



**OLIMPIADA NAȚIONALĂ DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ - ETAPA LOCALĂ,
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CLASA A VII-A
VARIANTA 1**

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii
- Timpul de elaborare a răspunsurilor este de 2 ore.
- Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.

SUBIECTUL I –USE OF ENGLISH (10 items x 2p =20 points)

I.1 Read the following text and fill in the blanks with correct verb forms.

Sophie (1) _____(plan) of becoming a pilot since she was a child. Right now, she (2) _____(study) at an aviation academy to get her license. She (3) _____(complete) several flight simulations and practical tests since January. Last week, while she (4) _____(fly)with her instructor, she (5) _____(experience) an unexpected change in weather. Fortunately, she (6) _____(know) how to handle such situations, so she (7) _____(manage) to land the plane safely. Over time, she (8) _____(realise) that flying (9) _____(require) both skill and confidence, and next year, she (10) _____(be) ready for the challenge.

I.2 (10 items x 2p =20 points)

Read the text and look carefully at each line. There are 8 unnecessary words. If a line is correct, put a tick (v). If it has a word that should not be there, write the word.

1	How important is a good night's sleep? For those unfortunate people who they suffer from insomnia, eight hours' sleep is all they want.	1. _____
2	If you spend the whole night desperately trying to be sleep, you will feel terrible the next day.	2. _____
3	You will not be efficient at the work, you may argue with family and friends, and may be prone to accidents.	3. _____
4	In fact, insomnia is one of the commonest reasons for seeking for a doctor's advice.	4. _____
5	How can people beat about insomnia?	5. _____
6	Doctors can prescribe sleeping pills, but for those unwilling to resort to drugs, there are such solutions.	6. _____
7	Tea, coffee, alcohol and tobacco should be avoided for two hours before bedtime.	7. _____
8	A milky drink or herbal tea may help.	8. _____

9	A few minutes' gentle exercise but followed by a hot bath will help you relax.	9. _____
10	Another one method is simply to distract yourself with pleasant thoughts until you drop off.	10. _____

I.3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capital letters (5 items x2p = 10 points)

<p>In today's world, it's essential to be adapted to changing circumstances. Many people find it (1) ____ (FRIGHTEN) to step out of their comfort zone, especially when faced with new challenges. However, having a (2) ____ (COURAGE) attitude can help you overcome these fears. It is also important to wait (3) ____ (PATIENCE) when things don't go as planned. With (4) ____ (DETERMINE), you can achieve great things, even in the face of (5) ____ difficulties. Success doesn't come easily, but with perseverance, it becomes possible.</p>	<p>1. FRIGHTEN 2. COURAGE 3. PATIENCE 4. DETERMINE 5. PREDICT</p>
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SUBIECTUL al II-lea - READING COMPREHENSION (25 p)

Read the following text. It has five paragraphs.

You are going to read a text about the life of a horse in nineteenth century England. Choose the most suitable heading from the list A – F, for each part 1 -5. There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. For questions 1 – 5, choose the answer (a, b, c or d) which you think fits best according to the text.

Black Beauty

1. _____

Black Beauty spent his early years in a picturesque, green field with his mother and some other young colts. When it was time for him to be trained to serve men, he was gently and patiently broken in by his master. He learned to wear a saddle and bridle, and carry a human quietly on his back.

2. _____

Black Beauty's kind owner was forced to move abroad for the sake of his wife's health. This marked the beginning of a string of owners with different personalities. Some were well intentioned but allowed their grooms full control of their animals. Unfortunately, in Black Beauty's case, this often proved to be harmful. He was often either neglected or misused.

3. _____

Fortunately, after some time Black Beauty was bought by Jerry Barker, a kind cab owner, and he was treated very well. Although being a cab horse was very hard work, Black Beauty always did his best because he enjoyed pleasing his master. Black Beauty was very well cared for. He was given food to eat, a warm stable to sleep in and lots of kind words. Black Beauty learned many things

from his new owner, such as the advantages of not being greedy and of being fair and kind to all creatures. Black Beauty spent a couple of very happy years there.

4. _____

The pleasant life came to a sudden end when Jerry was forced to sell his horses. After several other owners, Black Beauty was sold to Nicholas Skinner. He had to work every day with no rest, insufficient food and poor accommodation. Although he was still a cab horse, it was a different world. Black Beauty's various drivers would swear at him and whip him. Eventually, Black Beauty became very ill from all his hard work and bad treatment. His owner wanted to have him killed when he could no longer do the job. Luckily, a vet convinced Skinner to allow Black Beauty to rest and recover, and then sell him, so that he would make a bigger profit. The owner agreed to have the horse's life spared, but only for the sake of money.

5. _____

After spending years on London's streets, Black Beauty's next home was a pleasant farm, with a caring master. After nursing him back to good health, the farmer decided that Black Beauty needed to be in a place more appropriate than a farm. He sold Black Beauty to two kind young sisters, who lived on a pleasant country estate with a large, green meadow. Here the weary but content horse finally found the rest and peace of mind that he so desired and deserved.

- A. A cruel and greedy owner
- B. Time to take it easy
- C. A gentle teacher
- D. In the wrong hands
- E. Hard but satisfying work
- F. Life as a cart horse

b) Choose the correct answer to the questions, according to the text. (5 items x 3p = 15 p)

1. **What was Black Beauty's life like, as a young horse?**
 - a. lived in a pleasant surroundings
 - b. didn't see much of other animals
 - c. broke his back while being trained
 - d. was forced to carry heavy loads
2. **What happened to Black Beauty after one of his owners moved abroad?**
 - a. didn't like any of his new masters
 - b. received nothing but cruel treatment
 - c. was not always well taken care of
 - d. was given jobs he wasn't used to
3. **What are we told about Jerry Barker?**
 - a. He worked his animals too hard.
 - b. He rewarded the efforts of his animals.
 - c. He refused to keep greedy animals.
 - d. He taught his animals new tricks.
4. **Why did Nicholas Skinner not have Black Beauty killed?**
 - a. He decided to sell the horse to the vet instead.
 - b. He believed the horse would get better and return to work for him.

- c. He thought someone might buy the horse.
- d. He felt the horse deserved a rest after doing so much hard work.

5. In what way was living on the two sisters' country estate better for Black Beauty than living on a farm?

- a. The country estate was a more relaxing place for an old horse.
- b. The farm was a suitable place for healthy animals only.
- c. The country estate had more open space than the farm.
- d. The farm had fewer horses than the country estate.

SUBIECTUL al III-lea - WRITING (25 points)

Write a story beginning like this:

"I felt a rush of excitement as I grabbed the map and ran down the stairs, knowing this was the start of an amazing adventure!"

Write your story in 120-150 words and give it an appropriate title. Pay attention to the following:

- ❖ You don't need to write long descriptions;
- ❖ Use dialogues only if they are relevant to your characters or events;
- ❖ You should use this plan:
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SUBIECTUL I –USE OF ENGLISH (10 items x 2p =20 points)

I.1 Read the following text and fill in the blanks with correct verb forms.

Kevin Adams 1).....(love) trains. He first 2).....(see) one when he was four years old. By the time he was fifteen he 3).....(collect) over 10.000 different engine numbers in various counties. Once, while he 4).....(stand) in a station in Cheshire he saw something very unusual. He 5).....(wait) for over an hour for a train to go by when suddenly he 6).....(see) a very old steam train coming down the track. It 7).....(not/stop) at the station and, as it was passing, Kevin noticed that all the passengers 8).....(wear) old-fashioned clothes. When he told the station guard about this, the poor man turned pale. He said that no steam train 9).....(pass) through that station for years, and that the last one 10).....(crash), killing everyone on board.

I.2 (10 items x 2p =20 points)

Read the text and look carefully at each line. There are 8 unnecessary words. If a line is correct, put a tick (v). If it has a word that should not be there, write the word.

1	Although my father is not conventionally successful, he is a man that to be admired.	1. _____
2	He must have been ten when he started learning to play the piano. As being a rather	2. _____
3	small child, and one who he was too interested in his studies, he was bullied by his	3. _____
4	classmates. But he found pleasure in music and proved to be considerably talented.	4. _____
5	Despite of having little encouragement from his parents, he practised hard, and	5. _____
6	was playing Chopin well at the age of 14. By the time he was 18 he did nothing but	6. _____
7	to play. His school work, which had shown promise, suffered and he did not achieve the grades required for university entrance.	7. _____
8	Instead he went to a teacher training college. He loved teaching , and did so well that his tutors suggested that he studied music at the university.	8. _____
9	With their support he got a place, impressing on them with his ability in	9. _____

	composition as well as performance.	
10	But by then he just wanted to teach. He has been teaching for 30 years now, earning little but much earning the love and respect of his colleagues.	10. _____

I.3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capital letters (5 items x2p = 10 points)

In today's society, (1) ___ skills are essential for success. People who can express their ideas (2) ___ often build strong relationships and perform well in the workplace. However, some individuals struggle with (3) _____ messages, which can lead to (4)_____. It is important to listen attentively and respond appropriately. Additionally, those who (5) ___ their thoughts effectively through writing or speech are more likely to be understood and respected.	1. COMMUNICATE 2. CLEAR 3. CONFUSE 4. UNDERSTAND 5. SYMBOL
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SUBIECTUL al II-lea - READING COMPREHENSION (25 p)

Read the following text. It has five paragraphs.

1. _____

Studies show that around 20 percent of nursing home residents suffer from major depression, while an additional 30 percent experience significant depressive symptoms. One of the main causes of depression in elderly people is isolation and the fact that they don't interact socially. Spending time with others has been proven to help reduce these feelings. In fact, more than half of the residents who socialized regularly experienced a complete improvement in their mental health. The simple act of looking forward to social interactions also plays an important role in preventing depression.

2. _____

Most people have heard of adopting children or pets, but the idea of adopting a grandparent is something new. Mike and Brenda Loeschmann had never thought about it either until they unintentionally became part of such a relationship. When the family moved from Canada to England, they lived in the same building as an elderly couple. Although they were friendly with them, they did not spend much time together at first. However, this changed unexpectedly, leading to a lasting bond between them.

3. _____

One day, Brenda needed hand-knit sweaters for her daughters but didn't have the time to make them. When the elderly woman in their building heard about this, she immediately offered to help. At first, Brenda was unsure about accepting the offer, but out of necessity, she agreed. What started as a small favour soon developed into a meaningful relationship. Weekly visits to check on the knitting turned into spending time together in the park, going shopping, and even celebrating special occasions as a family.

4. _____

When Mike's job required the family to move to the United States, they were sad to leave their new grandparents behind. However, once they arrived in their new home, they soon formed another close connection with an elderly couple who had lost contact with their own grandchildren due to

divorce. The couple happily took part in the children's lives, attending school events, spending holidays together, and providing support in emergencies. Although the Loeschmanns still visited their biological grandparents, having a substitute family nearby was a great comfort.

5. _____

Now back in Canada, the Loeschmanns continue to stay in touch with their adopted grandparents from the United States and visit them whenever possible. Brenda believes that the relationship was not just beneficial for the children but for the entire family. Their adopted grandparents provided support, friendship, and love in ways they had never expected. This experience showed them that family is not only about blood relations but also about the connections we build with those around us.

II.1 Choose the most suitable heading from the list (A-F) for each part (1-5). There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. (5 items x 2p = 10 points)

- A. A Unique Way to Help the Elderly**
- B. A Simple Favor That Started It All**
- C. The Power Of Human Connection**
- D. A Friendship That Lasts**
- E. The Issue of Loneliness in Nursing Homes**
- F. Building Stronger Relationships**

II.2 For questions 1-5, choose the answer A, B, C or D which you think fits best according to the text. (5 items x 3p = 15 points)

1. What may cause depression among nursing home residents?

- a) Health problems
- b) Lack of social interaction
- c) Poor food quality
- d) Age-related issues

2. How did Mike and Brenda Loeschmann first meet the elderly couple?

- a) They met at a community event.
- b) They lived in the same building.
- c) They were introduced by mutual friends.
- d) They worked together.

3. What was Brenda's initial reaction to the elderly woman's offer to knit the sweaters?

- a) She was hesitant at first.
- b) She immediately accepted the offer.
- c) She refused the offer politely.
- d) She offered to pay the woman.

4. How did the relationship between the Loeschmann family and the elderly couple in the U.S. grow?

- a) They visited the couple only on holidays.
- b) They kept in touch via email and phone calls.

- c) The elderly couple became a substitute for the children's real grandparents.
- d) They never saw the couple again after moving to the U.S.

5. What does Brenda believe about the relationship with their adopted grandparents?

- a) It was only beneficial for the children.
- b) It created problems in their family.
- c) It didn't affect their lives much.
- d) It was helpful for the entire family

SUBIECTUL al III-lea - WRITING (25 points)

Write a story ending like this:

„In that moment, she realised that all the hard work had been worth it, and she had proven to herself that she could overcome her fears.”

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