

Etapă județeană / a sectoarelor municipiului București a olimpiadelor naționale școlare – 2025

Probă scrisă

Limba engleză

CLASA a IX-a - SECȚIUNEA A

- 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 in the correct form.

10 points

Long ago, in a faraway kingdom, an army leader who **1) ____ (defeat)** in battle, **2) ____ (flee)** for his life without a single follower and **3) ____ (hide)** himself in a cave in the woods. That night a spider **4) ____ (weave)** her web across the mouth of the cave. In the morning two soldiers from the enemy's army **5) ____ (come along)** in pursuit of the young leader, but they **6) ____ (ride)** past the cave where he **7) ____ (lie)** as they **8) ____ (think)** that if he **9) ____ (go)** in, he **10) ____ (brush)** away the spider's web.

II. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in each sentence.

10 points

1. My food was ____ cooked, with some parts burnt and some still frozen.
2. Due to the clerk's ____, we missed the train.
3. Lately, he has found his schedule to be a most ____ one.
4. The buses are on strike today which is very ____.
5. Jack's such a ____ character.
6. Last year the company's ____ sales reached almost \$ 10 billion.
7. It's the ____ of the idea that makes it amazing.
8. The army captain said that he would not tolerate ____ in his unit.
9. Please ____ that all the windows are closed when you leave.
10. Access to the swimming pool is prohibited to ____.

**EVEN
STUBBORN
EXHAUST
CONVENIENT
SUSPECT
WORLD
SIMPLE
OBEY
SURE
MEMBERS**

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

10 points

1. This is my twentieth year working in this office.
By the end of this year ____ in this office for twenty years.
2. Don't keep on telling people I failed my driving exam; it upsets me.
I wish you ____ I failed my driving exam.
3. People say Bali is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world.
Bali ____ one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world.
4. If you haven't had enough practice, don't take part in the show.
Don't take part in the show ____ practice.
5. 'Did you write a note for Steven?' I asked my father.
I asked my father ____ a note for Steven.

**WORKING
STOP
BE
UNLESS
HE**

IV. Translate the following text into English.

10 points

Prin ferestrele deschise ale casei din strada Antim se vedea cum noaptea se coborâse peste oraș. Luminile palide ale felinarelor se revărsau pe trotuarele ude, iar în aerul răcoros plutea o liniște tulbure, ca o amenințare tăcută. Felix privea absent pe fereastră, în timp ce conversația domnului Giurgiuveanu și a lui Costache se stingeau în murmur. Casa avea un aer de apatie, scufundată în penumbra unei seri târzii de toamnă. Părea că toate obiectele îmbătrâniseră odată cu locatarii ei. Mobilierul masiv, acoperit de praf, pereții întunecați de fum, toate vorbeau despre o lume trecută, de care locatarii se agățau cu o încăpățănare aproape tragică.

(George Călinescu, *Enigma Otiliei*)

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)

I. Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer from the sentences A-F. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use. Write your answers on your answer sheet. 10 points

Computer game exhibition

Have you ever tried playing the kind of video games that your parents played? The Museum of Science in Manchester, in the UK, has held an exhibition for the last few years, which invites visitors to do exactly that. It offers them the chance to play games from the last 40 years, in various sessions throughout the day. These video games sessions have now become one of the main attractions of the museum. They are full of people every day, playing a wide range of games. **1)** _____. For parents, for example, these are usually the games they used to play in their childhood.

There's also an educational purpose to the games. For instance, some old types of computer, dating back 40 years, are also available in the sessions. They were originally used in classrooms to teach pupils to write their own computer programs. **2)** _____. Now, the museum is holding workshops that encourage children to learn similar skills – and they're still very popular.

The sessions are also seen as social events, as people discover how much fun it is to play video games with other family members. And there's also an area at Power Up! where a number of visitors can sit down together. **3)** _____. And nowadays, this is often how fans of video games are more likely to experience playing.

The exhibition also shows how much progress technology has made over the last 40 years. Parents can often remember playing very simple games. But the games that are played today are more complex. **4)** _____. And the players also have to use much more complicated techniques.

However, one serious side of the exhibition is that organisers also want to show that video gaming is an important industry, employing many skilled people. **5)** _____. That way, people who enjoy gaming will also understand all the hard work, talent and imagination that goes into creating these amazing games.

- A** Visitors each pay for 90-minute sessions.
- B** And at the time, it helped lots of young people to do that.
- C** So they hope the exhibition will share this message.
- D** But not everyone thinks it's a lot of fun.
- E** However, visitors often choose the ones they're similar with.
- F** They have better storylines and animation, too.
- G** They also create the music to go with the game.
- H** Then they can all enjoy playing the same game.

II. You have seen the following announcement on a website and decided to write a letter. 50 points

The Museum of Science in Manchester is looking for experienced students who have a passion for games, knowledge of the industry and a good understanding of how a game is made.

Join now our tech team to provide game instructions during our workshops and to facilitate the visitors' understanding of the techniques involved in creating video games.

Starting from the text above, write your letter to Mrs. Jane Taylor, the manager of the museum, applying for the position of video game assistant advertised on the website. (180-200 words)