

**SUBIECTUL I**

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, choose the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

**My Job at a Summer Camp**

Every year I work at a summer camp for kids and I really enjoy seeing the children do things they never thought they could do. Nearly all the kids know how to swim and play table-tennis before they come, but things like rock climbing are new experiences for most. Some of them are very nervous, but after a bit of encouragement, they agree to try and they all get to the top in the end, which makes them feel great.

The kids stay several weeks and some do miss home. You might expect it to be the really young ones who feel like that the most but it's actually the ten- to thirteen-year-olds. We don't let them use their mobile phones all the time. First we tell them they can phone home after lunch. Then when they ask again, usually after dinner, we say it's a bit too late to phone and suggest doing it the next day. Most children are fine in a couple of days and at the end of their stay, it's amazing how many come and thank us because they have had a great time.

It's not just the children who get lonely. We get parents who are on the phone the whole time, asking how their child is getting on, which is quite unnecessary. Often their son or daughter will be busy, playing games or doing something else, so we have to tell parents to ring back another time.

Some kids arrive dressed in smart, designer, new clothes and they sometimes argue when we tell them to change into something they won't mind getting dirty, but before long they realise what we mean.

- 1** What is the writer trying to do in this text?  
**A** describe how children make friends at a summer camp  
**B** suggest how parents should choose a summer camp for children  
**C** explain what it is like for children at a summer camp  
**D** advise children how to behave at a summer camp
  
- 2** What does the writer say about rock climbing at the camp?  
**A** Some children already know how to do it.  
**B** Some children prefer to swim or play table-tennis.  
**C** Some children refuse to take part.  
**D** Some children find it more enjoyable than they expected to.
  
- 3** What surprises the writer about the children who stay at the camp?  
**A** The youngest ones find it hard to be away from home.  
**B** They complain if they cannot phone their parents.  
**C** They miss meal times with their parents.  
**D** They seem grateful for their experience here.
  
- 4** What does the writer think about some parents?  
**A** They should visit their children instead of phoning them.  
**B** They don't need to keep on phoning the camp.  
**C** They shouldn't allow their children to bring phones to camp.  
**D** They need to be reminded to phone their children.

5 Which postcard might a child at the camp send home?

A I was annoyed when they suggested I put on old jeans, but I guess they were right.

B It's so unfair that everyone else can use their mobile phone, but they won't let me use mine.

C I've made some good friends but we're all bored because there isn't much to do here.

D I was really frightened every time we went rock climbing, so they let me do something else instead.

5x5p=25p

### SUBIECTUL II

There is **one mistake** in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

- 1 Unless you finish all your homework, you can watch television.
- 2 When she heard the bad news she bursted into tears.
- 3 Can you borrow me your book for three days?
- 4 My friend asked me to go for shopping with her but I refused.
- 5 James May, also knew as 'the Boss', is wanted by the police.
- 6 Do you want to go out in such a rainy weather?
- 7 There are three months since I last saw her.
- 8 My grandma says it is not safely to keep your money in a bank.
- 9 My youngest son can run like the wind and jumps like a kangaroo.
- 10 Call me when you will be back from school.

10x1.5 p=15p

### SUBIECTUL III

Use the word given in capitals at the end of each sentence to form a word that fits in the space of the same sentence.

- 1 She had had a happy .... in the village of her grandparents. CHILD
- 2 We knew he was .... and we didn't trust him to do the job. CARE
- 3 Everyone was ..... to hear the good news. THANK
- 4 He spoke very ... to everybody and was well-liked by his colleagues. POLITE
- 5 Recent conflicts have made him .... among the staff. POPULAR
- 6 The final episode of serial was impressive and left an .... effect on audience. FORGET
- 7 The happiness of those times is still vivid in my ..... . MEMORISE
- 8 The island attracts ..... travelers. ADVENTURE
- 9 That was a very .... thing to do. FOOL
- 10 Don't get too preoccupied with .... details. IMPORTANT

10x1 p=10p

### Subiectul IV

In about 150 words, write a story entitled "An unusual day at school".

50 points

**Notă: Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru : 90 de minute.**

**ANSWERS**  
**SUBIECTUL I**

1 C; 2 D; 3 D; 4 B; 5 A.

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**SUBIECTUL II**

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**SUBIECTUL III**

- 1 childhood
- 2 careless
- 3 thankful
- 4 politely
- 5 unpopular
- 6 unforgettable
- 7 memory
- 8 adventurous
- 9 foolish
- 10 unimportant

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**SUBIECTUL IV**  
**50 points**

**Subiectul I**

**Read the text and the questions below it. For each question choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.**  
**Horton**

At first glance, there is little in Horton to attract people. The other nearby towns have much more to offer: Bradfield has its river and historic buildings, while Newtown has shops and entertainment. The buildings of Horton look dirty and unloved. For shops, there is a small supermarket, a few bargain shops, a bakery which, strangely, does not sell bread and a florist which has one stand of sad-looking flowers. Even so, Horton has several advantages over its neighbouring towns.

Firstly, it has a country park. Four thousand years ago, this was an important fort. There are no historic remains here now, but there are wonderful views over the countryside. On sunny weekends you can often see kids out with their parents, kicking balls or flying kites.

There aren't many job opportunities in Horton, and the roads to nearby cities aren't really fast, but there are excellent rail links. You can be in London in an hour and a half, and other cities are less than an hour away. That means that parents can earn a good salary and still get home in time to spend the evenings with their families. Houses in Horton aren't pretty, but they're functional and cheap. The streets are quiet and safe, and there are plenty of parks and playgrounds. It has a library, three primary schools and a secondary school, St. Mark's. It's not as academically brilliant as other schools in the area, but it is friendly and offers a wide range of subjects and activities to children of all abilities and backgrounds. The town also has a swimming and a sports centre, and the community halls hold regular clubs and events for people of all ages.

1 What is the writer's main purpose?

A To explain what tourists can do in Horton

B To explain why Horton is a good place to live

C To explain why Horton is not as pleasant as other towns

D To describe the history of Horton

2 What part of Horton does the writer find disappointing?

A the shops

B the country park

C transport links

D the schools

3 What type of people is Horton most suitable for?

A wealthy professionals

B low income families

C elderly people

D sport and history students

4 What advantages does Horton bring to workers?

A There are plenty of jobs available in the town.

B You can drive to nearby cities in a short time.

C You can get to several cities quickly by train.

D Working conditions are better here than in other towns.

5 Which of the following is the best description of Horton?

A A quiet, country town which has a number of good leisure facilities.

B A friendly, historic town which is a great place to live, work and take a holiday.

C A busy, industrial town which has good links to neighbouring cities.

D A dirty, unpopular town which has little to offer visitors or residents.

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## Subiectul II

Fill in each gap with **one** word:

An ancient ship has been discovered beneath the waters of the Mediterranean. The ship, which sank off the coast of Tunisia 1... than 2,300 years ago, is already giving historians fresh insight into trade and diet in the ancient world.

The remains of the ship were found last August 2... the final day of an expedition undertaken by American scientist Robin Asquith. Three of his team, 3... were using a miniature submarine to explore the seabed, spotted rows of storage jars and some rotten wood. 4 .... of the jars was brought to the surface by a diver, and inside it the scientists found bones 5.... to freshwater fish , and some olive stones.

After examining the content and design of the jar and other evidence, Dr Asquith concluded that the ship had been following a trade route when it sank, probably 6.... a storm. He intends to return to the site of the shipwreck, 32 km 7... the coast, so that he 8 .... conduct further investigations. He hopes to excavate making use 9... a new robot that uses sound to make a computer plan of the wreck, and in this way to create an accurate picture of 10 ... the ship looked like.

**10x 1.5p=15p**

## Subiectul III

**Fill in each numbered gap with a word derived from the word in capitals corresponding to it.**

Africa has more languages than any other continent. Although 1 ... have been responsible for the 2... of languages, there are hundreds of local languages.

It is important that 3... for children begins in the local language to avoid unnecessary 4 ... . In West Africa, despite 5 ..... efforts, it is not always possible for every child to receive 6.... and for many families the fees for children to attend school are very 7... . However, although a family will usually have to contribute towards the school fees, 8 .... can be put off until the harvest is finished. The 9... small number of Africans reaching university, therefore, find themselves in 10.... of a great deal of power and influence.

1 FOREIGN 2 INTRODUCE 3 TEACH 4 CONFUSE 5 GOVERN 6 EDUCATE 7 EXPENSE 8 PAY 9 RELATIVE  
10 POSSESS

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## Subiectul IV

**In about 180 words write a story whose title is "The buried treasure".**

**50 points**

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Varianta 1

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**CLASA A VIII-A**

**ANSWERS**

**Subiectul I**

**1 B 2 A 3 B 4 C 5 A**

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**Subiectul II**

**1 more 2 on 3 who 4 One 5 belonging 6 in/during 7 from 8 can/will/should 9 of 10 what**

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**Subiectul III**

**1 FOREIGNERS 2 INTRODUCTION 3 TEACHING 4 CONFUSION 5 GOVERNMENT 6**

**EDUCATION 7 EXPENSIVE 8 PAYMENT(S) 9 RELATIVELY 10 POSSESSION**

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**Subiectul IV**

**50 points**