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SECȚIUNEA A

SUBIECTUL I (10 x 1 = 10p)

Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space:

Not everything is (1)..... as it seems in Disneyland, due to the clever use of 'forced perspective', or (2)..... illusions, which enable the builders to create buildings that appear bigger or smaller than they really are. For instance, the Sleeping Beauty Castle is only seventy-seven feet high, yet it appears much (3)..... . Disneyworld has achieved this by using bricks and other (4) items that get smaller and smaller as the towers get higher. The Matterhorn Mountain has been (5) to look huge, by using the simple (6)..... of planting the tallest trees at the bottom of the mountain and the smallest at the (7)..... Then, when you first walk onto Main Street, the castle seems far off in the distance, thanks to the technique of scaling and a clever (8) that have been used. Yet when you leave Main Street, everything appears much smaller and nearer. Walt Disney's (9) was that people entering the park would be full of energy and eager to explore, but when they were leaving they would be exhausted and not want to (10) the prospect of a long walk.

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| 1 | A quite | B rather | C somewhat | D fairly |
| 2 | A ocular | B visual | C sight | D optical |
| 3 | A broader | B taller | C longer | D wider |
| 4 | A elevation | B architectural | C landscape | D blueprint |
| 5 | A generated | B changed | C fashioned | D produced |
| 6 | A trap | B stunt | C plan | D ploy |
| 7 | A head | B top | C height | D brim |
| 8 | A angle | B outlook | C slant | D position |
| 9 | A reflection | B consideration | C reasoning | D forethought |
| 10 | A admit | B meet | C deal | D face |

SUBIECTUL II (10 x 1 = 10p)

Complete with one word only in each space:

Common in the shallow seas of the tropics, coral reefs help to nourish (1) life and millions of the planet's impoverished people, thus becoming the most fruitful component of the seas. This is because each reef has within it minute algae that have the capacity to trap the energy of the Sun and convert it (2) food. The corals profit from this synthesis, (3) in the process also sustain a whole other community of life. They recycle nutrients through the food (4), as every species is food for another, all relying on (5) another. (6) covering less than one percent of the seabed, they provide food and shelter for around a quarter of all sea creatures. There really is (7) other environment on Earth that helps humans more. For the millions of people that live (8) coral reefs and need them to subsist, the reefs provide them (9) protein They are a source of income from tourism, and act as a barrier (10) storms.

SUBIECTUL III (10 x 1 = 10p)

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

British actors in films have a 1) to be portrayed as either	TEND
having an accent like Hugh Grant or a villain from the East End of London. In	
(2), the British Isles have a wealth of different accents.	REAL
Linguists claim that in some parts of England, a different accent can be heard	
just by crossing a road or bridge, and this (3) does not	VARY
apply to just one place. The Liverpool accent is totally different from that of	
Manchester or Birmingham but there is (4) within a	DIVERSE
city, especially one like Liverpool.	
A new accent appears to have crept into the English language, (5) the	NAME
(6) London English accent, as it is heavily influenced	CULTURE
by the Caribbean, West African and South Asian (7) to the	MIGRATE
country. It should be borne in mind that there are also (8)	REGION
differences, and class (9) plays a big role throughout	DISTINCT
the country, often greater and more (10) than in other countries.	NOTICE

SUBIECTUL IV (5 x 1 = 5p)

Think of one word only that can be used appropriately in all three sentences:

- 1) Demand for ice cream traditionally tends to _____ off in winter months.
If it isn't maintained properly, a modern school building will soon _____ into a state of disrepair.
Denise's family problems led her to _____ behind with her college work.
- 2) The checked _____ on the curtains looked lovely against the plain white wall.
As a sociologist, I'm always looking for a _____ in the way people behave.
If you're going to make your own clothes, you have to learn how to follow a _____ .
- 3) After four world tours in three years, the singer has decided to take a well-deserved _____ from travelling.
After buying gifts for all her family, the lottery winner decided to donate the _____ of her winnings to charity.
The runner was advised to give his injured knee a thorough _____ before beginning his training programme again.
- 4) Darren's got a very _____ mind, and always knows when people are trying to get the better of him.
Don't go too fast as you cycle down the hill because there's a _____ bend at the bottom.
There's been a _____ rise in the number of burglaries in this area.
- 5) The buses to the village only _____ on weekdays.
All rivers, we are told, eventually _____ into the sea.
If you _____ into Clive, please tell him to call me.

SUBIECTUL V (10 x 1,5 = 15p)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Use between 3 and 8 words.

1. Mal said he had not seen such a thrilling film in years.
FAR
It was Mal had seen in years.

2. No money can be refunded to customers once the clothes have been worn.
ENTITLED
Customers are once the clothes have been worn.
3. Thanks to the help of the fire brigade, we were able to rescue the horses.
NOT
But for the help of the fire brigade, rescued.
4. I messed up the interview, so I was not expecting to get the job.
CAME
I messed up the interview, so got the job.
5. The island was completely devoid of trees, flowers and plants.
WHATSOEVER
There on the island.
6. We are very sorry to inform you that you did not get the job.
REGRET
It is inform you that you did not get the job.
7. There came a time when I just didn't want to go there anymore.
STAGE
I didn't want to go there anymore.
8. Alan had to go to a solicitor to get legal advice.
SEEK
Alan a solicitor.
9. Charlotte finds that doing her craft work stops her thinking about her ex-husband.
MIND
Charlotte finds that doing her craft work ex-husband.
10. Peppy chose veterinary science rather than medicine at the university.
OPTED
Peppy medicine at the university.

SUBIECTUL VI(50p)

An international market research company has asked you to write a report on advertising in your country. The company that has commissioned this report wants to know about the most common approaches used and how consumers respond to them. You are also asked to suggest changes to current approaches or alternative approaches which you believe would be more effective.

Write your **report** in **about 300 words** in an appropriate style.

NOTĂ

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