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VARIANTA 1

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

SUBIECTUL I

You are going to read a magazine article about students who travelled around Australia alone during their long summer vacation. For questions 1-5, choose from the students (A-C). The students may be chosen more than once.

Which student mentions ...

- 1 a daily activity that was not enjoyable alone?
- 2 a good way of keeping travel plans flexible?
- 3 appreciating not having to waste time organising practical details?
- 4 feeling better after keeping in touch with others?
- 5 that he liked not having to agree an itinerary with others?

A Phil Morston

I remember sitting in the plane thinking to myself: 'What have I let myself in for?'. The first few days were scary: I was all on my own on the other side of the world with nothing planned. But I soon met up with people to travel with. Of course, some you get on with, others you don't. Some, for example, had every day planned out day in minute detail, when in practice things can change and it's great to have the freedom to go with the flow. And that's easy enough to do. You can take the Oz Experience bus down the west coast, jumping off whenever you want, then catching the next bus when you're ready to move on again. Being away for a year, you do occasionally get lonely. To cheer myself up, I'd sit down and write a fortnightly email home about everything I'd been up to.

B Leila Stuart

Without doubt, you meet all sorts of people when travelling alone. I even made a friend on the plane out there. Some people are keener to make friends than others, of course, but if someone's chosen to do the same type of trip as you, you've probably got lots of ideas in common. The advantages of a pre-planned tour are that you can get an agency to take care of all the arrangements, which can be time-consuming to do yourself – but it does mean that you're tied to a predetermined itinerary, which wouldn't suit everyone. There's also the safety aspect in terms of the places you visit often being very remote. If you go off trekking in the wilds of a foreign country alone, it could be difficult to get help if things went wrong.

C Danny Holt

Travelling solo creates opportunities to meet people. There's no substitute for sharing the experiences of the day with a companion and being alone forces you to seek someone out. I'd never have met so many people if I'd been travelling with friends. There's also the wonderful freedom to do what you like, when you like, without having to convince anybody that it's a good idea. However, there are downsides; meal times are something I've never really got to grips with in all the years I've travelled alone. But my advice would be to give solo travel a go – it can be very liberating. Maybe try a short trip to begin with, just in case it's not for you. Another thing is stay in the nicest places your budget permits. Miserable hostels can really spoil a trip. And if you really are happy being anti-social, a pair of headphones can ensure the person in the next seat doesn't bore you to death on the plane!

SUBIECTUL II

Use the words in capitals at the end of the text to form words that fit in the numbered blank spaces:

An incredible vegetable

Garlic, a member of the Liliaceae family which also includes onions, is commonly used in 1...all around the world. China is currently the largest 2.... of garlic, which is particularly associated with the dishes of northern Africa and southern Europe. It is native to central Asia and has long had a history as a health-giving food, used both to prevent and cure 3 In Ancient Egypt, workers building the pyramids were given garlic to keep them strong, while Olympic athletes in Greece ate it to increase their 4 to infection.

The forefather of antibiotic medicine, Louis Pasteur, claimed garlic was as 5 as penicillin in treating infections. Modern-day 6.... have proved that garlic can indeed kill bacteria and even some viruses, so it can be very useful for people who have coughs and colds. In 7...., some doctors believe that garlic can reduce blood 8.... .

The only 9... to this truly amazing food is its strong and rather 10.... smell.

1 COOK 2 PRODUCT 3 ILL 4 RESIST 5 EFFECT 6 SCIENCE 7 ADD 8 PRESS 9 ADVANTAGE 10 PLEASANT

20 points

SUBIECTUL III

Rephrase the following sentences using the word given, so that the meaning stays the same. Do not change the word given. You must use between two to five words, including the word given.

1.Their normal business was continued after a short break. ON

After a short break, they..... their normal business.

2. She may contact him by phone this afternoon. THAT

It..... she will contact him by phone this afternoon.

3.There is no chance that Peter was in the house at the time of the robbery. HAVE

Peter can't.....in the house at the time of the robbery.

4. When did you last hear from him? SINCE

How long heard from him?

5. He said the accident was my fault. BLAMED

He the accident.

6. Shall we spend the day on the beach? SPENDING

How..... the day on the beach?

7 I finished the book in two days. TOOK

It to finish the book.

8. The film was so funny, that we laughed all the way through. SUCH

It..... that we laughed all the way through.

9.The doctors won't allow him to leave the hospital. LET

The doctors..... the hospital.

10.I have never met such a kind person. KINDEST

He is ever met.

30 points

IV. Write a story which begins with the following words: "Have you ever made a fool of yourself in front of your family? This is what happened to me during a trip to London. ". **Write your story in about 150 words.**

25 points