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CLASA A X-A - SECȚIUNEA A**

Proba scrisă

Varianta 2

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 90 de minute.

I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. 10 points

There were only two Americans stopping at the hotel. They (1) _____ (NOT KNOW) any of the people whom they (2) _____ (ALREADY/MEET) earlier that day on their way to their room. Their room (3) _____ (BE) on the second floor facing the sea. [...] It (4) _____ (RAIN) for hours. [...] The American wife (5) _____ (STAND) at the window looking out. Outside, right under their window, a cat (6) _____ (SIT) under one of the dripping green tables trying to make herself so compact that she (7) _____ (NOT BE) dripped on.

'I (8) _____ (GO) down and get that kitty which (9) _____ (TRY) to keep dry under a table,' the American wife said.

'I (10) _____ (DO) it,' her husband offered from the bed.'

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence. 10 points

1. She was (WEIGHT) after her illness, which also left her weak.
2. I really liked the actor who played the (SUPPORT) role.
3. (RENEW) energy resources include wind, water and solar power.
4. You should definitely see this film; the plot is (THRIL).
5. Never carry your birth (CERTIFY) or passport with you unless it is absolutely necessary.
6. My grandma (COLLECT) the time when she was a nurse.
7. Sometimes in zoos, animals are forced to live in (SUITABLE) conditions.
8. We must find an (ALTERNATE) to fossil fuels.
9. The marine biologist is studying some strange fish that live at great (DEEP) in the Indian Ocean.
10. Safari parks are slowly beginning to increase and will (HOPE) continue to do so in the future.

III. Read the following text and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits in each gap. 10 points

You can't (1) _____ of the Highlands without talking of clans and kilts and tartans. A "clan" is a sort of tribe — a (2) _____ of people who belong to the same (3) _____ family, or have the same (4) _____ origin. In the past, each part of the Highlands was the territory of a clan. Clans were closely linked communities, each with its own (5) _____. Clans were — and still are — distinguished by their tartan. A tartan is a specific design, a criss-cross of coloured threads, which is used for ceremonial clothes, such as the kilt or

the plaid. There are also military tartans too, each Scottish regiment having its own tartan. In the past, Scottish clans often **(6)** _____ against each other. Near Fort William, there is a big and very beautiful valley called Glencoe. This **(7)** _____ the home of the MacDonald clan. One day, about 300 years ago, the Campbell clan descended on Glencoe, and massacred the MacDonalds. This was one of the bloodiest **(8)** _____ in Scottish history. And even in 2016, if you go to Glencoe and say that your name is Campbell, you will not be a welcome visitor. Today, many clans still **(9)** _____ "gatherings". They are very popular with Americans of Scottish descent! As for the kilt — well, there are some men who still wear it on ordinary days, but for most it is something rather **(10)** _____, for weddings, for "Highland Games", for official occasions, and other ceremonies.

1.	A - refer	B - discuss	C - argue	D - talk
2.	A - team	B - group	C - crew	D - congregation
3.	A - extended	B - nuclear	C - single-parent	D - close-knit
4.	A - historic	B - history	C - historian	D - historical
5.	A - commander	B - forehead	C - chef	D - chief
6.	A - used to fighting	B - were used with fighting	C - were used to fighting	D - used to fight
7.	A - has been	B - is	C - was	D - was being
8.	A - accidents	B - incidents	C - calamities	D - revolutions
9.	A - have	B - have had	C - had	D - will have
10	A - unusual	B - common	C - special	D - trendy

IV. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits in each gap. Use only one word in each gap. 10 points

Orlando stood now in the midst of the yellow body of a heraldic leopard. When he put his hand on the window – sill to push the window open, it was instantly coloured red, blue, and yellow like a butterfly's wing. Those who like symbols, and have a turn **(1)** _____ the deciphering of them, might observe that, **(2)** _____ the shapely legs, the handsome body, and the well – set shoulders were all of them decorated with various tints of heraldic light, Orlando's face, as he threw the window open, was lit solely by the sun itself. A **(3)** _____ candid, sullen face **(4)** _____ would be impossible to find. Happy the mother who bears, happier still the biographer who records the life of such a one! Never need she vex herself, **(5)** _____ he invoke the help of novelist or poet.