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VARIANTA 1

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru: 2 ore. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.

Subiectul I

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Artist Peter Fuller talks about his hobby

There's a popular idea that artists are not supposed to be into sport, but mountain biking is a huge part of my life. It gets me out of my studio, and into the countryside. But more importantly, racing along as fast as you can leaves you no time to worry about anything that's going on in your life. You're too busy concentrating on not crashing. The only things you pay attention to are the pain in your legs and the rocks on the path in front of you.

I'm in my sixties now, but I started cycling when I was a kid. In the summer my friends and I would ride our bikes into the woods and see who was brave enough to go down steep hills or do big jumps. The bikes we had then weren't built for that, and often broke, so I used to draw pictures of bikes with big thick tyres that would be strong enough for what we were doing. They looked just like modern mountain bikes. However, it wasn't until many years later that someone actually invented one. By the 1980s, they were everywhere.

At that time, I was into skateboarding. I did that for a decade until falling off onto hard surfaces started to hurt too much. Mountain biking seemed a fairly safe way to keep fit, so I took that up instead. I made a lot of friends, and got involved in racing, which gave me a reason to train hard. I wanted to find out just how fit and fast I could get, which turned out to be fairly quick. I even won a couple of local races.

In the end I stopped racing, mainly because I knew what it could mean to my career if I had a bad crash. But I still like to do a three-hour mountain bike ride every week. And if I'm out cycling in the hills and see a rider ahead, I have to beat them to the top. As I go past, I imagine how surprised they would be if they knew how old I am.

1 Peter enjoys mountain biking because

- A it gives him the opportunity to enjoy the views
- B he can use the time to plan his work.
- C he is able to stop thinking about his problems.
- D it helps him to concentrate better.

2 What does Peter say about cycling during his childhood?

- A He is sorry he didn't take more care of his bike.
- B His friends always had better quality bikes than he did.
- C His bike wasn't suitable for the activities he was doing.
- D He was more interested in designing bikes than riding them.

3 Peter says he returned to cycling after several years

- A because he had become unfit.
- B so that he could enter races.

C in order to meet new people.
D to replace an activity he had given up.

4 How does Peter feel about cycling now?

- A He is proud that he is still so fast.
- B He is keen to do less now that he is older.
- C He regrets the fact that he can no longer compete.
- D He wishes more people were involved in the sport.

5 What would be a good introduction to this article?

- A For Peter Fuller, nothing matters more than mountain biking, not even his career. Here, in his own words, he tells us why.
- B Artist Peter Fuller takes mountain biking pretty seriously. Here he describes how it all began and what he gets out of it.
- C In this article, Peter Fuller explains how he became an artist only as a result of his interest in mountain biking.
- D After discovering mountain biking late in life, Peter Fuller gave up art for a while to concentrate on getting as good as possible.

5x5 points=25 points

Subiectul II. Choose the most suitable word for each space:

ON YOUR BIKE!

If you are getting fed up with wasting your time for parking space, my1 to you is to consider the bicycle as an alternative.....
2 of transport. Cycling is probably the cheapest and healthiest way of getting..... 3 in our congested city centres.4 it is
convenient and environmentally desirable, it can be an unattractive 5 on a cold wintry morning. It is much easier to.... 6
onto a nice warm bus or jump into your car,7 the sight of cyclists as they weave their way in and out of the traffic may fill
you with ... 8 as you sit waiting in yet ... 9 traffic jam. In spite of the ...10 that worsening pollution is getting many people down,
causing more and more health problems, it is hard to deny the danger cyclists face in sharing the road with cars.

- 1 A advice B warning C plan D solution
- 2 A method B way C means D instrument
- 3 A on B through C over D about
- 4 A Despite B In spite of C Although D Even as
- 5 A choice B advice C propose D transport
- 6 A enter B be C travel D get
- 7 A even B however C though D and
- 8 A approval B envy C angry D criticism
- 9 A other B more C another D longer
- 10 A truth B reality C fact D event

10x2points =20 points

Subiectul III

Rewrite each sentence so that it means the same as the previous one. Use between three and five words, including the word given.

1 During dinner, the phone rang. I
While..... the phone rang.

2 Do you know how to drive this kind of car? EVER

Have this kind of car before?

3 We won't go out if the weather is bad. WON'T
We the weather is good.

4 'I wouldn't go swimming after dark if I were you, Tom.' ADVISED
Brian swimming after dark.

5 It looks as if this door is locked after all. APPEARS
This door locked after all.

6 They were building a new mall in the city when I was there last year. WAS
A new mall in the city when I was there last year.

7 I can't come at eleven on Saturday because I have an appointment with the hairdresser. HAVING
I can't come at eleven on Saturday because..... hair cut.

8 We were not allowed to drink too much coke when we were children. LET
Our parents drink too much coke when we were children.

9 Basil's behaviour towards the guests was very impolite. RUDE
Basil the guests.

10 The weather was so bad that we couldn't leave the chalet. SUCH
It was that we couldn't leave the chalet.

10x3points=30 points

Subiectul IV

In about 180 words, write a story ending like this:

As the plane was preparing to land, Lou saw the golden beaches of the island which he loved so much. Now he knew his enemies were far away and understood what danger he had had to face.

25 points