

**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ – ETAPA NAȚIONALĂ
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Probă scrisă

Limba engleză

CLASA a X-a - SECȚIUNEA A

- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**
- **Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**
- **Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 90 de minute.**

SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with ONE word only.

10 points

During his brief career, Van Gogh had (1) _____ sold one painting. Only after his death, (2) _____ his finest works sell well. They were all sold in (3) _____ than three years. His mother threw away a lot of his paintings during his life and even after his death. But she lived long enough to see him become a world-famous painter. He was (4) _____ well known when he was alive, and most people did not appreciate his art. (5) _____ his talent, he became very famous only after his death. Today, many people consider him to be one of the greatest painters in history and an important influence (6) _____ modern art. Van Gogh did not begin painting (7) _____ he was almost 30. Strange as it (8) _____ seem, most of his famous works were done in his last two years. He made more than 2,000 artworks, with 900 paintings and 1,100 drawings and sketches. Today, many of his pieces – portraits, landscapes and sunflowers – are (9) _____ of the most famous and costly works of art in the world, probably the most famous (10) _____ "The Starry Night", done in 1889, which he is most known for.

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence.

10 points

The life of a model is interesting yet challenging, as it demands (1) _____ (**PERSEVERE**), diligence and grit.

If you're curious about what really goes into being a model day-to-day, then read on! This article aims at (2) _____ (**PROVISION**) answers to some frequently asked questions regarding their daily activities.

In order to be considered successful in the modeling world, an individual needs a specific physical build such as body type and (3) _____ (**HIGH**), which involves (4) _____ (**GO**) training sessions designed to fine-tune their posture. Their appearance keeps them ahead in this business which ultimately depends on how they look during various shooting (5) _____ (**ASSIGN**) or runway shows supplied by clients. Thus, models are required consistent maintenance through regular exercise regimes, (6) _____ (**MOST**) priority towards healthy eating habits (7) _____ (**ALONG**) maintaining quality skin care treatment over time.

Despite the fact that the modeling profession can be considered (8) _____ (**RIGHT**) stressful with certain hours and frequent traveling, models should (9) _____ (**DOUBT**) prioritize their health and try to establish steady rest patterns (10) _____ (**GROUND**) on individual needs.

III. 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. 10 points

1. Dorothy arrived late at the meeting because her flight was delayed. **TIME**
If Dorothy's _____, she wouldn't have arrived late at the meeting.
2. They say there was an accident in this area. **HAVE**
There _____ an accident in this area.
3. He had no idea what was going to happen to him. **KNOW**
Little _____ ahead.
4. "Once your job is done, you can go out," he said. **HAVE**
"When _____, you can go out," he said.
5. I regret replying so rudely to my deskmate. **BACK**
If only _____ my deskmate.

IV. Translate the following text into English. 10 points

În octombrie voi aniversa doi ani în India. Doi ani în care, zi de zi, am realizat că nu voi ști nimic despre această țară. Nimic fundamental nou și, mai ales, nici măcar o idee profundă aplicabilă întregului teritoriu indian. Știam mai multe în prima zi a venirii mele aici, decât acum. Atunci aveam nenumărate certitudini și mi se părea că știu ceea ce înseamnă India. Ceea ce a rămas astăzi este suma de experiențe personale. Și a mai rămas ceva, un lucru despre care am mai scris, dar la care voi reveni, din când în când, pentru că mie mi se pare a fi esențial. India mi-a lăsat timpul necesar să citesc și să scriu. Apoi, toată țara aceasta, blocată undeva în istorie, exercită asupra mea o anume fascinație. E ca și cum aș privi un colosal mamifer, mai mare și mai greu decât orice mi-aș fi putut imagina, ținându-și echilibrul pe o sfoară atârnată undeva între două vârfuri de munte.

(adaptare din Ovidiu Ivancu, *Vremea musonului: patru ani în India*)