



**OLIMPIADA NAȚIONALĂ DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ - ETAPA LOCALĂ,  
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CLASA A VII-A  
VARIANTA 1**

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii
- Timpul de elaborare a răspunsurilor este de 2 ore.
- Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.

**SUBIECTUL I –USE OF ENGLISH (10 items x 2p =20 points)**

**I.1 Read the following text and fill in the blanks with correct verb forms.**

Sophie (1) \_\_\_\_\_(plan) of becoming a pilot since she was a child. Right now, she (2) \_\_\_\_\_(study) at an aviation academy to get her license. She (3) \_\_\_\_\_(complete) several flight simulations and practical tests since January. Last week, while she (4) \_\_\_\_\_(fly)with her instructor, she (5) \_\_\_\_\_(experience) an unexpected change in weather. Fortunately, she (6) \_\_\_\_\_(know) how to handle such situations, so she (7) \_\_\_\_\_(manage) to land the plane safely. Over time, she (8) \_\_\_\_\_(realise) that flying (9) \_\_\_\_\_(require) both skill and confidence, and next year, she (10) \_\_\_\_\_(be) ready for the challenge.

**I.2 (10 items x 2p =20 points)**

**Read the text and look carefully at each line. There are 8 unnecessary words. If a line is correct, put a tick (v). If it has a word that should not be there, write the word.**

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| 1 | How important is a good night's sleep? For those unfortunate people who they suffer from insomnia, eight hours' sleep is all they want. | 1.<br>_____ |
| 2 | If you spend the whole night desperately trying to be sleep, you will feel terrible the next day.                                       | 2.<br>_____ |
| 3 | You will not be efficient at the work, you may argue with family and friends, and may be prone to accidents.                            | 3.<br>_____ |
| 4 | In fact, insomnia is one of the commonest reasons for seeking for a doctor's advice.                                                    | 4.<br>_____ |
| 5 | How can people beat about insomnia?                                                                                                     | 5.<br>_____ |
| 6 | Doctors can prescribe sleeping pills, but for those unwilling to resort to drugs, there are such solutions.                             | 6.<br>_____ |
| 7 | Tea, coffee, alcohol and tobacco should be avoided for two hours before bedtime.                                                        | 7.<br>_____ |
| 8 | A milky drink or herbal tea may help.                                                                                                   | 8.<br>_____ |

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| 9  | A few minutes' gentle exercise but followed by a hot bath will help you relax.               | 9. _____  |
| 10 | Another one method is simply to distract yourself with pleasant thoughts until you drop off. | 10. _____ |

**I.3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capital letters (5 items x2p = 10 points)**

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| In today's world, it's essential to be adapted to changing circumstances. Many people find it (1) ____ (FRIGHTEN) to step out of their comfort zone, especially when faced with new challenges. However, having a (2) ____ (COURAGE) attitude can help you overcome these fears. It is also important to wait (3) ____ (PATIENCE) when things don't go as planned. With (4) ____ (DETERMINE), you can achieve great things, even in the face of (5) ____ difficulties. Success doesn't come easily, but with perseverance, it becomes possible. | <b>1. FRIGHTEN</b><br><b>2. COURAGE</b><br><b>3. PATIENCE</b><br><b>4. DETERMINE</b><br><b>5. PREDICT</b> |
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**SUBIECTUL al II-lea - READING COMPREHENSION (25 p)**

**Read the following text. It has five paragraphs.**

You are going to read a text about the life of a horse in nineteenth century England. Choose the most suitable heading from the list A – F, for each part 1 -5. There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. For questions 1 – 5, choose the answer (a, b, c or d) which you think fits best according to the text.

**Black Beauty**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Black Beauty spent his early years in a picturesque, green field with his mother and some other young colts. When it was time for him to be trained to serve men, he was gently and patiently broken in by his master. He learned to wear a saddle and bridle, and carry a human quietly on his back.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Black Beauty's kind owner was forced to move abroad for the sake of his wife's health. This marked the beginning of a string of owners with different personalities. Some were well intentioned but allowed their grooms full control of their animals. Unfortunately, in Black Beauty's case, this often proved to be harmful. He was often either neglected or misused.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Fortunately, after some time Black Beauty was bought by Jerry Barker, a kind cab owner, and he was treated very well. Although being a cab horse was very hard work, Black Beauty always did his best because he enjoyed pleasing his master. Black Beauty was very well cared for. He was given food to eat, a warm stable to sleep in and lots of kind words. Black Beauty learned many things

from his new owner, such as the advantages of not being greedy and of being fair and kind to all creatures. Black Beauty spent a couple of very happy years there.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

The pleasant life came to a sudden end when Jerry was forced to sell his horses. After several other owners, Black Beauty was sold to Nicholas Skinner. He had to work every day with no rest, insufficient food and poor accommodation. Although he was still a cab horse, it was a different world. Black Beauty's various drivers would swear at him and whip him. Eventually, Black Beauty became very ill from all his hard work and bad treatment. His owner wanted to have him killed when he could no longer do the job. Luckily, a vet convinced Skinner to allow Black Beauty to rest and recover, and then sell him, so that he would make a bigger profit. The owner agreed to have the horse's life spared, but only for the sake of money.

5. \_\_\_\_\_

After spending years on London's streets, Black Beauty's next home was a pleasant farm, with a caring master. After nursing him back to good health, the farmer decided that Black Beauty needed to be in a place more appropriate than a farm. He sold Black Beauty to two kind young sisters, who lived on a pleasant country estate with a large, green meadow. Here the weary but content horse finally found the rest and peace of mind that he so desired and deserved.

- A. A cruel and greedy owner**
- B. Time to take it easy**
- C. A gentle teacher**
- D. In the wrong hands**
- E. Hard but satisfying work**
- F. Life as a cart horse**

**b) Choose the correct answer to the questions, according to the text. (5 items x 3p = 15 p)**

- 1. What was Black Beauty's life like, as a young horse?**
  - a. lived in a pleasant surroundings
  - b. didn't see much of other animals
  - c. broke his back while being trained
  - d. was forced to carry heavy loads
- 2. What happened to Black Beauty after one of his owners moved abroad?**
  - a. didn't like any of his new masters
  - b. received nothing but cruel treatment
  - c. was not always well taken care of
  - d. was given jobs he wasn't used to
- 3. What are we told about Jerry Barker?**
  - a. He worked his animals too hard.
  - b. He rewarded the efforts of his animals.
  - c. He refused to keep greedy animals.
  - d. He taught his animals new tricks.
- 4. Why did Nicholas Skinner not have Black Beauty killed?**
  - a. He decided to sell the horse to the vet instead.
  - b. He believed the horse would get better and return to work for him.

- c. He thought someone might buy the horse.
- d. He felt the horse deserved a rest after doing so much hard work.

**5. In what way was living on the two sisters' country estate better for Black Beauty than living on a farm?**

- a. The country estate was a more relaxing place for an old horse.
- b. The farm was a suitable place for healthy animals only.
- c. The country estate had more open space than the farm.
- d. The farm had fewer horses than the country estate.

### **SUBIECTUL al III-lea - WRITING (25 points)**

**Write a story beginning like this:**

"I felt a rush of excitement as I grabbed the map and ran down the stairs, knowing this was the start of an amazing adventure!"

**Write your story in 120-150 words and give it an appropriate title. Pay attention to the following:**

- ❖ You don't need to write long descriptions;
- ❖ Use dialogues only if they are relevant to your characters or events;
- ❖ You should use this plan:
  1. **Introduction** (paragraph 1 – set the scene)
  2. **Main body** (paragraphs 2 and 3 – develop the story)
  3. **Conclusion** (paragraph 4 – end the story)