

OLIMPIADA NAȚIONALĂ DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ - ETAPA LOCALĂ
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CLASA a IX-a - SECȚIUNEA A

Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu. Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 180 de minute.

SECTION A - USE OF ENGLISH

(40p)

I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets in the correct form, then write your answers on your answer sheet. (10 x 1p = 10p)

Last Saturday, our city hosted a technology exhibition, and hundreds of people (1) ____ (**attend**) the event. I arrived early to explore the robotics section, where several new inventions (2) ____ (**display**) on tables and screens. My friends, Mia and Daniel, who (3) ____ (**always/participate**) in tech fairs, joined me shortly after. While we (4) ____ (**walk**) around, a representative was explaining how the latest drones (5) ____ (**respond**) to voice commands. I took lots of notes because I (6) ____ (**want**) to try building a small drone at home before I joined the robotics team at my high school. Meanwhile, other students (7) ____ (**demonstrate**) their projects to the visitors and some teachers were giving short talks about new technology. By the end of the day, we (8) ____ (**feel**) inspired and tired at the same time. In a couple of weeks, some of these projects (9) ____ (**present**) at the national science competition. I (10) ____ (**already/plan**) which projects I will focus on when I start my own design.

II. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the corresponding gap. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (10 x 1p = 10p)

A Weekend at a Music Festival

Last summer, I attended a popular music festival in the countryside, which promised a (1) _____ experience for everyone. The festival grounds were full of (2) _____ fans, all eager to see their favourite bands perform live. I arrived early to explore the various stages, and the (3) _____ of the speakers made me feel thrilled from the very first song. The weather was perfect, warm but not too hot, which created a (4) _____ atmosphere for the entire crowd. Food stalls from all over the world offered a wide variety of (5) _____ cuisines, from spicy tacos to sweet pastries. One of the highlights was the headline concert, which was truly (6) _____ and left everyone cheering for more. I spent some time wandering around the craft market, where local artisans were selling handmade jewellery and (7) _____ items. The festival also featured workshops for music lovers, including sessions on song (8) _____ and instrument technique. By the end of the weekend, I felt completely (9) _____ and extremely satisfied. It was an (10) _____ experience, and I would highly recommend it to anyone who loves live music.

(1) MEMORY
(2) EXCITE
(3) VIBRATE
(4) COMFORT
(5) NATION
(6) IMPRESS
(7) DECORATE
(8) COMPOSE
(9) ENERGY
(10) FORGET

III. Complete the second sentence using the word in bold. Use two to five words including the word given. Do not change the word given. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (10 x 1p = 10p)

- If you read more, you will get smarter. **THE**
The _____ you will get.
- I think a bike is more practical than a car in the city. **AS**
In my opinion, a car _____ a bike in the city.
- I regret not checking the weather forecast before leaving. **SHOULD**
I _____ the weather forecast before leaving.
- “Can you tell me where the nearest train station is?” she asked. **WHERE**
She asked me if _____ train station was.
- The last time I spoke to Jack was at his college graduation. **NOT**
I _____ since he graduated college.

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| 6. She is too young to watch that film.
She _____ watch that film. | ENOUGH |
| 7. He didn't study hard enough, so he failed the exam.
He failed the exam _____ hard enough. | BECAUSE |
| 8. They won't allow students to enter without an ID.
Students _____ an ID. | FORBIDDEN |
| 9. I'm sorry I disturbed you.
I _____ you. | APOLOGISE |
| 10. Most people find it difficult to remember the names of actors.
Most people _____ the names of actors. | DIFFICULTY |

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

Eroul își plimba pașii încet pe străzile pustii ale orașului, reflectând la întâmplările din noaptea de Paști. În lumina pală a felinarelor, vitrinele magazinelor păreau mai reci decât sufletele trecătorilor grăbiți. Bărbatul se gândea cu tristețe la familia sa, la liniștea pentru care tânjea de ani de zile. Deodată, zări în depărtare o lumină strălucitoare — torța de Paști a trezit în el o speranță pe care crezuse pierdută. Se opri, inspiră adânc aerul rece al dimineții și pornit mai departe cu pași hotărâți.

SECTION B - INTEGRATED SKILLS

(50p)

I. Read the text below. Five sentences have been removed from the following text. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap 1 – 5. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (5 x 2p = 10p)

Why Summer Jobs Are a Great Idea for Students

For many students, summer is not only a time to relax, but also an opportunity to earn some money and gain valuable experience. More and more teenagers and university students choose to take on part-time work during the holidays.

There are plenty of options available, from working in cafés and shops to helping at children's camps or tourist centres. (1) _____. The important thing is to find something that matches your personality and interests.

One of the biggest advantages of having a summer job is learning responsibility. Students quickly realise what it means to arrive on time, complete tasks properly, and work as part of a team. (2) _____. These skills can be extremely useful later in life, even in completely different careers.

Summer work can also help young people become more independent. Earning your own salary, even if it is not very high, gives a sense of achievement. (3) _____. It can also teach students how to manage money and plan their spending.

Of course, working during the holidays is not always easy. Some jobs can be tiring, especially in hot weather or busy tourist seasons. (4) _____. However, many students agree that the experience is worth the effort.

Perhaps the most valuable part of a summer job is the confidence it can build. Meeting new people, solving problems, and learning new tasks can make students feel more capable. (5) _____. For this reason, employers often look positively at young applicants who already have work experience.

- A. In fact, many students use their earnings to pay for future studies or travel.
- B. It may take time to adjust to the demands of a real workplace.
- C. Some prefer jobs that involve working with people, while others enjoy practical tasks.
- D. They also discover how important communication and organisation are.
- E. As a result, students often feel bored and regret working at all.
- F. This can be a strong advantage when applying for future positions.

II. WRITING. You have seen the following advertisement in your college newspaper and have decided to apply.

SUMMER SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WANTED!

(Weekends only)

Would you enjoy working with children aged 6–12? Are you full of energy and enthusiasm? Do you have experience with outdoor games and sports? If the answer to these questions is yes, then we want to hear from you. Our Holiday Activity Centre is looking for someone to lead a small group of children in swimming sessions and other fun activities. Starting from the text above, write your LETTER to the centre manager, Mrs Taylor, explaining why you are suitable for the job. (180–200 words) (40 points)