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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. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form:

(10x 1 p=10 points)

I went to the doctor's yesterday. I (1)..... (have to) wait for an hour before he (2) (can) see me. "I (3) (go) abroad next week. But I (4)..... (have) a pain for two days. (5) (you/think) I'll be well enough to go?" " After I (6) (examine) you, I'll be able to tell you," the doctor said. "I (7) (work) in the garden when I suddenly felt the pain," I told the doctor. "If I (8) (stop) immediately, it would have been all right, I suppose. But I hardly ever (9)(get) any exercise in my job so I went on (10) (work)." After examining me carefully, the doctor said: "You must have hurt a bone in your back."

II. Use the word given in capital letters to form a word that fits in each space:
(points)

(10 x 1 p= 10 points)

Robin Hood: fact or fiction?

The (1) of a secret tunnel beneath a Nottingham museum could prove that one of history's most famous legends was a flesh-and-blood (2) The tunnel may have been used by Robin Hood to escape from the Sheriff of Nottingham to the (3) of Sherwood Forest. For centuries, (4) have questioned the (5) of Robin, dismissing him as a romanticized figure who (6) the hopes of the poor in their struggle against the rich. The (7) unearthing of the passageway by archaeologists excavating some man-made caves may cause them to (8) their views. The tunnel is blocked, so its exact length is (9), though it could stretch for three miles, from St Mary's Church to the city's outskirts. According to medieval documents, Robin and his men (10) disappeared from the church after being surrounded there by the Sheriff's soldiers.

1. DISCOVER 2. REAL 3. SAFE 4. HISTORY 5. EXIST 6. SYMBOL 7. ACCIDENT 8. THINK 9. KNOW
10. MYSTERY

III. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only *one word* in each space. (10 x 1 p=10 points)

Do you know when and (1) the next Olympic Games will be held? The Olympic Games (2) place (3) fourth year. Amateur athletes and sportsmen and women (4) more than sixty different nations gather at these Games to compete against each (5) for the honour of their country. The Games are named after the town of Olympia in Greece where they were(6) held long ago before Christ was born, and the Greeks have a story (7) how the Games began. In those far off days, the tribes of Greece used to spend much of their time fighting one another. This continual quarrelling between men of different villages and cities worried those (8) loved peace, among whom was a man called Iphitos. Now Iphitos was (9) concerned about this wasteful strife that he went to the gods and asked them what he could do to keep his friends and neighbours (10) making war on one another.

IV. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given in brackets.

You must use between two and five words. Do not change the word given.

(5 x 2 p= 10 points)

- It's such a pity I didn't see that film on television last night. (seen)
I that film on television last night.
- I am sure Chris has forgotten about the meeting. (have)

- Chris about the meeting.
3. It was so hot that she fainted. (**if**)
She..... it hadn't been so hot.
 4. Either Henry or John could win the race. (**likely**)
I think Henry to win the race.
 5. We are really happy that we will see Martha at the weekend. (**forward**)
We are really..... Martha at the weekend.

SUBIECTUL B - INTEGRATED SKILLS 60 points

I. Read the text below. For questions 1 to 5, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

(5 x 2 p= 10 points)

A varied career

Chloe Kelling, a successful model and singer-songwriter, now has a new venture.

I arrive for my interview with Chloe Kelling and I'm asked to wait in the garden. I hardly have time to start looking round at the carefully tended flowerbeds when Chloe appears. Every bit as tall and striking as I'd expected. Chloe emerges from the house wearing an oversized man's jacket, a delicately patterned top and jeans. Chloe is known for her slightly quirky sense of fashion and, of course, she looks great as she makes her way towards me through the flowerbeds.

'Let's talk in my office,' she says, leading the way not back to the house, but instead to an ancient caravan parked up next to it. As we climb inside the compact little van, the smell of fresh baking greets us. A tiny table is piled high with cupcakes, each iced in a different colour. Chloe's been busy, and there's a real sense of playing tea parties in a secret den! But what else should I have expected from a woman with such a varied and interesting career?

Chloe originally trained as a make-up artist, having left her home in the country at nineteen to try and make her name as a model in London, and soon got work in adverts and the fashion business. 'I went to Japan to work for a short period, but felt very homesick at first,' she recalls. 'It was very demanding work and, though I met loads of nice people, it was too much to take in at nineteen. If I'd stayed longer, I might have settled in better.'

Alongside the modelling, Chloe was also beginning to make contacts in the music business. 'I'd been the typical kid, singing with a hairbrush in front of the mirror, dreaming of being a star one day,' she laughs. She joined a girl band which 'broke up before we got anywhere', before becoming the lead singer with the band Whoosh, which features on a best-selling clubbing album. Unusually though, Chloe also sings with two other bands, one based in Sweden and another in London, and each of these has a distinct style.

It was her work with Whoosh that originally led to Chloe's link with Sweden. She was offered a song-writing job there with a team that was responsible for songs for some major stars, but gradually became more involved in writing music for her own band.

Although she now divides her time between London and Sweden, her first stay there turned out to be much longer than she'd bargained for. 'The rooms are very tall over there and so people have these rather high beds that you climb up to,' she explains. 'I fell as I climbed up the ladder and cracked three ribs. Although the people at the hospital were very kind, I was stuck there for a while, which was very frustrating. Sneezing and laughing were so painful at first, let alone singing!'

It was while recovering from her injuries that Chloe hit upon the idea of staging what she calls vintage fairs. 'It was snowing in Sweden and I wanted something nice to look forward to.' Chloe had always loved vintage clothes, particularly from the 1950s, and decided to stage an event for others who shared her passion. The first fair was held in her home village and featured stalls selling all sorts of clothes and crafts dating back to the 1950s. It was a huge hit, with 300 people turning up.

'When I had the idea of the first fair, it was only meant to be a one-off, but we had so many compliments, I decided to go ahead with more,' says Chloe. 'There's something for all ages and people find old things have more character than stuff you buy in modern shops. It also fits perfectly with the idea of recycling.' Looking round Chloe's caravan, I can see what she means.

1. In the first paragraph, the writer suggests that Chloe
 - A. usually keeps people waiting.
 - B. is much taller than he expected.
 - C. lives up to her stylish reputation.
 - D. is surprisingly interested in flowers.
2. What does Chloe say about her trip to Japan?
 - A. She soon got used to her life there.
 - B. She felt lonely most of the time there.
 - C. She wishes she'd done the work better.
 - D. She wasn't old enough to appreciate it fully.
3. In the fourth paragraph, we find out that Chloe
 - A. gave up modelling to become a singer.
 - B. had always had ambitions to be a singer.
 - C. has now left the first successful band she joined.
 - D. sings in three bands that have a very similar sound.
4. Chloe ended up in hospital in Sweden after
 - A. breaking a rib whilst trying to move her bed.
 - B. hurting her leg in a fall from her bed.
 - C. falling off a ladder in her bedroom.
 - D. tripping over in her room at night.
5. What does Chloe say about her 'vintage fairs'?
 - A. Her main aim is to raise awareness of environmental issues.
 - B. She has responded to positive feedback from customers.
 - C. Certain shops are now showing interest in the idea.
 - D. They are mostly popular with older people.

- II. You have just read the interview and you are impressed by Chloe's career. Now she is organising a new vintage fair in your town and has placed this advertisement in a local newspaper:

Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help out at a famous international vintage fair. We're looking for self-starters, friendly, respectful students, with good language skills, team skills and a "can-do attitude". We need students to welcome guests, provide customer service and solve problems.

If you are interested, apply now!

Write your letter of application. (120-180 words)

50 points