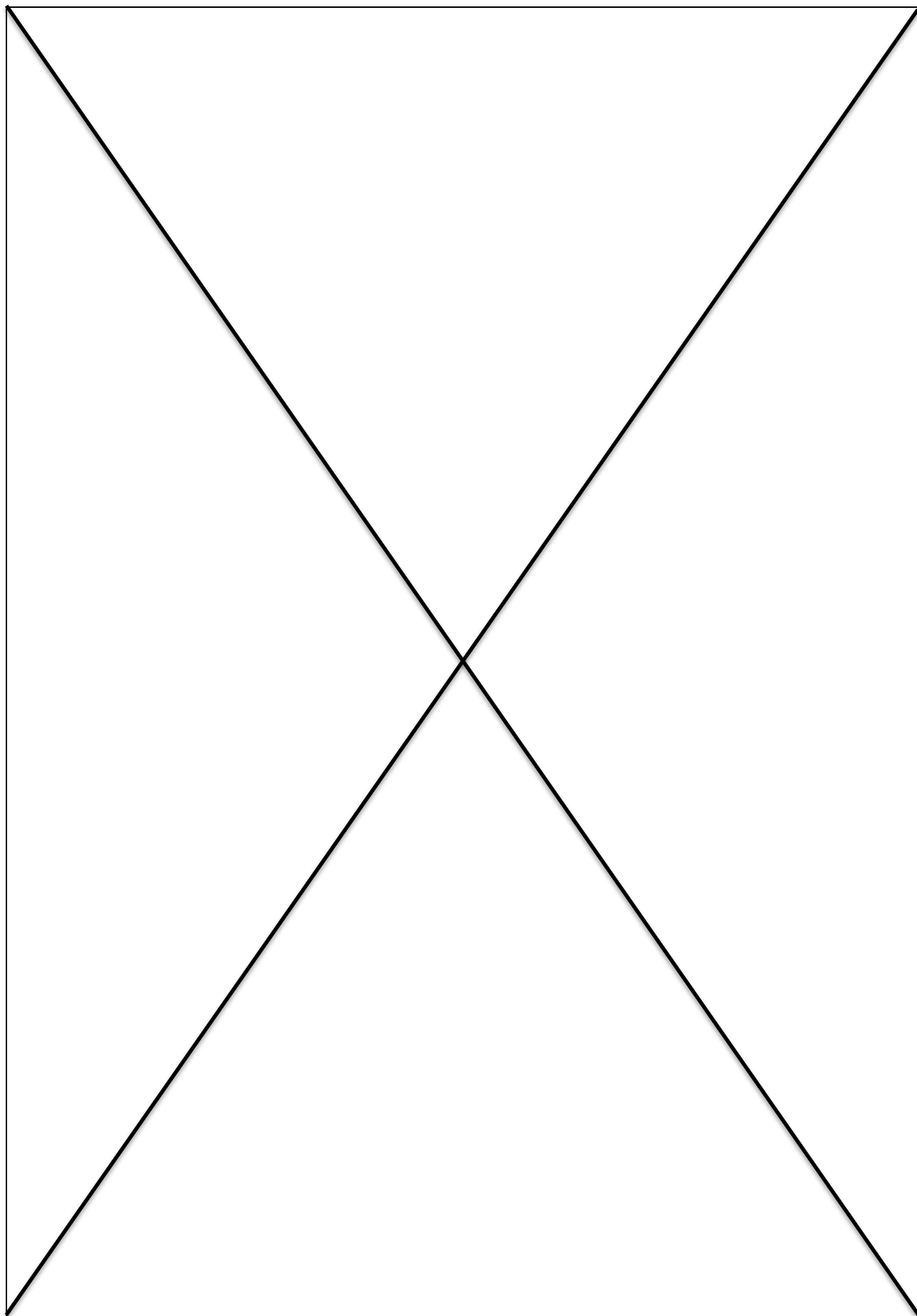


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- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul de lucru efectiv este de 3 ore.

USE OF ENGLISH

(40 de puncte)

I. Read the text bellow and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. (10x1p=10p)

Many teens would (1) ____ twice about entering a competition to win opera tickets. But what if the competition involved understanding the complicated (2) ____ of an opera told only in emojis? This is exactly how London's Royal Opera House celebrated World Emoji Day. Some people might be (3) ____ at this idea. After all, many would say that these fun icons have nothing to (4) ____ with the more formal world of opera.

Its work can (5) ____ across as rather challenging and complex, so the Royal Opera House wanted an entertaining way to (6) ____ out to a new audience. They translated the stories from twenty well-known operas and ballets into a series of emojis. These were tweeted on World Emoji Day and the public were invited to guess the correct opera or ballet and also take (7) ____ in the competition to win tickets.

Emojis are a quick and easy code to show how you feel across social media. Opera is all about people singing at the top of their (8) ____ and expressing emotion. Perhaps popular culture and high art (9) ____ something in common after all. Opera fans hope that this initiative will encourage more young people to give opera a (10) ____ and discover its magic.

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|-----------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| (1) A dream | B wait | C think | D imagine |
| (2) A plot | B twist | C scene | D plan |
| (3) A concerned | B surprised | C confused | D interested |
| (4) A take | B get | C do | D make |
| (5) A come | B go | C move | D carry |
| (6) A hand | B arrive | C get | D reach |
| (7) A part | B place | C position | D role |
| (8) A music | B voice | C song | D sound |
| (9) A get | B keep | C take | D have |
| (10) A look | B thought | C chance | D feel |

II. Complete the text with ONE word that fits into each gap. (10x1p=10p)

The exam season is due (1) _____ start and this means anxious teenagers across the country will (2) _____ revising like mad. So you would think they'd be far (3) _____ busy for social media. Think again. Most teens with an exam timetable (4) _____ stop nor reduce their social media

use. In fact, a study shows that during a six-week revision period, teenagers spend (5) _____ additional forty-three hours keeping up with their friends online.

Apps like Snapchat work in two ways: they prevent teens (6) _____ starting their revision and distract them if they (7) _____ already been working for a while. And no one loses concentration (8) _____ easily than exam-stressed teens! On average, they spend little more than half an hour revising before they get distracted – thirty-eight minutes to be precise. They also have a number (9) _____ creative ways to avoid studying – reorganising their books, cleaning the house, even dressing (10) _____ their pets!

III. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word given in capitals. (10x1p=10p)

Working in a team is an essential skill in today's world. Whether you're at school, at work, or playing sports, being (1) _____ (**COOPERATE**) and understanding the value of teamwork can make a huge difference. Teams that work well together often achieve more (2) _____ (**EFFECT**) results than individuals working alone.

However, teamwork is not always easy. It requires strong (3) _____ (**COMMUNICATE**) skills and the (4) _____ (**ABLE**) to listen to others. Conflicts can arise when people have different opinions, but these situations can often be resolved through (5) _____ (**PATIENT**) and respect.

A (6) _____ (**SUCCESS**) team is one where everyone feels valued and can contribute their ideas. When people are (7) _____ (**MOTIVATE**) and willing to support each other, the possibilities are endless. (8) _____ (**LEAD**) also plays an important role in teamwork, as a good leader can inspire and guide the group. Teamwork is truly a (9) _____ (**POWER**) tool for achieving goals.

In addition, developing (10) _____ (**RESPONSIBLE**) within a team helps build trust and ensures that everyone is accountable for their tasks.

IV. For sentences 1-5, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (5x2p=10p)

1. The students couldn't believe they'd lost the football match.

The students _____ believe they'd lost the football match. **IMPOSSIBLE**

2. I'm sure it was Lucas who ate the last biscuit.

Lucas _____ the last biscuit. **MUST**

3. The students are watching a film about climate change.

A film about climate change _____ to the students. **BEING**

4. If your order is delayed, we will contact you.

Should _____ in your order, we will contact you. **DELAY**

5. More people have joined the school tennis club this year.

There _____ the number of people joining the school tennis club this year. **INCREASE**

INTEGRATED SKILLS**(60 de puncte)**

I. You are going to read a magazine article about four different readers. For questions 1-10, choose from the people A-D. The people may be chosen more than once. (10x1p=10p)

Book Worms**A. Isabella Milbank**

People often comment that I've always got my head in a book. I just find that reading is such a great way to pass idle moments; when I'm on the bus or in a doctor's waiting room, for example, or whenever I have a spare minute, really.

I'll read almost anything, but on the whole, I tend to go for books that a friend has recommended or that have had a positive write-up in the newspaper or magazine. That way, you're almost guaranteed to get a good read. And I guess I'd have to say that my favourite kinds of books are modern crime thrillers. I just love it when the plots are really cleverly constructed, especially when you can tell the author has thoroughly researched how modern police work is carried out. Then, you get into it more easily because you feel like you're reading about something that really happened. The very best ones are those that keep you guessing right up until the end. It's so disappointing if you manage to work everything out half way through.

B. Emily Hawthorne

I used to read a lot of romantic novels, but I guess I sort of grew out of them. Now, I'm hooked on biographies. I've read about so many different kinds of people: historical figures, politicians, celebrities, you name it. They're all interesting in their own way, but when I'm not in the mood for anything too heavy, I just go for something more light-hearted: the gossip and scandals of the rich and famous, for example!

I enjoy autobiographies, too, but I sometimes wonder how true a picture they actually paint. I mean, when you're writing about yourself, it must be tempting to leave out anything that shows you in a bad light. You're probably more likely to get a more rounded picture of the person by reading a well-researched biography.

C. Ian Reed

I don't usually read purely for entertainment; I guess it just feels like a waste of time to me. But what I do enjoy reading are books that I think I can learn something from. You know, non-fiction books about historical event or current or political issues like the environment, for example. I realise these kinds of books aren't everyone's cup of tea, but it's a shame that more people don't give them a try. I admit that in the past they could often be a bit tricky to read, but that has all changed now. These days, plenty of them are written in quite an entertaining style and in a language that any reasonably educated person can comprehend. You can learn an incredible amount about the world by reading those kinds of books.

D. Henry Crawford

I most enjoy reading when I know I can sit down for at least a couple of hours without being disturbed. Sunday mornings are the best time. I guess some would say that I read a fairly narrow range of books. I do read the occasional modern novel, when something particularly catches my attention, but generally, I prefer the classics, by author like Dickens and Eliot, for example. They are both wonderful, of course, but in my opinion, no one compares to Jane Austen!

People are often surprised when I tell them that Jane Austen is my favourite author because they think she only wrote romance novels. Her books do deal with love and marriage, but on the whole, they're actually more about general relationships and human nature. And they're hilarious at times, too, which makes them incredibly entertaining to read. I've read all of her books, some of them several times over. They are like old friends you need to meet up with every once in a while!

Which person...	
1. enjoys the humour in the books they read?	1.
2. regrets people's lack of interest in a particular type of book?	2.
3. appreciates books that are true to life?	3.
4. chooses what to read based on how they are feeling?	4.
5. dislikes being able to predict what will happen in a book?	5.
6. doesn't read a particular type of book very often?	6.
7-8. mentions reading for a particular purpose? (two people)	7. and 8.
9. has read some of their books more than once?	9.
10. thinks there is a misunderstanding regarding the themes of some books?	10.

II. You are one of the people in the text above. Write a review of the latest book you have read (200-220 words). (50p)

