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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 paragraph below and do the tasks that follow. (20 points)

Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961) is a well-known writer whose works are read all over the world. Like Mark Twain, he is regarded as a representative American writer. Born in a suburb of Chicago, Hemingway began writing in high school, and after graduation he worked as a reporter. During World War I, he tried to join the army but was turned down because of his age. Instead, he volunteered as an ambulance driver for the Red Cross. In Italy, he was injured by a mortar shell and sent home. He was only 18 years old. Hemingway's life was an adventurous one, in which he **challenged** nature and the dangers of war. He fought in the Spanish Civil War, was a **correspondent** in World War II, and ran with the bulls in Pamplona. He was an amateur boxer, **avid** hunter, and record-holding deep-sea fisherman.

A. Answer the following questions.

8 points

1. What is the similarity between Hemingway and Mark Twain?
2. What was Hemingway's first job?
3. What was the reason why he wasn't accepted in the army?
4. What was his mission in World War II?

B. Choose the right synonym.

6 points

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| 1. challenged: | a. feared | b. asked | c. confronted | d. enjoyed |
| 2. correspondent: | a. reporter | b. soldier | c. fighter | d. reader |
| 3. avid: | a. good | b. enthusiastic | c. talented | d. frequent |

C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning.

6 points

1. Hemingway began writing in high school, and after graduation he worked as a reporter.
Hemingway began writing in high school and after he high school, he worked as a reporter.
2. Hemingway tried to join the army but was turned town because of his age.
They refused to accept him in the army on age.
3. In Italy, he was injured by a mortar shell and sent home.
In Italy, a him and he was sent home.

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

It was a 1. _____ (**BLISTER**) hot day in summer. The track leading to "Atlantic City" (Wyoming) was dry and 2. _____ (**BUMP**) and great clouds of dust blew up behind the car. In 1870, Atlantic City was a 3. _____ (**PROSPER**) town, with several thousand 4. _____ (**INHABIT**), mostly men. It was a strange place to find a town. Atlantic City began life as a staging post on one of the 5. _____ (**CONTINENTAL**) trails, taken by 6. _____ (**EMIGRATE**) en route for California. Soon, however, it became a roaring gold town, where people could make (or lose) their fortunes in a day. Then, about seven years after the gold rush began, it finished. The miners packed their tools, their pans, and their bags, and went off 7. _____ (**WHERE**) else, to try their luck again. Before long, Atlantic City was a ghost town, 8. _____ (**DESERT**) except for the 9. _____ (**OCCASION**) rancher or hunter, the wandering coyotes, and a couple of dozen 10. _____ (**WOOD**) buildings.

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

You must think me very naïve for having (1) _____ alive the hope for so many months that my mother might still be living. But really I had so few things to hope for, I suppose I would have clutched at anything. Auntie was very kind to me while I tried to find my bearings. Again and again she said to me, "Bear (2) _____, Chiyo, (...)! There's nothing more any of us can do in this world."

When I was finally able to speak, I asked Auntie if she would set up the tablets someplace where I wouldn't see them, and pray (3) _____ my behalf – for it would give me too much pain to do it. But she refused, and told me I should be ashamed even to consider (4) _____ my back on my ancestors. She helped me set the tablets up on a shelf near the base of the stairwell, where I could pray before them every morning. "Never forget them, Chiyo – chan!," she said. "They are (5) _____ that's left of your childhood!"