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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 following text and put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. 10 points

Two walkers are reported to have gone missing near the summit of Snowdon, in Wales. Jamie Wilkins, aged 31 and Mary Brown, 29, **(1) (NOT/RETURN)** _____ by nightfall, leading to fears that they may **(2) (BE)** _____ forced to spend the night on the mountain. Weather conditions, when the pair **(3) (SET)** _____ off yesterday morning, were good. By the afternoon, however, they had much worsened. There was a sharp drop in temperature. The surface of the local lakes began to freeze within a few hours. Blizzards began in the evening, with a great deal of snow **(4) (FALL)** _____ above 600 metres.

Friends of the two walkers were surprised that they **(5) (HEAR)** _____ from either of them. They think their mobile phones might have become unusable for some reason. Mary's friend, Jane White believes Mary **(6) (CALL)** _____ her to say they were alright if her phone **(7) (WORK)** _____ properly. James High, a friend of Jamie's, admits he **(8) (BE)** _____ worried they could have had an accident last night, but insists they have a lot of experience walking in the mountains of Wales. They would have found shelter if they had been forced to stay on the mountain during last night. Mountain rescue teams, which began looking for the couple early this morning, say that one or both of the walkers may have slipped and fallen in bad weather conditions, especially as neither of them is used to **(9) (WALK)** _____ in the mountains in such weather. The hope is, though, that they **(10) (FIND)** _____ safe before long, especially as the weather is forecast to clear up within the next few days.

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

Many family problems arise from bad **(1)** _____ **(RELATION)**. When very young, people **(2)** _____ **(HAPPY)** accept the rules and the views of Mum and Dad. Parents and young children often show **(3)** _____ **(INHIBIT)** affection. They may think the world of one another. As children grow, they find friends and interests **(4)** _____ **(OUT)** the family circle. Why is that? It is difficult for parents to stop laying down the law when they have been doing this for years. Teenage children may think it **(5)** _____ **(REASON)** to be told to be in by 11p.m. and retaliate by giving no **(6)** _____ **(INFORM)** about where they are going except "out". Unless they all learn to accept their new roles, the teenager may leave home. The **(7)** _____ **(STRANGE)** may not last long and the **(8)** _____ **(YOUNG)** will often return home a much more amenable person. Parents become educated, too. **(9)** _____ **(SENSE)** parents learn not to expect too much; the problem may ease as the "prodigal son" realizes his need and his family shows **(10)** _____ **(UNDERSTAND)** of the adolescent problems.



III. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

10 points

1. Dacă ai fi ascultat sfatul meu, nu ai fi în această situație acum.

- a. If you have listened to my advice, you wouldn't be in this situation now.
- b. If you had listened to my advice, you wouldn't be in this situation now.
- c. If you had listened to my advice, you wouldn't have been in this situation now.
- d. If you listened to my advice, you won't be in this situation now.

2. The translation of the sentence 'Luna viitoare la ora asta voi sta la soare pe o plajă.' is:

- a. This time next month I will be lying on a beach in the sun.
- b. This time next month I will lie on a beach in the sun.
- c. This time next month I will have lain on a beach in the sun.
- d. This time next month I shall bask on a beach in the sun.

3. Which of the sentences best rephrases the original sentence?

No sooner had I got into the shower than the phone rang.

- a. Sooner than me getting into the shower, the phone rang.
- b. Before I got into the shower the phone rang.
- c. Not before I got into the shower did the phone ring.
- d. As soon as I got into the shower, the phone rang.

4. Choose the right ending for the following sentence: 'Nobody looks perfect, ...

- a. don't they?
- b. do they?
- c. isn't it?
- d. doesn't he/she?

5. The equivalent of 'This appears simple, but it is difficult to achieve' is ...

- a. What appears simple is easier told than done.
- b. It is easier spoken than done.
- c. Simple though it may appear, it is difficult to achieve.
- d. It is difficult to achieve despite of being simple.

6. They are trying to put up with the high temperatures in summer.

In the sentence above the phrase written in bold means:

- a. to compensate
- b. to adjust
- c. to suffer
- d. to tolerate

7. Choose the correct explanation of the following: 'I hardly ever see her these days.'

- a. I can't see her very well these days.
- b. I rarely see her these days.
- c. I don't want to see her much these days.
- d. I should see her more often these days.

8. It would be very foolish for us to spend millions on a plan which would go up in

- a. smoke
- b. flames
- c. ashes
- d. sparks



9. Choose the right ending for the sentence: 'Last week he told me that he '

- a. will help me with my project.
- b. has helped me with my project.
- c. would help me with my project.
- d. helps me with my project.

10. Choose the right explanation for the sentence: 'That would be a step in the right direction.'

- a. It's a solution, though a problematic one.
- b. It's wrong to go left.
- c. It's a step to the right.
- d. It's a positive action, especially towards a solution.

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

He was absent only from the room, and that because he had to be elsewhere, a part of him encompassing each ruined field and fallen fence and crumbling wall of cabin or cotton house or crib, himself diffused and in solution held by that electric furious immobile urgency and awareness of short time and the need **(1)** _____ haste as if he **(2)** _____ just drawn breath and looked about and realized that he was old (he was fifty – nine) and was concerned (not afraid: concerned) not that old age might have left him impotent to do what he intended to do, but that he might not have time to do it before would have to die. We were right about what he would intend to do: that he would not even pause for breath before undertaking to restore his house and plantation as near as possible **(3)** _____ what it had been. We did not know **(4)** _____ he would go about it, nor I believe **(5)** _____ he.