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Varianta 1**

**SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH****I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets in the correct form (10 x1p = 10p)**

I wish I (1) .... (**have**) more money. Life (2) ... (**be**) easier if I had some savings in the bank. If only I (3) ..... (**save**) my money when I was young. I realize now that I (4) ..... (**not waste**) all my money on useless things. Not only (5) ..... (**I/spend**) a lot of money on clothes but I also missed many opportunities. I wish I (6) ..... (**know**) then what I know now. If I (7) ..... (**be**) more careful, I (8) ..... (**make**) my life much easier. Hardly (9) ..... (**a day/go**) by without regretting it. If only I (10) .... (**turn**) back the clock.

**II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence (10 x 1p = 10 p)****A day at the circus**

The new circus certainly offers an amazing and 1. .... (IMPRESS) range of acts. The knife throwing and flame swallowing acts are 2. .... (FRIGHTEN) enough to make anyone in the audience feel 3. .... (NERVE), the clown acts show many 4. .... (FUN) things. The gymnastics and the breathtaking 5. .... (ACROBAT) are simply 6. .... (SPECTACLE). It's the first time I've seen people walk on a tightrope and perform at such incredible 7. .... (HIGH). However, the circus is 8. .... (LIKE) to become really 9. .... (FAME) or 10. .... (SUCCEED) because it doesn't use any animals in its acts.

**III. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D (1 x 10 p = 10 p)**

1. You need to ---- your essay for spell-check before you hand in your exam paper.
  - A. hang out
  - B. point out
  - C. cut off
  - D. go over
  
2. It is not easy for many civil servants to ---- on their salaries as the inflation rate is extremely high.
  - A. get by
  - B. turn up
  - C. wear out
  - D. run over

3. You'd better ---- your cigarette as it is dangerous to smoke at a gas station.
- pull through
  - get through
  - hang up
  - put out
4. Which of the sentences best rephrases the original sentence?  
*I managed to finish all the homework before the deadline.*
- I succeeded in finishing all the homework before deadline.
  - I succeeded to finish all the homework before deadline.
  - I managed to finishing all the homework before deadline.
  - I was able finishing all the homework before deadline.
5. Choose the right ending for the following sentence: *Please do the photocopies...*
- whenever you have the time.
  - when time is there.
  - whenever you find your time.
  - when it is time.
6. Finish the sentence: *Don't waste your time...*
- to ask Brian to come with us.
  - having asked Brian to come with us.
  - asking Bryan to come with us.
  - to have asked Brian to come with us
7. Choose one of the following to fill in the empty space:  
The flu I had a few weeks ago which prevented me from going on holiday with my friends was ..... They had a terrible time. Everything went wrong and it cost them a lot of money.
- a blessing in disguise
  - a drop in the ocean
  - a piece of cake
  - actions speak louder than words
8. I don't think Alan is ..... . Sherie is at home with him.
- lonely
  - solitary
  - unsociable
  - alone
9. His uncle owns four computer companies and lives in a big ..... out in the country.
- mansion
  - bungalow
  - apartment
  - hut

10. Choose the suitable explanation for the following sentence: “You are so full of beans!”
- A. You are being violently sick.
  - B. You are full of energy almost to the point of annoyance.
  - C. Being incredibly upset about something.
  - D. A way of saying bad luck.

**IV. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). (10x1p=10p).**

### **CARNIVAL TIME**

It was carnival time again. It was time for fun (0) and laughter. Although I had seen carnival processions on television, I had never taken part in (1) .....before so I was looking forward to it. The procession began and we went singing and dancing (2) ....the street watched by crowds of people. Balloons flew up in the air and everyone was having (3) .....wonderful time. Just then I realised that my young brother, who had (4) ..... with me to the procession, was (5) ..... longer with me. I asked one of my friends to help me find him. It was a difficult thing to do because everyone was dressed up and many of them were also wearing masks over their (6) ..... . Suddenly, I saw him. I could (7) ..... believe my eyes. He was sitting on the very first float right next to the ‘King of the Carnival’. He (8) ..... smiling and enjoying every minute of it. I shouted to him but because there was (9) .... much noise, he did not hear me at first. I kept on shouting until he finally (10) ..... me and waved.

### **SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS**

**Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.**

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king’s favour. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now

known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

**I. For each question choose the correct letter A, B, C or D (5 x 2p= 10p)**

1. The 16th century was an age of great \_\_\_\_\_ exploration.  
A. cosmic  
B. land  
C. mental  
D. common man
2. Magellan lost the favour of the king of Portugal when he became involved in a political \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. entanglement  
B. discussion  
C. negotiation  
D. problem
3. The Pope divided New World lands between Spain and Portugal according to their location on one side or the other of an imaginary geographical line 50 degrees west of Greenwich that extends in a \_\_\_\_\_ direction.  
A. north and south  
B. crosswise  
C. easterly  
D. south east
4. One of Magellan's ships explored the \_\_\_\_\_ of South America for a passage across the continent.  
A. coastline  
B. mountain range  
C. physical features  
D. islands
5. Four of the ships sought a passage along a southern \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. coast  
B. inland  
C. body of land with water on three sides  
D. border

**II. Write an opinion essay starting from the following statement: "I determined never to stop until I had come to the end and achieved my purpose." (David Livingstone) (250-280 words) (50 p)**

**N. B. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii!**

**Punctaj total 100p**

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