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Varianta 2**

**SUBIECTUL I**

**1. Read the following text and choose the correct answer: A, B, or C. (5x5p=25 points)**

**Black Friday**

The day after Thanksgiving has become America's biggest shopping day. Closed all day on Thursday, shopping centres all across the nation open early on Friday. Some of them open at 12:01 Friday morning, while others open at 4 a.m. Some "**sleepyhead**" shopping centres, like *Target* this year, don't open their doors on Friday until 6 a.m. From Friday to the day before Christmas, this is the season when businesses make nearly 25 per cent of what they earn in a year. This season puts many businesses "in the black", that is, they make the money they need for the year.

Reporters from local TV stations interview people who sleep in tents in front of the shops a day or two before the doors open on Friday. These people patiently wait in queue to get products that are 50 per cent cheaper or more.

"Oh, we have fun," said one of the persons queuing. "We sometimes bring games to play, we watch TV and order lots of pizza, and we often meet interesting people. And, most important of all, we save a lot!" The problem, of course, is that only a very small number of products have big reductions in their prices. Apart from a few big discounts, each shop has other things that are reduced from 10 to 50 per cent, saving shoppers from \$10 to \$400 per item, and so Americans want to go shopping.

Not all Americans enjoy shopping. Reverend William Graham wants to change Black Friday's name. "We want to call it *Remember Jesus Friday*. People should start the season with the right attitude. Christmas has become a Season of Shopping. We want to make it a Season of Giving. And we don't mean giving material things. We mean giving your back, your mind, and your hands. Help an old lady clean up her house. Teach a kid how to read. Visit sick people in the hospital or in nursing homes. Give food to the Red Cross. Celebrate Christmas by remembering Jesus and forgetting Santa Claus."

*Adapted from <http://www.eslyes.com>*

1. According to the text, the expression "sleepyhead" refers to shops that ...

- A. open later than others.
- B. open early in the morning.
- C. don't open until late in the morning.

2. On these days some businesses make ... for the rest of the year.

- A. half the money
- B. enough money
- C. nearly all the sales

3. Which of these sentences is TRUE?

- A. Most products are reduced nearly half price.
- B. In general, most discounts in prices are quite big.
- C. Just a few selected products have large discounts.

4. Reverend William Graham thinks shopping so much at this time of the year ...

- A. is not right.
- B. is the right attitude.
- C. needs a new name.

5. According to the text, Black Friday is ...

- A. the Friday before Christmas.
- B. the beginning of a shopping period.
- C. an important holiday in The United States.

**2. Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). (10x2p=20 points)**

Henry Ford was born (0).....A..... a farm in Michigan in 1863 but he did not like farming. When he was fifteen he began work as a mechanic and in 1893 he built his first car. After he (1)..... driven it 1,500 km, he sold it and built two bigger cars. Then, in 1903, he (2)..... the Ford Motor Company. By (3)..... strong but light steel, he built cheap cars for (4)..... people to buy. In 1908, he built the first Ford Model T, (5)..... sold for \$826. He was soon selling 100 cars (6)..... day. By 1927, the Ford Motor Company was (7)..... \$700 million. Early Ford cars were simple and cheap, (8)..... things simple sometimes (9)..... less choice. ' You (10) ..... have any colour you like,' said Henry Ford of the Model T, 'as long as it's black.'

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| 0  | A on        | B of        | C to        | D out      |
| 1  | A is        | B was       | C had       | D has      |
| 2  | A raised    | B started   | C led       | D appeared |
| 3  | A putting   | B operating | C using     | D managing |
| 4  | A usual     | B ordinary  | C general   | D typical  |
| 5  | A where     | B which     | C who       | D what     |
| 6  | A a         | B some      | C the       | D one      |
| 7  | A rich      | B worth     | C expensive | D dear     |
| 8  | A remaining | B staying   | C keeping   | D holding  |
| 9  | A meant     | B decided   | C planned   | D intended |
| 10 | A will      | B ought     | C need      | D can      |

**3. Fill in the blanks with the correct word derived from the words in capitals.****(10x2p=20 points)**

1. There is no..... proof that there might be life on other planets. **SCIENCE**
2. Have you seen my handbag? It seems to have .....
3. The babies were put up for .....after their mother had decided not to keep them. **ADOPT**
4. The doctor told her that she is becoming ..... thin. She has to start eating!  
**DANGER**
5. Jimmy had a very difficult ..... He was brought up by his stepfather. **CHILD**
6. A week after winning in the lottery the young man .....lost a court case in which he had to pay millions. **FORTUNE**
7. The western part of Spain is said to be the ... part of the Iberian Peninsula. **SUN**
8. You are too ....., wait a little, will you! **PATIENT**
9. My mum is the new chairman. She has a lot of ..... **RESPONSIBLE**
10. I have an important .....to make. **ANNOUNCE**

**4. Each of the following sentences contains a mistake. Write the correct sentences on your answer sheet.****(10x1p=10 points)**

1. When I was a kid, I used to playing with my friends all day long.
2. Is important to be respectful and polite.
3. I've been studied a lot for my exams lately.
4. They have been married since ten years.
5. This office is not as big than the other one.
6. I got here late because the traffic.
7. They are looking forward to go on vacation next year.
8. If you want to be successful, you need to believe in you.
9. Is the TV too loud? OK, I turn it down.
10. If I had more money, I will buy a bigger house.

**SUBIECTUL II****Write a story ending with the sentence given below. Do not forget to add a title to your story.  
Use 150 – 180 words. (25 points)***As soon as I saw the handwriting on the envelope I smiled.***TOTAL: 100 PUNCTE****TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII!****TIMP DE LUCRU: 120 MINUTE****NU SE ACORDĂ PUNCTE DIN OFICIU**