

**OLIMPIADA NAȚIONALĂ DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ – ETAPA LOCALĂ
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LIMBA ENGLEZĂ, CLASA A VII-A**

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Se acordă 10 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

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

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

Example:

00. Last Saturday it was my sister's birthday. She went to the market early to do the shopping✓...
0. for the party. "Would you be so kind as that to help me carry these heavy bags?"
...that....

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| 1 Of course, London is famous for that its attractions like Big Ben | |
| 2 and the Tower of London. Millions of tourists look at these | |
| 3 buildings every year but not far distance from these places, | |
| 4 there are other interesting sights. Next time you set off to visit | |
| 5 London, why not plan to go to some of the places close in to the | |
| 6 centre of the city that tourists rarely go to? Get into of a taxi and | |
| 7 ask the driver to take you to Billingsgate fish market, for | |
| 8 example. When you arrive there at the market, you'll be amazed at | |
| 9 the sights and sounds of real London. You can ask to the fish sellers | |
| 10 about their work - and you don't have to wait on for hours to get a ticket! | |

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

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| 1. I don't like rap music, but some people do. | PERSON |
| 2. This tool is! It doesn't help me at all. | USE |
| 3. He started his own after graduating from high school. | BUSY |
| 4. She studied for the lesson so she answered the questions | EASY |
| 5. She gets when she has to wait for a long time. | PATIENCE |

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

Read the text below and complete the tasks that follow.

1. _____

Julian always loved walking along the quiet beaches of Cornwall. He enjoyed the sound of the waves and the feeling of the salty air. However, he never expected that a simple morning walk would change

his life or connect him to someone thousands of miles away.

2. _____

One Saturday, while Julian was looking for interesting seashells, he noticed something sparkling near a large rock. It was a glass bottle, half-buried in the sand. Inside, he could see a piece of paper rolled up tightly. He carefully opened the bottle and pulled out a letter written in blue ink.

3. _____

"I hope this finds a friend," the letter began. It was dated fifteen years ago! The writer was a boy named Leo from Quebec, Canada. Leo wrote about his dog, his favorite hockey team, and his dream of becoming a chef one day. Julian was amazed that the bottle had travelled across the Atlantic Ocean without breaking.

4. _____

Julian felt he had to find this person. He searched for "Leo Belanger" on social media, but there were hundreds of people with that name. He almost gave up until he remembered a small detail in the letter: Leo mentioned his father owned a bakery called 'The Golden Croissant' in a specific small town.

5. _____

Finally, Julian found a bakery with that name and sent a message to their page. Two days later, he received a video call. It was Leo! He was now a professional chef, just as he had dreamed. They talked for hours about their lives, and Leo invited Julian to visit Canada. A simple bottle had turned two strangers into long-distance friends.

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. *Finding the Right Person*
- B. *A Stormy Day at Sea*
- C. *The Contents of the Message*
- D. *A Peaceful Routine*
- E. *Reaching Out and Connecting*
- F. *Losing the Message Forever*
- G. *An Unusual Discovery on the Shore*

II.2 For questions 1-5, choose the answer A, B, or C which you think fits best according to the text. 15 points

1. Julian's morning walks were usually

- A. loud and busy
- B. calm and relaxing
- C. dangerous due to waves

2. Where did Julian find the bottle?

- A. Floating in the middle of the ocean
- B. In a bakery in Cornwall
- C. Stuck in the sand by a rock

3. The letter in the bottle was written

- A. by a professional chef
- B. fifteen years before Julian found it
- C. in Canada and sent by mail

4. How did Julian identify the correct Leo?

- A. By looking at hundreds of photos online
- B. By using information about a family business

C. By calling every person named Leo Belanger

5. At the end of the story, Julian and Leo

- A. decided to stop talking
- B. met in person in Cornwall
- C. became friends after a video call

SUBIECTUL al III-lea – WRITING (40 points)

Write a narrative essay beginning like this:

I stepped off the train, feeling excited about my holiday, but as the steam cleared, I realized I wasn't in Paris at all.

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.