

Etapa județeană/sectoarelor municipiului București a olimpiadelor naționale școlare - 2024

Probă scrisă

Limba engleză

CLASA a IX-a - SECȚIUNEA A

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

SUBJECT A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets in the correct form. 10 points

When Sarah woke up last Saturday, it (1) _____ (**pour**) with rain. She felt really disappointed as she (2) _____ (**already, plan**) to go for a hike in the nearby mountains. She (3) _____ (**look forward to**) it for weeks and (4) _____ (**check**) the weather forecast obsessively. Unwilling to risk getting soaked, she decided to stay home and read a book instead.

Later that day, Sarah's friend called to invite her to a movie the next day. After the call, Sarah's mom asked: " (5) _____ (**you, make**) any plans for the weekend?" "I (6) _____ (**just, agree**) to go to a movie with Meg tomorrow." Her mom then asked if Sarah could babysit her younger brother that evening, to which she agreed.

While they (7) _____ (**play**) together, Sarah's brother asked: "What will you do if it (8) _____ (**rain**) again next weekend?" Sarah replied that she (9) _____ (**probably, stay**) indoors. She kept her fingers crossed for good weather, though, so she could finally go hiking. In the end, Sarah knew that, regardless of the weather, she (10) _____ (**make**) the most of her next weekend.

II. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in each sentence. 10 points

1. His wife gave him a lot of _____. **ENCOURAGE**
2. The total in this chart is certainly _____ as the amount is much too high. **CALCULATE**
3. These fish typically live at _____ of 200 metres or more. **DEEP**
4. It was very difficult to _____ her resistance to the new technology. **COME**
5. She has always been _____ generous to her classmates. **BELIEVE**
6. During the conference, coffee and _____ will be available in the lobby. **REFRESH**
7. What was the _____ cause for the closure of the company? **LIE**
8. In your paper, you have made several _____ mistakes. **CARE**
9. Although the restaurant is very good, some reviewers consider it _____. **RATE**
10. Sadly, many employees feel _____ for the work they do. **PAY**

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. 10 points

1. Jeff and Clare were both unable to do the task. **NOR**
Neither Jeff _____ do the task.
2. Daisy felt lonely because she didn't have many friends in the new town. **FEW**
Daisy felt miserable _____ in the new town.
3. I couldn't borrow your car next week, could I? **ME**
You couldn't _____ next week, could you?
4. Sybil didn't think the course would be so expensive. **THAN**
The course was _____ expected.
5. Jason felt so tired that he couldn't drive any further. **WAS**
Jason _____ any further.

IV. Translate the following text into English. 10 points

Statul medieval de pe insula Rhodos este alcătuit dintr-o rețea de străzi pietruite. Acropola Lindos se află deasupra orașului și oferă vederi spectaculoase ale porturilor și ale litoralului. Plaja Lindos și plaja Saint Paul sunt la o mică distanță de centrul orașului. Cu siguranță sunt multe alte locuri absolut deosebite de vizitat, oamenii sunt calzi și primitori, iar mâncarea este nemaipomenit de gustoasă! În funcție de cât de mult îți dorești să stai, ai mai multe opțiuni, poți ajunge fie cu avionul, fie cu mașina sau chiar poți folosi taxiul. Odată ajuns aici, nu poți să ratezi șansa de a asculta legenda uneia dintre cele Șapte Minuni ale Lumii: Colosul din Rodos.

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SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)

I. 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. **10 points**

The Treasure Ship

The coast of the Namib Desert in South West Africa is the location of Namibia's diamond industry. **1 [...]** Recently, a team of divers working for a diamond company were searching for diamonds under the sea when they made an exciting discovery.

The divers had just started digging when they uncovered a few gold coins and also some pieces of metal and wood. Although they didn't know what the objects were, they realised they had to stop work straight away and inform a historical expert called Derek Ambrose, who worked for the same company.

Ambrose is based in the city of Cape Town in South Africa, and he mainly looks at anything of historical importance found in the Namibian desert, which is where the company usually digs for diamonds. **2 [...]** As soon as he received the photographs of what they had found, he decided to visit the site and invited his former teacher, Bruce Warner, from the University of Cape Town, to help him do research into the discovery.

They quickly realised that the divers had discovered a sunken ship. Based on what the ship was carrying, they believe that the ship sank in the late 1400s or early 1500s. Ambrose and Warner are now trying to fit the pieces of information they have into a story. **3 [...]** Soon they will leave for Europe and go to Portugal or Spain to search for records of a ship that went missing with similar items on board.

The gold and valuable metals on board are proving very interesting. Ambrose believes the ship was on government business - probably looking for enough metal to make big guns. **4 [...]** Shouldn't he have used them to buy the metal? 'Perhaps a group of pirates stole the ship before it sank,' Ambrose said. 'I intend to find out what really happened.'

What sank the ship may remain a mystery. But Ambrose has several ideas: this coast was well known for storms and thick fogs. **5 [...]** He has found pieces of wood from the ship with large holes and repairs done by sailors, so the ship was clearly old, even then.

- A. They divide their time between looking at the remains of the ship under the sea off the West African coast and doing research in museums and libraries in Cape Town.
- B. Even today sailors keep away from it, despite having more accurate maps and better equipment.
- C. These valuable stones can be found both in the desert and in the seabed.
- D. The maritime mysteries veiled by the storms and fogs of that notorious coast seemed to guard their secrets fiercely, refusing to yield to the passage of centuries.
- E. However, Ambrose already knew about the digging that the divers were doing under the sea.
- F. On the other hand, Ambrose wonders why the captain still had so many coins on board.

II. You have seen the following announcement on a website and decided to write a letter.

Research assistants needed!

We are looking for enthusiastic teenagers who are keen on starting an adventure in Namibia, Africa. Join now the professional researchers as research assistants in exploring a ship that sank hundreds of years ago! The purpose of this expedition is to identify clues leading to the reason for which the ship sank.

Starting from the text above, write your letter to the coordinator of the international research team applying for the position of research assistant advertised on the website. (180-200 words) **50 points**