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VARIANTA 1

Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu. Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.

SUBIECTUL A - USE OF ENGLISH 40 points

I Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. (10x 1 p=10 points)

- a) About six o'clock in the evening we found ourselves at the foot of the Rosetta Pass. Earlier in the day we (1 **see**).....no reason why we shouldn't reach San Martino before dark, but some unlucky happening (2 **delay**).....us. The most difficult part of the journey (3 **be**).....still in front of us and the sinking sun (4 **warn**)..... us it (5 **be**)..... unwise to go on. Rather against our will, we (6 **decide**)..... to spend the night at the hut.
- b) I (7 **not wash**)..... the car yesterday if I (8 **know**)..... it was going to rain.
- c) I (9 **give**).....you my considered opinion as soon as I (10 **read**).....through all the information.

II Use the words given in capitals to form a word that fits in the spaces. (10 x 1 p= 10 points)

In mountainous areas, such as the Alps, electrical storms can be terrifying experiences both for (1)..... and local inhabitants. Climbers describe (2).....incidents in which their hair stands on end, they see flashes and feel (3).....in the face of powerful (4).....forces beyond their control. There is no (5)..... against lightning bolts, which nearly always cause death, usually from heart (6).....but precautions can be taken. Climbers who are (7)..... carry their ice-axes low down because if they are (8).....high up they attract lightning. It is important to have a good (9).....of weather conditions. When anvil-shaped clouds are seen, it is an (10)..... that lightning may soon strike.

1 MOUNTAIN 2 FRIGHT 3 DEFENCE 4 NATURE 5 PROTECT 6 FAIL 7 CARE 8 HOLD 9 KNOW 10 INDICATE

III Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 x 1 p=10 points)

Alan Bean was born in 1932 in Texas, USA. He developed (1).....early interest in aviation and spent a lot of time making model airplanes. At the age of eighteen, he won a US Navy scholarship (2).....enabled him to study aeronautical engineering at the University of Texas. When he graduated, he learned to fly and spent five years (3).....a Navy pilot. Later he became a test pilot and (4)..... was at this time that he had a lucky escape. An aircraft he was flying (5).....struck by lightning but he managed to land it safely, (6)..... it was badly damaged.

In 1962, he applied for the NASA astronaut training programme and a year (7).....was selected as one of the fourteen astronauts who (8).....take part in the Apollo missions to the Moon. In 1969, he became the fourth man to set foot on the surface of the Moon, (9).....he spent 31 hours, collecting rock samples and carrying (10)..... scientific experiments.

IV Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given in brackets. You must use between two and five words. Do not change the word given.

1. Do you think it would have been a good idea to buy tickets in advance? (**should**)
Do you think we.....tickets in advance?
2. It's true that Frank was once in prison, isn't it? (**to**)
Frank....., hasn't he?
3. I think the witness was mistaken about my client's identity. (**for**)
In my opinion, the witnesselse.
4. If only I had enough money to buy that ring. (**afford**)
Ithat ring.
5. It is rumoured that they are going to get married. (**a**)
There they are getting married.

(5 x 2 p= 10 points)

SUBIECTUL B- INTEGRATED SKILLS 60 points

I Read the text below. For questions 1 to 5, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Airline pilots have high social status and earn a great deal of money. Flight attendants have an uncertain status and earn less, but there are always some who will describe them as “glorified waitresses in the sky”. This is little to balance against the possibility of a hijack or a disaster. So why do they do it?

I went to see Diane Humphreys, Senior Flight Attendant with Dan-Air at Manchester Airport, to try to find the answer to this question. Mrs. Humphreys is responsible for all Dan-Air’s cabin staff based at the airport and is also involved in their selection. She has had the job for 16 years.

One reason why flight attendants don’t get over-anxious about flying may be that they are so busy before, during and after a flight. I asked Mrs. Humphreys to tell me what a typical timetable for a flight attendant would be. Before the flight, flight attendants have to prepare the cabin and toilets and make sure that the food and drinks are aboard. They don’t do long-distance flights and so there are no overnight stopovers unless weather conditions prevent take-off or landing, or the plane develops technical problems. There’s a 45-minute turn-around interval, when the flight attendants have to prepare the plane for the return flight.

“During the flight you’ve got no time to relax-the safety instructions have to be demonstrated and the food and drinks served. You’re always busy. So one day you might have an early morning flight, the next an afternoon flight; the day after you might be on relief duty and have to be ready to work if someone else becomes ill or there is an emergency. This means that you have to watch your phone all the time and be no more than an hour and a half from the airport.”

1 In her job Diane Humphreys

- A is in charge of Dan-Air’s flight attendants worldwide.
- B supervises all Manchester Airport staff.
- C helps with the appointment of Manchester’s Dan-Air cabin staff.
- D looks after aircrews when they are in Manchester.

2 Dan- Air’s flight attendants usually work

- A completely variable hours each week.
- B alternate days on and off duty.
- C six days a week.
- D relief days after night flights.

3 When can flight attendants relax?

- A before a flight takes off
- B when the plane is in the air
- C when the plane has landed
- D never at all

4 What does being on relief duty involve?

- A staying at the airport for a day
- B paying attention to the phone all the time
- C telephoning the airport every one and a half hours?
- D preparing for a night flight

5 According to the passage, the job of a flight attendant is

- A well paid
- B glamorous
- C tiring
- D boring

(5 x 2 p= 10 points)

II. You have just read the interview above in a popular magazine and, despite the disadvantages of the job presented here, you have decided to apply for a post of flight attendant which you saw advertised in a national newspaper.

Write you letter of application. (120-180 words)