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SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet. (10 points)

Around the world, many teachers and lecturers are now (1) lessons online. Many of the students who (2)..... classes from the comfort of their homes take their education seriously. However, some take a more relaxed attitude towards their (3) Some students, having (4) themselves with their new online environment, are doing things they'd never do in a classroom, sometimes with hilarious consequences! One class at a college in the USA have (5) a number of new online skills, and the tricks they (6) on their professor have made her life very difficult. It all started when one of the students in her class asked to borrow a pencil from one of her classmates. All the students joined (7) and pretended to pass the pencil screen to screen. Their professor couldn't make (8) nor tail of what was going on! While such behavior has been (9)..... by some, most educators can see the funny side of it, and take it as a sign that students feel at ease in the environment. Do you think that criticizing the students' behavior is (10)? Similarly, teachers have embraced the informal setting, bringing their pets on screen and cracking jokes to lighten the mood.

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| 1. A. enrolling in | B. accessing | C. delivering | D. revising |
| 2. A. assess | B. attend | C. award | D. acquire |
| 3. A. coursework | B. potential | C. platform | D. course book |
| 4. A. realised | B. summarised | C. identified | D. familiarised |
| 5. A. acquired | B. boosted | C. introduced | D. completed |
| 6. A. do | B. make | C. play | D. like |
| 7. A. out | B. together | C. up | D. in |
| 8. A. brain | B. cap | C. head | D. sail |
| 9. A. notified | B. criticised | C. reduced | D. reviewed |
| 10.A. justified | B. clarified | C. classified | D. simplified |



II. Fill in each gap in the following text with only ONE word which fits the meaning of the text. (10 points)

Agatha Christie (1890–1976) (1)_____ the world's most successful author, having sold an unbelievable two billion books. Her work has (2)_____ translated into 103 languages and she is considered by (3)_____ to be the Queen of Crime, as her mystery fiction has been so popular and so influential.

Her play The Mousetrap is the longest-running production in the West End of London. It opened in 1952 and can (4)_____ be seen at the Ambassadors Theatre near Leicester Square. In 1920 her first book, The Mysterious Affair at Styles, introduced the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot. (5)_____ he was loved (6)_____ readers, Agatha Christie herself hated the character and longed to kill (7)_____ off. She also created another famous detective, the elderly lady Miss Marple, (8)_____ uses her knowledge (9)_____ human nature (10)_____ solve crimes.

III. Read the sentences and use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. (10 points)

1. From the balcony we could see all the _____ arriving in their shiny cars. (CELEBRATE)
2. During the Second World War, the _____ of certain areas of London would hide in the tunnels during air raids by the German air force. (INHABIT)
3. Her behaviour was _____ and very rude. (CIVIL)
4. The young boy was _____ about not being allowed to play outside. (RESENT)
5. Paella Valenciana contains no seafood but instead a _____ of chicken, rabbit and snails, with white and green beans. (MIX)
6. It is _____ to leave children playing on the beach without someone watching them. (ADVISE)
7. Despite what she said, Mum was _____ shocked when I told her I'd failed the test. (VISION)
8. There is a lack of _____ in the articles she writes. They are all the same. (CREATE)
9. You should take the offer. It's an _____ price for a two-week holiday in Spain. (BEAT)
10. I asked the manager to _____ a few points in the agreement before we came around to the signing. (CLEAR)

IV. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (5x2=10 points)

1. They tried to rescue the survivors before dark. **ATTEMPT**
They.....the survivors before dark.
2. I was surprised when he said he wouldn't work overtime. **REFUSAL**
His.....as a surprise to me.
3. She didn't like the fact that he had been treated so badly. **BEING**
She objected.....so badly.
4. I've been too busy to watch the movie you sent, but I'll do it soon. **ROUND**
I have..... the movie you sent, but I'll do it soon.



5. If you don't leave now, you'll miss the bus.

BETTER

You else you'll miss the bus.

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS.....(60 points)

I. You are going to read an article about an island off the west coast of Scotland. For questions 1-5, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. (5x2=10 points)

Lawrence MacEwen crouches down on his Scottish island, the Isle of Muck. And so do I. An Atlantic gale threatens to lift and blow us both out like October leaves, over the steep cliff at our feet and across the bay 120 m below, dropping us in the surrounding ocean. Then MacEwen's sheepdog, Tie, creeps up and his blond, bearded owner strokes him with gentle hands. The howling wind, rage as it might, can't make this man uncomfortable here, on his island, where he looks - and is - perfectly at home.

MacEwen is giving me a visual tour of his neighbourhood. Nodding to the north, he yells, 'That island is Eigg. The one to the west of it is the Isle of Rum. It gets twice as much rain as we do.' I watch heavy clouds dump rain on its huge mountains. 'Just beyond Rum is the island of Soay.' 'I have sheep to move,' MacEwen abruptly announces when rain drifts towards us. We start down the slopes. As we stride along, he brings me up to speed on island details: Volcanic Muck is 3 km long and half as wide; its geese eat vast amounts of grass; and the MacEwens have been living here for 3,000 years.

Herding the sheep interrupts the flow of information. Tie, the sheepdog, is circling a flock of sheep - and not doing it well. 'Away to me, Tie. *Away to me,*' meaning the dog should circle to the right. He doesn't; he goes straight up the middle of the flock, creating confusion. 'Tie.' MacEwen's voice drips disappointment. 'That will never do.' The dog looks ashamed.

The Isle of Muck is largely a MacEwen enterprise. Lawrence runs the farm with his wife, Jenny; son Colin, newly married, manages the island cottages; and daughter Mary runs the island hotel, Port Mor, with her husband, Toby. Mary and Toby love the fact that their two boys can wander the island on their own and sail dinghies on summer days. 'They go out of the door and come back only when they're hungry.' But island life has its compromises. For one, electricity is only available part of the time. My first evening, I wait anxiously for the lights to turn on. The next morning I find Mary setting out breakfast by torchlight. But I cope with it - along with no mobile phone service. 'There is mobile reception on the hill,' Mary tells me. 'Most visitors try for a couple of days, then just put the phone in the drawer.' So I do too.

Everything on Muck seems delightfully improbable. The boat today brings over the post - and three musicians, who hop off carrying instruments. Their concert in the island's tearoom proves a smash hit, with the islanders present tapping their boots in time to the music. That night, sitting by a glowing fire as it rains outside, Lawrence MacEwen tells me how he met his wife, Jenny. 'Her father saw a small farm on the isle of Soay advertised in the newspaper, and bought it without even looking at it. He'd never been to Scotland. Jenny was sent to manage it.' Did Jenny know anything about running a farm? 'She had good typing skills.' I go to bed with rain and awake to more rain. But I eat well, virtually every bit of food coming from the tiny island. Mary sends me down to fisherman Sandy Mathers for fresh fish. I carry it back through the village and deliver it to Mary at the kitchen door. By 7 pm, our fish is on the table, delicious beyond reckoning. Also beyond reckoning: my ferry ride the following morning to my next island. Over the preceding two months, many of the scheduled ferries had been cancelled because of high seas. If my ferry didn't come, I'd be stuck on Muck for two more days. Which, now, phone or no phone, was what I secretly longed for.

1. Why does the writer describe MacEwen stroking his dog?

- A. to emphasise how bad MacEwen thought the weather was that day.
- B. to show the dog was as frightened by the storm as MacEwen was.
- C. to explain why MacEwen had risked going to the dangerous cliffs.
- D. to demonstrate how relaxed MacEwen was despite the bad weather.



2. According to the writer, the sheepdog's behaviour suggests that

- A. it never obeys MacEwen.
- B. it is afraid of MacEwen.
- C. it is aware it should have done better.
- D. it usually responds to loud commands.

3. What is suggested about island life in the fourth paragraph?

- A. People living there would like more visitors to help the economy.
- B. People come to the island in search of employment.
- C. People are too busy to do all the things they'd like to.
- D. People don't mind putting up with some inconveniences.

4. What attitude is expressed by the writer in the fifth paragraph?

- A. He is amused that people on the island share their feelings so openly.
- B. He likes the way so many surprising things can happen on the island.
- C. He approves of the way the islanders all socialise together.
- D. He finds it strange that island farms are advertised in national newspapers.

5. From the text as a whole, we find out the island of Muck

- A. is a safe place for children to live.
- B. has the highest level of rainfall in the area.
- C. has an economy based solely on sheep.
- D. is dependent on the outside world for its food.

II. Writing..... (50 points)

Your teacher has asked you to write a **review** of the Isle of Muck based on the article you have read. Describe the island, giving your opinion and saying whether it would be a good travel destination, mention any positive or negative aspects of life on the island and say whether you would recommend visiting the Isle of Muck and why. **(200-220 words) - (50 points)**