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CLASA A VII-A

- **Total: 100 puncte**
- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii**
- **Timpul de elaborare a răspunsurilor este de 120 de minute.**
- **Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**

SUBIECTUL I (10 items x 2p =20 points)

Fill in the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

I **1.** (be) a fan of soap operas for years. I usually **2.** (watch) my favourite show three times a week. In fact, I **3.** (never / miss) a single episode. Last Saturday, while I **4.** (sit) in front of the TV, the electricity suddenly **5.** (go off). After waiting for about an hour, I finally phoned the telephone company. “What **6.** (happen)?” I asked them. “When **7.** (we / have) electricity again?” The man I spoke to said it **8.** (take) a while to fix the problem. So I **9.** (not watch) my favourite soap opera that day. Strangely enough, I **10.** (not watch) it since. Suddenly, there are so many other things to do!

SUBIECTUL II (5 items x2p = 10 points)

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word derived from the word in capitals at the end of each of the following lines.

Sports in Japan are a (1)_____ part of Japanese culture. Both (2)_____ sports such as sumo and martial arts, and Western imports like baseball and association football are popular with both (3)_____ and spectators. Sumo wrestling is considered Japan's national sport. Baseball was (4)_____ to the country by visiting Americans in the 19th century. The Nippon Professional Baseball League is Japan's largest professional sports (5)_____ in terms of television ratings and spectators.

- 1. SIGNIFY**
- 2. TRADITION**
- 3. PARTICIPATE**
- 4. INTRODUCE**
- 5. COMPETE**

SUBIECTUL III (10 items x 2p =20 points)

Read the text and look carefully at each line. There are 7 unnecessary words. Cross them out. If a line is correct, put a tick (v).

David Livingstone wanted to become a missionary, so in 1840 he went to the Africa. Moving around the country he did found out that he enjoyed exploring. In 1852, he insisted on sending his family back to Britain so that they would be safe. He continued to explore because he had wanted to discover a trade route that it would end slavery. In 1858, he set out to explore the Zambezi River and then, in 1866, he began another one expedition to find the source of the River Nile. Livingstone has made many interesting discoveries and made people to think differently about Africa. People will always remember him.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

SUBIECTUL IV (25 p)

Read the following text. It has five paragraphs.

- a) Choose the best title for each paragraph from A to F. Write the letter on the line next to the number of the paragraph. There is one title you don't need. (5 items x 2p = 10 points)

You are going to read a magazine article about a unique garden. Choose the most suitable heading from the list A – F, for each part 1 -5. There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. For questions 1 – 5, choose the answer (a, b, c or d) which you think fits best according to the text.

The Rock Garden of Chandigarh

1. _____

In Chandigarh, a city in northeast India, there is an amazing garden. There are tall rocks and small paths between them. There are waterfalls, pools, and hundreds of sculptures. The sculptures are surprising because they are all made from rubbish, like plastic jewellery, bottles, broken pots, sinks, toilets, and pieces of electrical equipment.

2. _____

The garden has a surprising history too because it was built in secret! A man called Nek Chand started building the garden in 1957. He chose some land in a forest near the city, where there were rocks and a river. Nobody was allowed to build here, so Nek knew that people wouldn't see him there. Then he started to collect rubbish and make the sculptures. Nek's project was illegal, but for 18 years, nobody found it. However, in 1975, some government officials discovered it. By that time, the garden was nearly 49,000m² in size. The government tried to destroy the garden, but when the people in the city heard about it, they wanted to keep it.

3. _____

In 1976 it became a public park. After that, Nek Chand received a salary so that he could work in the garden full-time, and fifty more people were employed to work there with him. People paid to visit the garden. Nek put collection centres around the town so that he could make more recycled sculptures.

4. _____

However, the garden wasn't safe yet. In 1990, the local government tried to build a road through the park, just for VIPs. But local people protested, and their plan failed. Later, Nek became famous. He travelled to the USA to tell people about his garden. But when he returned, his garden was destroyed! It took a long time to rebuild it and keep it safe.

5. _____

Now, a charity manages the garden. Five thousand visitors visit this special place each day. Volunteers, workers, and local children still work here. They keep the garden clean and learn to make sculptures. If you like, you can volunteer here too!

- A. A well-deserved reward
- B. The story goes on...
- C. A different garden
- D. Hidden adventures
- E. Failed attempts
- F. A risky project

b) Choose the correct answer to the questions, according to the text. (5 items x 3p = 15 p)

1. What is the most surprising thing about the garden?

- a. the rocks
- b. the waterfalls
- c. the sculptures
- d. the plants

2. When Nek first started building the garden he was...

- a. breaking the law.
- b. collecting rubbish in the forest.
- c. working as a government official.
- d. living in the forest.

3. When the garden was discovered in 1975,...

- a. The local people wanted to destroy it, but the government didn't.
- b. The government wanted to destroy it, but the local people didn't.
- c. Both the government and the local people wanted to destroy it.
- d. Both the government and the local people wanted to keep it.

4. What happened while Nek was in USA?

- a. Someone stole some sculptures.
- b. A road was built through the park.
- c. Some VIPs visited the garden.
- d. People destroyed the garden.

5. Which of the following is NOT true about the garden now?

- a. There is a road for VIPs through the garden.
- b. People are still making new sculptures there.
- c. The local government doesn't manage the garden.
- d. You can volunteer to work there.

SUBIECTUL V (25 points)

Write a story (120-150 words) beginning as shown:

I opened my eyes and had no idea where I was...

Give your story a catchy title.

- you don't need to write long descriptions;
- use dialogues only if they are relevant to your characters or events;
- 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).