

OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ, ETAPA LOCALĂ – IANUARIE 2017
CLASA a X-a

SECȚIUNEA A

SUBIECTUL I (10 items x 1p = 10p)

For questions 1-10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Have you ever wondered what it's really (1) to drive a Formula One car? All professional drivers would agree (2) one thing: nothing is like driving an ordinary car. (3) from being extremely fast, a Formula One car doesn't weigh (4) considering how powerful the engine is. The brakes are very responsive. Going at (5) high speeds while wearing a helmet (6) the driver's head to weigh about 35 kilos! To (7) themselves, the drivers must wear overalls which have four layers and are fireproof. This, plus the hot weather, as the races occur (8) the summer, combined with the heat coming from the car, make it unbearably hot. Obviously you have to be a good driver to handle a Formula One car but it's also a (9) that you have to be very fit. A driver needs very good upper-body strength since the driver's arms, shoulders and neck are under (10) strain during a race.

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| 1 | A as | B like | C such | D same |
| 2 | A in | B for | C at | D on |
| 3 | A Except | B But | C Apart | D Besides |
| 4 | A much | B too | C very | D plenty |
| 5 | A such | B so | C hence | D thus |
| 6 | A creates | B causes | C affects | D makes |
| 7 | A shelter | B cover | C protect | D defend |
| 8 | A for | B during | C when | D while |
| 9 | A fact | B matter | C knowledge | D prejudice |
| 10 | A great | B big | C strong | D large |

SUBIECTUL II (15 items x 1p = 15p)

For questions 1-15, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

There has been no space for new buildings in Central London (1) many years now. In fact, this was a problem that city planners had to deal with as long ago as the 19th (2) They decided (3) the only way to expand was to go down. So they dug. Railways, roads, footpaths, sewers - they even buried rivers underneath the streets of London. Recent

construction work in the heart of London (4) uncovered even more of London's underground past. Workers found a hidden world from Roman times. In one recent development, construction workers unearthed the old High Street of Roman London, (5) follows exactly the line of today's main roads through the City of London. There are even secrets under the River Thames which has around 30 tunnels beneath it. The first of these (6) built by Marc Brunel back in the 1800s. He began work in 1825 - it was a very difficult job and it (7) him and his men 15 years to finish. But the tunnel finally opened in 1840 and was a great success. Some years (8) it was closed to the public and used for a railway line. (9) of the biggest underground networks in London is, of (10), the underground railway, also known (11) the Tube. Some Tube lines are more than a hundred years old and several (12) recently closed. For (13), the tiny line to Aldwych, the heart of London's theatre district, was closed in the 1990s. The empty station is now hired out for films and parties. Aldwych is (14) one of 40 ghost stations throughout the city. Another is a station called British Museum, which some people say was closed (15) an Egyptian mummy had escaped from the nearby museum and was haunting the station!

SUBIECTUL III (10 items x 1p = 10p)

For questions 1-10, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

The (1) ... that all snakes are poisonous is wrong. Out of 3000 or so snake species known, 400 are dangerous and only a few are (2)	BELIEVE DEAD
... .	
Why do snakes bite? It's a (3) ... mechanism to protect themselves. Another reason is to kill their prey, a (4) ... if they are to live. In general, snakes won't bite unless a (5) ... of some sort is caused. Snake bites can cause severe (6) ..., pain, dizziness, and difficulties in breathing. (7) ... in the victim's movements and a feeling of (8) ... are common.	DEFEND NECESSARY DISTURB SWELL RESTRICT EXHAUST
Of course, there are many (9) ... antidotes available, which should be given as soon as possible. But, (10) ... is definitely better than cure!	EFFECT PREVENT

SUBIECTUL IV (10 items x 1p = 10p)

For questions 1-10, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1) Gordon didn't buy the book because he didn't have enough money.

BOUGHT

Gordon the book if he had had enough money.

2) Many people know that he is one of the best artists alive.

BE

He one of the best artists alive.

- 3) He toured Southern Egypt and visited Aswan Dam.

ONLY

Not Southern Egypt but he also visited Aswan Dam.

- 4) She is such a good singer that she was asked to join the band.

WELL

She was asked to join the band.

- 5) 'I didn't break the window on purpose,' the boy said to me.

BROKEN

The boy told me that he accident.

- 6) I have never seen such a nice beach before in my life.

EVER

It's the nicest in my life.

- 7) He doesn't know anything about what's going on.

UNAWARE

He what's going on.

- 8) He's taking his passport with him because he might need it.

CASE

He's taking his passport with him it.

- 9) As he studied more, it became less difficult for him to solve the math problems.

EASIER

The it became for him to solve the math problems.

- 10) They were serving dinner while the band played.

SERVED

Dinner while the band played.

SUBIECTUL V (5 items x 1p = 5p)

For questions 1-5, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

- 1) Ian couldn't understand why his smart phone wasn't properly.

The politicians said that the government was currently on improving the health system.

The secretary had the job of through a pile of documents that needed to be rechecked.

- 2) To do work of such precision requires a very hand.

Although he's not particularly skillful, Ralph is a very worker and you can rely on him one hundred percent.

There has been a increase in the number of people buying electric cars.

3) Martin was put in of the whole office while his boss was away on holiday.

You can have a newspaper delivered to your hotel room each day, but there is an extra for this service.

The shoplifter was taken to court on a of theft.

4) The latest of the magazine contains a feature about contemporary Brazilian poets.

The most serious that the two sides in the case had to resolve involved an alleged breach of copyright.

The main for the family to decide was not whether to buy the new car, but whether to pay cash for it or not.

5) At the end of the talent show, the judges will the three singers who will proceed to the next round of the competition.

Did you know that it is now against the law to wild flowers in the National Park?

Adam was in a bad mood and was ready to a fight with anyone who disagreed with him.

SUBIECTUL VI (50 words)

You read this extract from an article in an English- language newspaper:

It is becoming more and more unusual these days to see children playing outside on bikes or kicking a football around. The popularity of the Internet and computer games is having a negative effect on children's health, fitness and social skills.

Write a letter to the Editor of the newspaper explaining your views on the points raised in the article. Give reasons for your opinions. Write your letter in about 250 words.

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- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**
- **Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**
- **Timp de lucru: 3 ore.**