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CLASA A IX-A - SECȚIUNEA A**

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

I really (1) _____ (LIKE) the idea of travelling. I (2) _____ (ALWAYS/WANT) to see the world. I thought about working on a ship after I (3) _____ (WATCH) a TV documentary about life on a cruise ship. At the time I (4) _____ (TEACH) aerobics at my local gym. I enjoyed the job, but I (5) _____ (WORK) there for a few years already. I looked on the Internet and found a website with hundreds of jobs on cruise ships. I applied for a few jobs but (6) _____ (NOT GET) any. I thought about it and said to myself: "I (7) _____ (GIVE UP) my job in the gym and go on a trip around Australia". I wanted to get some experience of travelling. My boss was great and said I (8) _____ (CAN) go back any time, but luckily, when I returned from my trip, I got the job I had applied for. It was as a fitness instructor on a cruise ship going to the Caribbean. I (9) _____ (WORK) on a cruise ship for six months now. Life on a cruise ship is busy, but that's what (10) _____ (MAKE) it exciting.

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

1. Maria's a model so she always wears (FASHION) clothes.
2. When babies are born, they are totally (HELP).
3. I'm very (PATIENT). I hate waiting for things!
4. These trousers are too short. Can you (LENGTH) them for me?
5. Children who (BEHAVE) will be punished.
6. Welcome home! Put those heavy suitcases down – you can (PACK) them later.
7. All over the world, (ROB) is considered a serious crime.
8. He became famous for his (HERO) efforts to save the young boy from the river.
9. We all admired the (CREATE) thinking of this inventor.
10. Tracy has found a job as a (LIBRARY) at the local library.

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

We can choose our friends, but we can't choose our (1) _____. That doesn't mean, though, that members of our family can't also be our friends. Many children have such a good relationship (2) _____ their parents that they see them as friends. Of course, when you're a teenager, you'll have (3) _____ with your parents. There will be times when you don't (4) _____ on very well with them. That's only natural. There will be times when you want to be (5) _____ and solve your problems (6) _____ yourself. You'll also (7) _____ your parents down sometimes. After all, nobody's perfect and we all make mistakes. But your parents understand that. And as you grow (8) _____ and become an adult, you'll probably realize you have lots of things in (9) _____ with your mum and dad and become even (10) _____ to them.

1	A - couples	B - guests	C - strangers	D - relatives
2	A - by	B - for	C - with	D - from
3	A - moods	B - arguments	C - lies	D - dishonesty
4	A - get	B - take	C - put	D - set
5	A - divorced	B - single	C - grateful	D - independent
6	A - on	B - by	C - for	D - with
7	A - let	B - make	C - take	D - fall
8	A - on	B - over	C - out	D - up
9	A - private	B - common	C - contact	D - love
10	A - fonder	B - more proud	C - closer	D - more ordinary

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

At the entrance to the Penn Services Parking Garage **(1)** _____ was a crowd of citizens, almost all of them well dressed and almost all of them indignant, even furious.

They had been told, or **(2)** _____ being told, by uniformed police officers and detectives that the entire Penn Services Parking Garage had been designated a crime scene and they could not reclaim their cars, or even go to them, **(3)** _____ the investigation of the scene had been completed. And they had been told, truthfully, that **(4)** _____ one could even estimate how **(5)** _____ the investigation of the crime scene would take.

(adapted from W.E.B.Griffin, *The Victim*)

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

Do you enjoy watching comedy? Do all your friends at school think you tell great jokes? Then why not come and see what is happening at **Comedy Kids**? **Comedy Kids** own comedy clubs in several countries that are run just for young people aged 10-15. They are real clubs with real comedians, who are just as familiar with working in adult comedy clubs as they are with working with children. But don't take our word for it - come and see for yourself!

The **Comedy Kids** Company was set up by John Winterton, who says that no-one had thought of being a stand-up comedian for young people until he came along. In fact, his act quickly became so popular that he soon found lots of other comedians who wanted to join his company and perform for families and young people. And if you think, as many others do, that a young people's comedian leaps on stage in a brightly-coloured costume and big red nose - think again. John usually appears dressed in a cool black jacket and trousers - more like a Hollywood movie star than a circus clown!

If you're having a party at home, **Comedy Kids** can come and perform for you there at your party - just ask! Of course, it's not the same as performing on stage, so we always look for comedians in the clubs who are good at working with small numbers of young people - and we've discovered there aren't many of them about! But the ones we have found are brilliant. Your very own comedian will also help you to tell your guests some jokes and silly stories - and they can join in too, if they want! It'll be fun and very different from any party you've ever had before!



Here at **Comedy Kids**, it's not just about the adults telling the jokes. We also have very short "open spots" where young people get the chance to perform. But we've yet to find someone who can do that without preparation, so we've set up the world's first "Comedy Classes" to teach young people how to tell jokes on stage. At the moment our classes are only monthly, but we're planning to start a number of others over the coming year. So if you want to be a comedian but don't want to wait until you grow up, this is where you can do it. And if you're creative but feel you're lacking in the confidence to speak up, we can certainly help. We'll listen to what you want to do, and try to make it happen. So what are you waiting for? Come and join **Comedy Kids**!

I. For each question decide which answer (A, B, C or D) fits best according to the text. 10 points

1. What kind of people do **Comedy Kids** employ?
 - A. professional actors
 - B. retired people
 - C. children aged 10-15
 - D. women only
2. What do we find out about John Winterton?
 - A. He is a famous inventor.
 - B. He is a playwright.
 - C. He had a unique idea.
 - D. He is the only person working for Comedy Kids.
3. The costume John wears on stage
 - A. is made by himself.
 - B. is black and meant to scare children.
 - C. imitates clowns from Hollywood.
 - D. contradicts a long-established misconception.
4. If you have a party at home, then Comedy Kids
 - A. will come and join your party.
 - B. will provide you with amateur comedians.
 - C. will help you decorate the room.
 - D. will have your guests tell jokes, too.
5. How often are "Comedy Classes" held?
 - A. every day
 - B. twice a week
 - C. once a month
 - D. weekly

II. You are John Winterton. Write a narrative essay about a time when one of your performances went wrong. (180-200 words) 50 points