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CLASA a VII-a

- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**
- **Se acordă zece puncte din oficiu.**
- **Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 2 ore.**

SUBIECTUL I – USE OF ENGLISH (25 points)

I.1. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms. 10 points

When I 1) _____ (arrive) at the camp, everyone 2) _____ (prepare) for the afternoon activities. I 3) _____ (not/know) what to expect, but my group leader 4) _____ (tell) me that we 5) _____ (start) with a short hike. As we 6) _____ (walk) through the forest, I noticed that the others 7) _____ (talk) excitedly about the treasure hunt planned for the next day. 'Do you think it will be difficult?' I asked Emma. She smiled and said she 8) _____ (hope) it would be fun rather than hard. In the end, the hunt came up to our expectations, and everyone seemed pleased with how it had gone. In fact, the entire camp experience was so great that since I got back home, I 9) _____ (tell) all my friends how great it was, and I am already thinking of returning next summer. If I 10) _____ (save) enough money next year, I will definitely go back to the same camp.

I.2. Read the text below and look carefully at each line. If the line is correct, write a tick (✓). If it has a word that should not be there, write the word. 10 points

0. Scientists have come up with a new type of paper that can be printed on and✓....
00. then used again many times. Users will be able to either remove up the	....up....
1. writing from the paper themselves or leave it to disappear over on a period	.....
2. of time, after which the paper will be completely blank and ready to be	.....
3. printed it on again. There is no significant change in quality between the first	.....
4. and the twentieth printout. Under so normal circumstances, the writing remains	.....
5. perfectly clear for at least three days, which is long enough for most practical	.....
6. purposes. This new process does not require ink. Instead of, the paper is	.....
7. printed using a combination of chemicals and light. If users want the print to	.....
8. disappear more quickly, they can apply heat to the paper. This can take out	.....
9. as little less as ten minutes. The hope is that in the future this type of paper will	.....
10. be widely used, providing that an environmentally friendly alternative to ordinary paper.	.....

I.3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capital letters. 5 points

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| 1. Her _____ was completely meaningless to the audience. It made no sense at all. | EXPLAIN
APPLY
SYSTEM
APPOINT
CARE |
| 2. If you forget to sign the form, the school may invalidate your _____. | |
| 3. The police searched the house _____. | |
| 4. Chasing unachievable dreams may cause _____. | |
| 5. The accident happened because of the driver's _____. | |

SUBIECTUL al II-lea – READING COMPREHENSION (25 points)

Read the text below and complete the tasks that follow.

The Bermuda Triangle

1. _____

The Bermuda Triangle is a mysterious area in the North Atlantic Ocean, often referred to as the "Devil's Triangle." It is shaped like a triangle, with Miami, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico as its three points. This region has gained a reputation for being a place where ships and airplanes have mysteriously disappeared over the years. Many theories have been suggested, but no clear explanation has ever been found to fully explain these disappearances.

2. _____

The Bermuda Triangle became widely known after a series of incidents in the 20th century. One of the most famous events occurred in 1945, when five U.S. Navy bombers, known as Flight 19, disappeared without a trace during a training mission. Soon after, a rescue plane sent to look for them also vanished. This mysterious event aroused public curiosity and led to many other reports of unexplained disappearances in the area.

3. _____

There are many theories about what might cause these events. Some scientists believe that the Bermuda Triangle experiences strong ocean currents, which could cause ships to sink. Others suggest that the unusual magnetic forces in the area might affect compasses and confuse pilots. Some people even believe in more fantastic explanations, such as alien involvement or the presence of underwater cities. However, many experts agree that most disappearances can be explained by natural causes or human error.

4. _____

The Bermuda Triangle's mysterious reputation has been heavily influenced by the media. Books, movies, and documentaries have fueled interest in the area, often exaggerating the stories of the lost ships and planes. These reports tend to focus on the strange disappearances, while ignoring the thousands of flights and ships that travel through the region safely every year. In fact, the area is one of the busiest travel routes in the world.

5. _____

The Bermuda Triangle remains an intriguing and mysterious part of the world. Even though there is no single explanation for the disappearances, many scientists believe that natural causes such as weather, human mistakes, and ocean currents are the most likely reasons. Whether people believe in the mystery or not, the Bermuda Triangle continues to be a popular topic around the world.

II.1 Choose the most suitable heading from the list (A-G) for each part (1-5). There are two extra headings which you do not need to use. 10 points

- A. *Beneath the waves*
- B. *Stories bigger than the sea*
- C. *The spark behind the legend*
- D. *A journey to nowhere*
- E. *Explaining the unknown*
- F. *A triangle drawn in mystery*
- G. *The enigma goes on*

II.2 For questions 1-5, choose the answer A, B, C, or D which you think fits best according to the text.
15 points

1. According to the text, what is the geographical nature of the "Devil's Triangle"?
 - A. It is a circular zone located in the Pacific Ocean.
 - B. It is a three-sided area in the North Atlantic marked by three specific landmarks.
 - C. It is a coastal region that stretches from Miami to the South Atlantic.
 - D. It is a remote part of the North Atlantic where commercial travel is not permitted.
2. What was the impact of the disappearance of Flight 19 in 1945?
 - A. It provided scientists with the first evidence of magnetic interference.
 - B. It caused a permanent ban on Navy training missions in that area.
 - C. It led to a significant increase in public interest and claims of other unusual incidents.
 - D. It resulted in the discovery of an underwater city near Puerto Rico.
3. What is the general perspective of the experts regarding the "mysterious" losses in this region?
 - A. They are convinced that extraterrestrial activity is the only logical answer.
 - B. They believe the stories are entirely made up by the media and never happened.
 - C. They argue that natural phenomena and pilot mistakes are the most probable causes.
 - D. They claim that magnetic forces have been proven to sink the ships.
4. What is implied about the media's role in shaping public opinion?
 - A. It has made the Bermuda Triangle seem more dangerous than it really is.
 - B. It has discouraged people from travelling through the area.
 - C. It has focused mainly on scientific explanations.
 - D. It has helped reduce the number of disappearances.
5. Which fact does the author provide to show that the area might not be as dangerous as people think?
 - A. The weather in the North Atlantic is usually very calm and predictable.
 - B. Modern airplanes now have technology that prevents them from disappearing.
 - C. Scientists have found an explanation for the disappearances.
 - D. It is one of the most heavily travelled regions worldwide with thousands of safe trips.

SUBIECTUL al III-lea – WRITING (40 points)

Write a narrative essay beginning like this:

As soon as I stepped outside, I realised the street was completely silent. No cars, no voices, just an empty, quiet road that felt wrong for a weekday morning.

Write your story in 120-150 words and give it an appropriate title. You should use this plan:

1. **Introduction** (paragraph 1 – set the scene)
2. **Main Body** (paragraph(s) 2/3 – develop the story)
3. **Conclusion** (paragraph 4 – end the story).

Do not count the words given.

