OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ – ETAPA NAȚIONALĂ
CONSTANȚA
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CLASA A IX-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

Martin was not happy. He **(1)**_____ **(want)** to work during the half-term break and earn a bit of much-needed money, but wherever he'd asked he'd got more or less the same reply.
"Sorry young man, we **(2)**_____ **(not need)** any help," said the man in the supermarket.
"I'm afraid not," said the lady at the newsagent's.
Then, on the Tuesday before half term, he **(3)**_____ **(spot)** a small ad in the local paper. Without wasting a moment, Martin **(4)**_____ **(be)** on the phone. To his surprise and disappointment, all he got was an answerphone, with a message: "You **(5)**_____ **(reach)** 25573. I'm sorry but there **(6)**_____ **(be)** no-one here at the moment. Please leave your name and number, and we **(7)**_____ **(get)** back to you as soon as possible."
"Oh well, too bad," thought Martin. "Before they **(8)**_____ **(know)** it, they'll have a whole pile of people leaving messages. I might as well forget that one."
At nine fifteen that evening, however, the phone **(9)**_____ **(ring)**. "Martin," called his Mum, "it's for you. A man about a job. He says he **(10)**_____ **(already try) to** call you twice."

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

1. The hostel was run by a nice …….. **(FRIEND)** woman.
2. They offer a/an …….. **(CREDIBLE)** wide range of walking holidays around Britain.
3. The singer made a …….. **(HEIGHT)** spectacular appearance at the concert.
4. I have completely…….. **(MOVE)** junk food from my diet.
5. They managed to make the festival a …….. **(MEMORY)** experience.
6. I am calling to confirm my …….. **(RESERVE)** for tonight.
7. There's a wide …….. **(CHOOSE)** of dishes to sample.
8. Fruit is artificially …….. **(RIPE)** in greenhouses.
9. The …….. **(WARM)** of the islanders will make your visit an enjoyable one.
10. Some people believe that wearing fur is …….. **(MORAL)**.

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

It was over 100 years **(1)……**, on October 25th 1911, that the London General Omnibus Company ran their last horse-drawn omnibus **(2)……** the streets of the capital. Since then, the big red motor bus **(3)……**London's "king of the road". Today, every day, thousands of Londoners **(4) ……** the big red buses to move - often slowly - around town. **(5)……** tourists know that a one-day London bus pass, valid on all regular bus routes, offers a wonderful **(6)……** to see Britain's capital city. The idea of the "double decker" is actually much **(7)……** than the motor bus. It is a continuation of the system that was used for public transport in the **(8)……** of horse-drawn vehicles, when some of the passengers sat inside, and the rest travelled on the roof. Too bad if it was raining!

Today the only open-topped buses are the special tourist buses. It wasn't until the 1930's that all new buses came equipped with roofs over the upper deck! Increasingly **(9)……** engines meant that buses could be bigger and heavier. **(10)……** trams, they could then have roofs.

1	A - before	B - ago	C - later	D - until
2	A - among	B - through	C - between	D - over
3	A – had been	B - has been	C - was	D – would be
4	A - use	B – have used	C – will use	D - used
5	A - Much	B - Lots	C – A few of	D - Lots of
6	A - way	B - road	C - street	D - lane
7	A - elder	B - ancient	C - older	D - antique
8	A - eras	B - age	C - ages	D - year
9	A - forceless	B - powerless	C - powerful	D - forceful
10	A - Similar	B - As	C - Like	D - Compared

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

Here he seemed to have caught sight of a woman's dress in the distance, which in the shade looked a purple black. He took off his hat, placed his hand upon his heart, and hurried towards her muttering and gesticulating feverishly. But William caught him by the sleeve and touched a flower with the tip of his walking-stick in **(1)** _____ to divert the old man's attention. After looking at it for a moment in some confusion the old man bent his ear to it and seemed to answer a voice speaking from it, for he began talking about the forests of Uruguay which he **(2)** _____ visited hundreds of years ago in company with the most beautiful young woman in Europe. He could **(3)** _____ heard murmuring about forests of Uruguay blanketed with the wax petals of tropical roses, nightingales, sea beaches, mermaids, and women drowned **(4)** _____ sea, as he suffered himself to be moved on by William, upon **(5)** _____ face the look of stoical patience grew slowly deeper and deeper.