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CLASA a IX-a - SECȚIUNEA B

SUBIECTULA – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

1. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks that follow. (20 points)

Wilson was nine years old and living in Washington, D.C., he got excited about the idea of expeditions to far-off jungles to collect the sorts of things he saw in National Geographic. He decided he would do some expeditions to a park, and he began collecting whatever he could fit in a bottle. Originally, he wanted to collect flies but could not get the **appropriate** equipment during those years due to World War II. As he got older he began researching ants.

Over time, Wilson's collections have grown **tremendously**. Are they valuable? Wilson realized that many occasions arise when people need unexpected things and as the body of information on the natural world grows, scientists will have unexpected needs. "For instance, someone might say, 'What I need for my work is an ant that hunts underwater and walks around submarine fashion and then comes out and goes back to a dry nest. Does any such thing exist?' It turns out, yes!" In fact, he says, there is an ant, called the submarine ant, that goes underwater to get food in the Nepenthes plant. More recently Wilson has been working with younger ant specialists, and they are discovering new ant species at every mountain site. **Currently** only about ten percent of ant species are known, so there is still much work and exploration needed.

A. Answer the following questions, according to the text. (4X2p=8p)

1. When did E.O. Wilson get interested in ants?
2. Why couldn't Wilson collect flies as a boy?
3. What did Wilson realize about the scientists' needs?
4. Who has Wilson been working with lately?

B. Choose the right synonym for the words given below, according to their meaning in the text. (3x2p=6p)

1. **appropriate**: a. near b. suitable c. true d. correct
2. **tremendously**: a. effectively b. threateningly c. terribly d. enormously
3. **currently**: a. actually b. presently c. often d. usually

C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning. (3x2p=6p)

1. As he got older he began researching ants.

By, he had begun researching ants.

2. "Does any such thing exist?" he asked.

He asked

3. They are discovering new ant species at every mountain site.

New mountain site.

2. Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. (10 points)

Along with Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse is one of the most 1).....
painters and sculptors of the 2)century. In his early years,
he painted a wide 3)of colourful portraits and landscapes.
However, in his later years, 4)prevented him from continuing
the conventional painting he had practised all his life. Matisse was still full
of 5)ideas, so he invented a new artistic style: using scissors,
he cut painted paper into shapes to make 6).....works of art.
In 2014, London's Tate Modern gallery put on an 7)of over
a hundred of these 8).....cut-outs, made between 1936 and 1954,
and brought together for the first time ever from public and private
9)all over the world. The show attracted over half a million
10), who enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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3. Translate the following text into English. (10 points)

După ce am ajuns acasă mi-am dat seama că mă gândisem la toate, afară de lucrul cel mai important: locul unde se va adăposti prietenul meu. Îmi vorbise de o cabană în munți, dar trebuia găsită această cabană și trebuia să ajungem la ea înainte de a se lumina de ziuă ca să nu atragem atenția. Planul nostru părea copilăresc: trebuia să urcăm pe munte cărând o duzină de pături în spinare, cu merinde, fără să știm încotro ne îndreptăm, riscând ca prietenul meu să se oprească după câteva sute de metri, pentru că nu mâncase de o săptămână.

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)

4. You are going to read an article about natural spas in Iceland. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. (20 points)

Iceland's Spas

Travel writer Sarah Klein explore the best natural spas that Iceland has to offer.

I have had the opportunity to visit many beautiful places around the world, but Iceland remains one of my favourite destinations. One of the main reasons I love Iceland so much is because of the natural spas that can be found all over the island.

One of the most important natural spas in Iceland is the Blue Lagoon. Located in the Reykjanes peninsula, the Blue Lagoon is a geothermal spa that is maintained by water from nearby geothermal power plants. The water is a bright blue colour and revitalises all your senses. I had the opportunity to visit the Blue Lagoon, and it was truly a special event. (1) [] All of this makes it a must-visit spot for any traveller to Iceland, and it shows from the number of tourists and locals.

(2) [] Some critics argue that the spa's popularity has led to overcrowding, making the experience less enjoyable. Others claim that the spa's use of water from geothermal power plants is not sustainable and could lead to environmental damage in the long run. This concern is legitimate, but I feel that it is the least of our worries when it comes to the serious environmental impact of tourism.

(3) [] Located in the north of Iceland in a beautiful natural landscape, they are surrounded by volcanic mountains. You almost feel like you are bathing on another planet, surrounded by the

volcanic peaks and dark soil. The only thing that brings you back to earth are the multitudes of other people surrounding you. Above all, I'd personally suggest going to the Secret Lagoon. Located in the small town of Fludir, the Secret Lagoon is Iceland's oldest swimming pool, dating back to 1891. (4) [] It's a peaceful oasis with fewer crowds. The spa, like others, is found in a breathtaking location to unwind after a day of exploring the nearby Golden Circle. (5) [] They are all set in magnificent landscapes and are fed by revitalising and healthy water from natural sources. They are also an excellent way to find your inner calm. In my opinion, if you are planning a trip to Iceland, you should definitely make time to visit one of the natural spas. They are a wonderful form to experience the country's beauty and to loosen up and rejuvenate. Just be sure to book your tickets in advance, since they can get quite crowded during peak season. Iceland's natural spas are a must-visit for any traveller looking for a unique and relaxing time. They offer the perfect combination of innate beauty and relaxation, making them an ideal way to experience Iceland. As a travel writer, I highly recommend visiting one of these natural spas during your next trip to Iceland, but also be mindful of the controversy and environmental impact surrounding them.

A. I found it to be a real hidden gem, not as famous as the Blue Lagoon or Myvatn Nature Baths.

B. However, it's important to note that there is some controversy surrounding such a popular location.

C. There's nothing better than relaxing in the warm waters of the spa and letting your

worries melt away.

D. All of these natural spas in Iceland offer a unique and relaxing experience.

E. The spa also has a variety of amenities, such as a sauna, steam room, and a restaurant.

F. Another natural spa that I recommend visiting is the Myvatn Nature Baths.

5. Starting from the text above, write a review of a spa centre you have been to. Your review should include information about the facilities, the prices and the people working there. Would you recommend this place to other people? Write about 180-200 words. (40 points)

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