

**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ – ETAPA NAȚIONALĂ
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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 90 de minute.

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

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a record breaker? In 1954, English neurologist and middle-distance athlete Roger Bannister achieved what once **(1)** _____ **(think)** impossible. At the time, he **(2)** _____ **(train)** relentlessly for months, aiming to break the four-minute mile barrier, and when he finally did, it **(3)** _____ **(change)** the perception of human capabilities forever.

Since then, countless records **(4)** _____ **(break)** in various fields. From sports to science, individuals **(5)** _____ **(push)** themselves to new heights. Nowadays, with advancements in technology and training methods, it seems like there's no limit to what humans can achieve.

If someone **(6)** _____ **(ask)** a record breaker about their secret to success, they might respond, "I would rather focus on the journey than the destination." Reportedly, when interviewed about his record-breaking achievement, legendary Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps humbly replied, "I never imagined I **(7)** _____ **(come)** this far, but I'm grateful for every moment."

Looking back, one can't help but wonder, if we **(8)** _____ **(not have)** such models, who would inspire us to dream bigger, work harder and never settle for mediocrity? And even though we **(9)** _____ **(may/not be)** there to witness the sheer determination and grit it took to break these records firsthand, the impact of these achievements **(10)** _____ **(feel)** far and wide.

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

As an **1)** _____ **(ENERGY)** person, I always embark on a road trip with anticipation. The **2)** _____ **(LONG)** of the road ahead may seem daunting, but it only adds to the **3)** _____ **(EXCITE)**. Each turn, each stop holds the promise of new experiences waiting to be uncovered. There's an air of **4)** _____ **(SECRET)** to the adventure, as if the road itself holds mysteries, **5)** _____ **(SHY)** revealing them only to those who dare to travel its path.

With each passing mile, **6)** _____ **(ELATE)** builds, proving that the decision to set out was the right one. Yet, amidst the thrill, there's a hint of **7)** _____ **(RESIST)** sweet nostalgia for the places passed by, each one leaving its mark on the journey. And as the road stretches on, the traveler can't help but **8)** _____ **(RESPONSE)** to its call, eager to see what lies beyond the next horizon, never allowing doubts to **9)** _____ **(MINE)** their excitement. Take a tip from me: **10)** _____ **(SENSE)** planning ensures a smooth and enjoyable trip.

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. It's ages since he last ate mushrooms. **FOR**
He _____ ages.
2. They will be on the train for Paris by the time she arrives. **LEFT**
They _____ for Paris by the time she arrives.
3. I can't wait to tell Sandra the good news. **FORWARD**
I'm _____ Sandra the good news.
4. The boys said that they hadn't broken the window. **DENIED**
The boys _____ the window.
5. I'm sure it wasn't Karen who called because I saw her outside. **BEEN**
It _____ Karen who called because I saw her outside.

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

Mersesem mai bine de o jumătate de ceas. El tăcea; eram cu desăvârșire pierdut. Niciodată până în seara aceea nu mă bălăcisem printr-atât noroi, niciodată nu-mi mai fusese dat să văd o sărăcie atât de cumplită. În mai puțin de un ceas, îi povestii toată istoria mea, pe scurt, dar toată, fără să-i ascund nimic, începând de când eram lângă mama, până când am fugit de pe corabie. El mă ascultă, fără să scoată un cuvânt.

(Panait Istrati – Ciulinii Bărăganului)