

OLIMPIADA NAȚIONALĂ DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ - ETAPA LOCALĂ

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Clasa a XI-a - SECȚIUNEA A

BAREM ȘI SOLUȚII

- Se punctează oricare alte modalități de rezolvare corectă a cerințelor.
- Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu.

SECTION A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. For each space, think of ONE word which best completes the sentence and write it on your answer sheet. (10 x 1p = 10p)

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| 1. First | 5. if/when/whenever | 9. break |
| 2. that/which | 6. stolen | 10. be |
| 3. should/must | 7. to | |
| 4. unless | 8. need/have | |

II. Choose the best variant to complete all gaps in the sentences. Write the answers on your answer sheet. (10 x 1p = 10p)

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| 1. A | 5. C | 9. A |
| 2. C | 6. B | 10. B |
| 3. D | 7. C | |
| 4. D | 8. B | |

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word in bold. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (5 x 2p = 10p)

1. wasn't in the mood // for
2. is supposed to // have been
3. congratulated her for // choosing such
4. longer we stayed, // the more
5. must be taken // into account

IV. Translate the following text into English. (10 points)

- Accuracy of meaning – 4 points
- Vocabulary range and appropriacy – 3 points
- Grammar and structures – 2 points
- Fluency and coherence – 1 point

Suggested answer:

After the publication of my book the editor, who happens to be a good friend of mine, told me that he regretted very much not having kept a diary in which he could have recorded our daily work. I don't know why, but he considered that our common experience was the most interesting one he had ever had. I couldn't explain to anybody how books are written and even less could I give advice about what a writer should or shouldn't do. I'd be ashamed to do such a thing because as a mere beginner in the art of writing, I'm slowly learning my trade, discovering one by one, the vast possibilities of the language in which I create. Even if I am not very good at writing stories, at least I've learned something about life, observing my fellow beings. I've also learned a few things about myself as well as about the art of writing. If I hadn't been encouraged by those who had read my short stories, which had been published in various magazines, I shouldn't have had the strength to continue writing my novel. It is important for one who is intent on becoming famous to rely on his own resources, but I also know from experience that one can't get far without the help of one's fellow beings. I might be wrong, but I don't think I am.

SECTION B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (50p)

I. Read the text below. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Complete the gaps (1-5) in the text with the sentences (A-E). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. Write the answers on your answer sheet. (5 x 2p = 10p)

- 1.D 2.A 3.F 4.B 5.E

II. WRITING - REPORT (40 points) - According to the marking scheme

MARKING SCHEME FOR A REPORT

Analytical criteria	Excellent 8p	Good 7p	Adequate 6p	Weak 4p	Inadequate 2p	Task not attempted 0p
Task achievement	The report is completely relevant to the task, fully developing all content points; the format of the report is fully observed; the purpose of the report is clearly and fully explained, the information is appropriately categorized, a relevant conclusion is drawn	The report covers the requirements of the task but the content points could be more fully extended; The format of the report is observed; the purpose of the report is presented; the information is appropriately categorized in spite of minor inaccuracies; the conclusion drawn could be better substantiated	The report addresses the requirements of the task but not all content points are included; the format may be faulty at times; the purpose of the report is presented but it is not very clear; there are lapses in the categorization of the information; the conclusion is not logically linked to the content	The report does not cover the requirements of the task; the content points are attempted but many irrelevant details are included, the format is faulty; the purpose for writing/ the conclusion is missing or the information is inappropriately categorized	The report does not relate to the task	
Organization and cohesion	There is a logical progression throughout; the paragraphs are well built, well extended, the topic sentence is clear; a wide range of cohesive devices is used effectively.	There is a logical progression although minor inconsistencies are possible; the paragraphs are well built but could be more extended or balanced; a range of cohesive devices is used effectively.	The text is generally coherent but the internal organization of some paragraphs may be faulty; the topic sentence is not always clear or may be missing; cohesive devices are present but sometimes they are not accurate.	There is serious inconsistency in the organization of the text; the sequencing of ideas can be followed with difficulty; paragraphing may be missing; cohesive devices are limited or most of them are faulty.	The text is not logically organized and does not convey a message; no control of cohesive devices.	
VOCABULARY	A wide range of vocabulary is used appropriately and accurately; precise meaning is conveyed; minor errors are rare; spelling is very well controlled; the register is appropriate throughout..	A range of vocabulary is used appropriately and accurately; occasional errors in word choice/ formation are possible; spelling is well controlled with occasional slips; the register is appropriate, although minor inconsistencies are possible.	The range of vocabulary is adequate; errors in word choice/ formation are present when more sophisticated items of vocabulary are attempted; spelling can be faulty at times; there are inconsistencies in register.	A limited range of vocabulary is present; less common items of vocabulary are rare and may be often faulty; spelling errors can make text understanding difficult; there are major inconsistencies in register	A very narrow range of vocabulary is present; errors in word choice/formation predominate; spelling errors make the text obscure at times.	
STRUCTURES	A wide range of grammatical structures is used accurately and flexibly; minor errors are rare; punctuation is very well controlled.	A range of grammatical structures is used accurately and with some flexibility; occasional errors are possible; punctuation is well controlled with occasional slips.	A mix of complex and simple grammatical structures is present; errors are present when complex language is attempted; punctuation can be faulty at times.	A limited range of grammatical structures is present; complex language is rare and may be often faulty; punctuation errors can make text understanding difficult.	A very narrow range of grammatical structures is present; errors predominate; punctuation errors make the text obscure at times.	
EFFECT ON TARGET READER	The interest of the reader is aroused and sustained throughout.	The text has a good effect on the reader.	The effect on the reader is satisfactory.	The text has not a relevant effect on the reader.	The text has a negative effect on the reader.	