in moderation to avoid any negative effects. Finding a healthy balance can help people enjoy the benefits of social media without experiencing its downsides.

II.1 Choose the most suitable heading from the list (A-G) for each part (1-5). There are two extra headings which you do not need to use. 10 points

- A.** Communication breakdown
- B.** Evolution of communication
- C.** Bridges built across distance
- D.** Human jobs completely replaced
- E.** Shadows behind the bright screen
- F.** Social networking in modern life
- G.** A tool that needs a steady hand

II.2 For questions 1-5, choose the answer A, B, C, or D which you think fits best according to the text.

15 points

1. What does the text suggest about the role of social media in communication?
 - A. It has replaced all traditional ways of communication.
 - B. It has significantly transformed the way people share and receive information.
 - C. It has made communication more formal and structured.
 - D. It has reduced the need for digital technology.
2. Which statement best reflects the writer's attitude towards social media?
 - A. It is useful but must be approached with caution.
 - B. It is mostly harmful and should be avoided.
 - C. It is only beneficial for businesses and influencers.
 - D. It is becoming less relevant in modern society.
3. According to the text, what is one reason social media can negatively affect users?
 - A. It encourages people to spend more time outdoors.
 - B. It exposes users to too many educational resources.
 - C. It may lead to unhealthy comparisons and emotional distress.
 - D. It limits access to entertainment and creativity.
4. What does the text suggest about the spread of information on social media?
 - A. All information shared online is carefully checked.
 - B. Users can easily identify false information.
 - C. Social media can quickly spread both accurate and inaccurate content.
 - D. Only experts are allowed to post news or updates.
5. Why does the writer mention businesses in the context of social media?
 - A. to show that businesses are the main cause of online addiction
 - B. to highlight that social media is used mainly for advertising
 - C. to argue that businesses should limit their online presence
 - D. to illustrate that social media has professional as well as personal uses

SUBIECTUL al III-lea – WRITING

(40 points)

Write a narrative essay beginning like this:

Sarah had always loved exploring her grandmother's attic, but today it felt strangely different. Behind an old trunk, she spotted a door she'd never seen before. Holding her breath, she reached for the dusty handle...

Write your story in 120-150 words and give it an appropriate title. Pay attention to the following:

- you don't need to write long descriptions;
- use dialogues only if they are relevant to your characters or events;
- you should use this plan:

1. **Introduction** (paragraph 1 – set the scene)
2. **Main Body** (paragraph(s) 2/3 – develop the story)
3. **Conclusion** (paragraph 4 – end the story).

Do not count the words given in the beginning.