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CLASA a IX-a - SECȚIUNEA A

I. SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH – 40 points

1. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. (10x1p=10 p)

Bill and Ray (1) _____ (**work**) for the same company for over ten years, and in all that time they had never had an argument. All that changed last Friday, though. It was almost time to go home and Bill, grinning widely, walked up to Ray and said, “It’s nearly five, Ray. (2) _____ (**you come**) out for something to eat?”

Ray looked at Bill and replied, “I really wish I (3) _____ (**can**), but it looks like I’ll have to do some overtime this evening.” Bill (4) _____ (**be**) shocked. “What? It’s Friday. You can’t work overtime on a Friday! Come on, let’s get out of here.”

Ray thought for a second but then (5) _____ (**shake**) his head and said, “I really can’t, Bill. Mr Cameron called me into his office earlier and asked me if I could stay late and finish up a job for him. He (6) _____ (**never do**) that before, so I couldn’t say no.”

Bill didn’t know what to say. As he (7) _____ (**walk**) towards the door, Ray called out to him. “Hey, maybe I can catch up with you later.” Suddenly, all the times Ray (8) _____ (**offer**) to help him when he was having problems on the job came flooding into Bill’s mind. “I guess I (9) _____ (**stay**), too,” he said to Ray. “We’ll get the job done twice as fast if there are two of us (10) _____ (**work**) on it.”

2. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence (10x1p=10 p)

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| 1. Jack had the to admit that it was his fault. | DECENT |
| 2. We are witnessing a huge of capital in developing countries. | ACCUMULATE |
| 3. It was of him to ignore our invitation. | POLITE |
| 4. I felt like fainting as I knew I was in front of that strong man. | POWER |
| 5. Their was impressive and touching. | FRIEND |
| 6. All of us burst into at his joke. | LAUGH |
| 7. His methods were not very, but worked just fine. | SCIENCE |
| 8. The of the seaside resort include sandy beaches and great restaurants. | ATTRACT |
| 9. Her dream of becoming a pilot has become a..... | REAL |
| 10. The two kittens were so that they spent hours on end playing together. | PLAY |

3. Rephrase the following sentences so that they contain the words in bold, and so that the meaning stays the same: (5x2p=10p)

1. He has always found cooking easy. (**GOOD**)
He has always _____ cooking.
2. At the end of the presentation Allen showed some slides. (**FINISHED**)
Allen _____ some slides.
3. My boss always criticises his staff. (**TENDENCY**)
My boss _____ his staff.
4. When I started my speech I forgot everything I wanted to say. (**ANYTHING**)
When I started my speech I _____ I wanted to say.
5. He usually sleeps until noon. (**USED**)
He _____ until noon.

1. Translate the following text into English: (10 points)

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SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)

1. Read the text below and for each question, choose the correct answer and write the letter in the box. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use: (5x4p=20 p)

I've always been attracted to the sea, so when I saw an advertisement for a lighthouse keeper, I knew I had to apply. The job was to maintain a lighthouse on a small island off the coast of Scotland. (1) _____ To my surprise, they hired me, and soon I was on my way to my new home. The lighthouse itself is over a hundred years old, and it's full of history. Many wild storms over the decades would have sunk many ships if the lighthouse hadn't been there warning them away. Every day, I'm responsible for ensuring that the light shines brightly, warning ships away from the dangerous rocks. (2) _____ The work can be hard, but it's very rewarding.

Living on a small island can be lonely, but I don't mind. I have the sea birds for company, and I enjoy the peace and quiet. I spend my days taking care of the lighthouse and my nights watching the stars. (3) _____ It's a simple life, but a fulfilling one.

One of the biggest challenges of living here is the weather. It can be very unpredictable and sometimes quite extreme. But I've learned to adapt and be prepared for anything. (4) _____ And despite the occasional storm, I wouldn't trade this life for anything. If I weren't here, I'd be sitting in a boring office doing a job to pay the bills. I know which I prefer!

Being a lighthouse keeper is not just a job, it's a way of life. It's hard work and it can be lonely, but the rewards are worth it. I get to live in a place of beauty and peace, and every day I have the satisfaction of knowing that I'm helping to keep sailors safe. (5) _____

A. I told them about my love for the sea and my experience with maintenance work.

B. Storms can come up suddenly, and I've learned to always have supplies ready.

C. But I'm always on call, ready to respond if there's a problem.

D. It's a responsibility I take very seriously.

E. I don't have many neighbours, but I do have the whole sky.

F. But in the end, it's the solitude and the sea that keep me here.

G. The isolation can be difficult, but I'm never bored.

H. Even painting and drawing would keep me occupied for many days.

2. Read the text again and write a letter of application for a part-time student summer job at the seaside. (180-200 words) (40 p)

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