

**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ – ETAPA NAȚIONALĂ  
DEVA****Aprilie 2024****Probă scrisă****Limba engleză****CLASA a XI-a - SECȚIUNEA A**

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

**I. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with ONE word only.****10 points**

Poundbury's buildings imitate the quaint cottages and grander houses of 18th-century Dorset. If you find such reproductions of the past artificial, **1.** \_\_\_ you will certainly not enjoy Thames Town, a new development just outside Shanghai. Rarely **2.** \_\_\_ you find nostalgia taken to such extremes. But this is not nostalgia for traditional Chinese living. Thames Town is modelled **3.** \_\_\_ the English town of Dorchester, not far from Poundbury, and is part of a plan to create a new suburbia for Shanghai's richer classes.

But are these model towns a success? As **4.** \_\_\_ as friendly urban planning goes, Poundbury **5.** \_\_\_ seem to work. Businesses are placed close to residential buildings, **6.** \_\_\_ have small gardens, but there is plenty of communal green space, making **7.** \_\_\_ easy to get to know your neighbours.

Unfortunately, the **8.** \_\_\_ cannot be said for Thames Town. It is popular with day visitors and Chinese couples wanting to recreate western-style weddings, but, going **9.** \_\_\_, you get the distinct feeling you are in a museum rather than somewhere lived **10.** \_\_\_.

**II. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.****10 points**

**1. If only you....your exam! Never mind, I suppose things ...a lot worse! I wish you....your dream job!**

- a. haven't failed/could be/will be fulfilling
- b. hadn't failed/might be/had fulfilled
- c. hadn't failed/might have been/would fulfil
- d. didn't fail/can be/fulfilled

**2. Don't blame everything on your teacher, you should have learned more.**

- a. If you have learned more, you wouldn't be blaming it on your teacher.
- b. Should you have learned more, you wouldn't be blaming it on your teacher.
- c. Had you learned more, you wouldn't be blaming it on your teacher.
- d. If you had learned more, you wouldn't have blamed it on your teacher.

**3. As the young lady felt tears ...her eyes, a tune unexpectedly commenced on the radio. She \_\_\_, listening to it, for a span of minutes.**

- a. to come in/laid
- b. coming into/lay
- c. come from/laid
- d. having come into/was laid

4. **The poet was known ...from asthma when he was in his early twenties and, when he fell ill .... tuberculosis, everyone thought it was nothing serious and ... let him die.**
- to suffer/from/they
  - having suffered/of/she
  - to have suffered/with/she
  - to have suffered/with/they
5. **He had his girlfriend ... their coats inside out lest they ...be recognised by the bank clerk. Being afraid of the plans their boss made, ...the decisive night some of them turned on their heels. Those who stayed...clear instructions to follow.**
- turn/should/on/were given
  - to turn/would/in/had been given
  - better turn/should/on/were given
  - turn/should/on/had been given
6. **Could the young girl have been right when she wondered if ...entitled to special treatment because everybody trusted someone they had known before, but nobody knew whether ...have entrusted anything valuable to the girl`s younger brother, who was too young and asked all the passers-by why ... not considered reliable?**
- the old lady is/ ought they to/she is
  - the old lady was/they should/she was
  - the old lady is/they ought to/she is
  - the old lady is/they should/she is
7. **Our town was founded ... a hill, ... a village... farmers, and entered history ... 700 B.C., the official date ... its founding.**
- at/like/about/for
  - on/like/with/in/after
  - from/in/for/before/from
  - on/as/of/around/of
8. **She deleted his last e-mail, ... he ... to her, ... her parents ... ever discover the truth.**
- in which/confessed/for fear/would
  - that/confessed/so that/would
  - which/confessed/for fear/will
  - in which/had confessed/lest/should
9. **... she ... off the lights ...she heard the phone ringing.**
- Scarcely had/turned/than
  - Scarcely had/turned/when
  - No sooner/turned/than
  - Hardly/had turned/when
10. **It was only when you phoned me that I found out about the accident.**
- Not until did you phone me that I found out about the accident.
  - Not until you phoned me have I found out about the accident.
  - Not until you phoned me did I find out about the accident.
  - Not until did you phone me that I found out about the accident.

**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. My sister arrived, but was immediately called back to the office. **WHEN**  
Hardly \_\_\_\_\_ she was called back to the office.
2. Allegedly, this article has been written by two journalists. **IS**  
This article \_\_\_\_\_ written by two journalists.
3. They had never agreed upon an important matter before. **OF**  
Never before \_\_\_\_\_ been agreed upon.
4. "My friends were surprised when they realised that I was about to leave the country", said John. **AS**  
John said that his \_\_\_\_\_ a surprise to his friends.
5. Unfortunately, our best friends are moving house so soon. **OUT**  
If only our best friends \_\_\_\_\_ so soon.

**IV. Translate the following text into English.**

**10 points**

Nu putem ști cum s-ar fi schimbat istoria veacului dacă Enver Pașa ar fi ordonat armatei sale ostenite și demoralizate să ia drumul prin trecători, spre Trabizonda, și s-ar fi aflat, măcar o clipă, în bătaia armei lui Misak Torlakian. Probabil însă că Enver Pașa, mărunțelul commandant care se visa Napoleon sau Frederic cel Mare, dar care, după înfrângerea de la Şarikamiş unde, din cei aproape o sută de mii de soldați ai armatei sale, mai bine de patru cincimi fuseseră, ca și cele ale idolului său împărățesc, cu peste un secol în urmă, nimicite de tifos și de frig, nu mai era la fel de trufaș și de nesăbuit. Așa că decisese să renunțe la drumul pe mare, coborî prin Sivas în centrul Anatoliei și ținu drumurile pietruite, mai încomode pentru armata vlăguită și pentru cizmele lui cu tocuri înalte, de-a dreptul femeiești, dar având în jur platouri întinse, deci mai sigure. Odată reîntors în capitală, stânjenit de propria slăbiciune și, ca și ceilalți membri ai alianței, din cale-afară de răzbunător, primul său ordin a fost acela de a desavârși acțiunea de dezarmare și de trimitere a soldaților de origine armeană la muncă în tabere de concentrare.

(Adaptat după *Cartea șoaptelor* de Varujan Vosganian)