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CLASA a IX-a, SECȚIUNEA B

VARIANTA 1

Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu. Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.

SUBIECTUL A

USE OF ENGLISH

40 points

I Read the text below and do the tasks that follow. (20 points)

The little crutch was heard on the floor, and in came Tiny Tim, led by his brother and sister to his seat beside the fire, while Bob, Master Peter and the two young Cratchits went to get the goose, which they soon returned with in high **procession**. It seemed a goose was the greatest of all birds, a perfect **marvel**-and in truth it was something very like it in that house. At last the dishes were set. There was a breathless pause, as Mrs. Cratchit took the carving-knife, prepared to cut the goose. Tiny Tim, excited by the two young Cratchits, beat on the table with the handle of his knife.

Bob said he didn't believe there had ever been such a goose cooked. Its **tenderness** and flavour, size and cheapness were the themes of universal admiration. With apple-sauce and mashed potatoes, it was sufficient dinner for the whole family. But now, the plates being changed by Miss Belinda, Mrs. Cratchit left the room alone-too nervous to wait- to take up the pudding and bring it in. What if there isn't enough! What if it breaks? What if somebody got over the wall of the back yard and stole it, while they were happy with the goose?

A. Answer the following questions (4 x 2p=8 points)

1. Why do you think the writer says *it seemed* the goose was the greatest bird?
2. What does the expression *high procession* tell us about how the goose was brought to the table?
3. What happens just before Mrs. Cratchit takes the carving-knife?
4. Why do you think Mrs. Cratchit is so worried about the pudding?

B. Choose the right contextual synonym. (3 x 2 p=6 points)

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| 1. PROCESSION | a) process | b) advance | c) parade | d) progress |
| 2. MARVEL | a) surprise | b) wonder | c) delight | d) pleasure |
| 3. TENDERNESS | a) fragility | b) soreness | c) softness | d) kindness |

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

(3x2p=6 points)

1. Tiny Tim, excited by the two young Cratchits, beat on the table with the handle of the knife.
If Tiny Tim.....with the handle of his knife.
2. It seemed the goose was the greatest of all birds.
The goose.....the greatest of all birds.
3. Bob said he didn't believe there had ever been such a goose cooked.
" Isuch a goose cooked," Bob said.

II Use the word given in capitals to form a new word that fits in each gap. (10 x1p=10 points)

Magical Gozo, one of the sunny Mediterranean's best-kept secrets, lies a mere stone's throw away from Malta. This (1).....island paradise is steeped in myth. Rumoured to be the (2).....Calypso isle of Homer's epic writings, Gozo's peace and (3).....make it an ideal place for the weary. Its rugged landscape and (4) coastline must be explored. To spend a pleasant day snorkeling, diving or fishing, choose from the many inlets and (5).....red sand and beaches. For the (6)..... Gozo has much to offer from its wealth (7).....churches, renovated forts and interesting (8).....sites.

For more information or to make a hotel (9)....., contact your (10)..... travel agent.

1 PEACE 2 LEGEND 3 TRANQUIL 4 SPECTACLE 5 SPOIL 6 SIGHT 7 GRACE 8 HISTORY 9 RESERVE
10 NEAR

III Read the text below and think of the word which best fits in each gap. Use only one word in each gap. (10x 1p=10 points)

Online shopping is one of the fastest growing areas of the Net, offering users a large number of advantages (1).....conventional shopping. Customers have access (2).....a wider range of goods (3)in any shopping centre; (4).....are no queues or parking problems; shops are open 24 hours (5).....day and purchases (6).....delivered to your door. What's (7)....., prices are competitive and this enables you to find (8).....best bargains. These sites search the Net (9).....a product and then show you (10).....much different online stores are charging.

SUBIECTUL B-INTEGRATED SKILLS 60 points

I Read the text below. For questions 1 to 5, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. (5x2p=10 points)

Alonzo was born in 1958. His mother recalls that he was a normal baby, although she considered him a precocious child because he seemed to learn so quickly. Even as a tiny toddler he showed remarkable interest in and ability with Play Doh (a type of plasticine), almost as if he were born to have something in his hands. A fall at age three caused brain injury that resulted in markedly slow development.

Sculpting, even before the injury, seemed for him almost obsessional. At one point, when he was twelve and at a special school, it appeared that his obsession was getting in the way of his other learning- so much so that the clay was taken away to be used only as a reward for other behaviour designed more for his overall growth, particularly in speech and academic subjects. Today that obsessive attachment is to wax, which he transforms into remarkable sculptures by the perpetual motion of his skilled hands and fingers. He remembers what he has seen only once and uses the picture in his mind as a model. He does not refer back to a photo and can sculpt in the dark.

He loves to work quietly, without conversation. He seems most at peace when he works silently, usually with a slight, very contented smile. He seems capable of tremendous concentration and exclusion of the persons around him, no matter how large the crowd.

Buyers of his work are astounded to find that the artist happens to be mentally disabled. He has earned enough for the purchase and renovation of a home next to his parents', which he uses as a full-time studio. As his art has enlivened, so has Alonzo. His vocabulary has expanded. He is less shy, more spontaneous and better able to adapt to new situations. His obsessive sculpting has not hindered him but has actualised him; rather than being an impediment to his other communication skills, it has enhanced them.

1 Alonzo had had artistic skills since

- A he was a baby.
- B his accident when he was three.
- C he went to a special school.
- D he was twelve.

2 His attitude to sculpture is that

- A it can be done without effort.
- B he can do it only in the right environment.
- C he will do it whatever the situation he is in.
- D he must have the necessary materials.

3 When he is sculpting, Alonzo

- A has a model in front of him.
- B works from pictures.
- C uses mental images.
- D requires good light.

4 When people watch Alonzo at work, they are impressed by

- A how happy he looks.
- B his intense concentration.
- C his ability to talk to those around him.
- D his pride in his work.

5 How has Alonzo used the money he has made?

- A He is able to support his parents.
- B He has been able to afford a new house.
- C He has created a practical working environment.
- D He has invested in further training.

II Last week was a special week designed for extracurricular activities. Together with your class and teacher, you visited an art exhibition. Write the review. (200-220 words)

(50 points)