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Varianta 1**

SUBIECTUL A –USE OF ENGLISH**I. Read the paragraph below and do the task:**

The longest river in the world has more than one part and more than one name - the Nile, the Blue Nile and the White Nile. One part of the river, called the Blue Nile, starts at Lake Tana in Ethiopia. The Blue Nile travels so fast that the clay and sand it picks up do not settle to the bottom of the river. So the river is a brownish-blue colour. And that's why it's called the Blue Nile. Another part of the river, called the White Nile, starts near Lake Victoria. The White Nile picks up no sand or clay, so the water is clear. And that's why it's called the White Nile. The Blue Nile and the White Nile join at Khartoum, Sudan, where their waters become dark blue and continue their journey to the Mediterranean Sea. The word "Nile" means "dark blue".

The second longest river in the world is in South America. It was named after a band of women warriors known as Amazons in a Greek legend. When Spanish explorers discovered this river, they were attacked by a group of Indians wearing headdresses and grass skirts. The Indians reminded the explorers of the women warriors in the legend. So, they named the river the Amazon.

A. Answer the following questions: (5x1p= 5p)

1. Where does the Nile start?
2. Why is the Blue Nile brownish-blue?
3. Where does the Nile flow?
4. Who attacked the Spanish explorers?
5. Why did the Spanish explorers think of a Greek legend?

B. Choose the right synonym (5x1p=5p)

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| 1. To settle: | a) to lay down | b) to dismay | c) to rattle | d) to discompose |
| 2. Warrior: | a) fighter | b) peacemaker | c) potter | d) combat |
| 3. To pick up: | a) to relinquish | b) to gather | c) to unhand | d) to release |
| 4. Legend: | a) tradition | b) reality | c) innovation | d) saga |
| 5. To remind: | a) to remember | b) to conceal | c) to call up | d) to memorize |

C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning (5x2p=10p)

1. We started painting the wall an hour ago.
We have.....

2. We must take the teacher's advice or we'll fail the exam.
We will fail the exam.....
3. Both my father and my mother are pensioners.
Not only.....
4. They made him confess in the end.
He
5. This is the easiest way to make him help you.
There's

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence (10x1p=10p)

The (1) **(JAPAN)** _____ Organization *Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation* has conducted a "kanji (word) of the year" survey annually since 1995. Every December, it asks people for the word they thought best described the year that draws to an end. Last year, it received suggestions from 193,214 people. The kanji (Chinese character) that Japanese people chose means "disaster or (2) **(FORTUNE)** _____". The (3) **(ORGANIZE)** _____ said people chose the kanji for disaster because of the many (4) **(NATURE)** _____ disasters to hit Japan in 2018. Japan was hit by (5) **(DEATH)** _____ typhoons, earthquakes, heavy rains that caused widespread (6) **(DESTROY)** _____, and a killer (7) **(HOT)** _____ wave. Hundreds of people lost their lives in these disasters and many roads and homes were destroyed. The second most popular kanji was the character for "peace". The previous year, "north" was the winner. This was because of increasing (8) **(TENSE)** _____ over North Korea's nuclear tests. The rest of the world was also hit by devastating natural disasters, including wildfires, hurricanes and tsunami. Wars also raged across the world, especially in Syria and Yemen. There was also a lot of suffering because of (9) **(MIGRATE)** _____ - people trying to move to other countries to find a new life. For 2019, the kanji is *good harmony*, and for this year, they hope the word will be "(10) **(HAPPY)** _____".

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

A new school of cookery has opened in France. "The Friends of French Cookery" has ...**been** ...started by a group of grandmothers who are anxious to keep traditional food and cooking techniques alive. None of these grandmothers have1.....any experience as professional cooks, and they run their school2.....being paid. They are motivated only3.....a desire to produce good quality, tasty food. They are especially keen to teach the younger generation4.....to cook traditional dishes, and to convince them that traditional food is better5.....convenience foods. The grandmothers run cookery courses two or three times6.....week, and the fee is about 20 pounds,7.....includes tuition and lunch. Most of the recipes are traditional, and some of8.....have ancient legends attached to them. Only seasonal ingredients9.....used. The courses are great fun, and tourists join in with the locals10.....they work together to create a delicious meal.

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS**Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.**

Climate activist Greta Thunberg has been named TIME magazine's Person of the Year for 2019. The 16-year-old from Sweden beat New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and the Hong Kong democracy protestors to win the award. Ms Thunberg shot to fame in 2018 for raising people's awareness of the threat to the planet from climate change. She started a global movement when she decided to go on a climate strike outside the Swedish parliament in August 2018. Schoolchildren around the world then followed her example. She has since addressed the United Nations in New York and has met the Pope. After hearing about the award, she tweeted: "Wow, this is unbelievable! I will share this great honour." Greta Thunberg is the youngest person ever to receive the award. TIME magazine wrote about why it gave the prize to Ms Thunberg. It said she has, "succeeded in creating a global attitudinal shift" in getting millions of people to join a "worldwide movement calling for urgent change". It added: "Greta has offered a moral call to those who are willing to act, and put shame on those who are not." Not everyone is happy with Ms Thunberg receiving the award. Donald Trump Jr. said TIME was using a teenager "as a marketing gimmick". In contrast, Hillary Clinton tweeted: "I am grateful for all she's done to raise awareness of the climate crisis, and her willingness to tell hard, motivating truths."

(source of the text: <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191215-greta-thunberg.html>)

I. For each question choose the correct letter a, b, c or d (5 X 1P=10P)

1. Which Prime Minister did Greta Thunberg beat to win the TIME prize?
 - a) the UK's prime minister
 - b) New Zealand's prime minister
 - c) Japan's prime minister
 - d) Canada's prime minister

2. Outside what building did Greta go on strike?
 - a) the U.N. HQ
 - b) her school
 - c) Sweden's parliament
 - d) the World Education Centre

3. Who did Ms Thunberg talk to in New York?
 - a) the United Nations
 - b) activists
 - c) Donald Trump
 - d) Greenpeace

4. How many people younger than Greta have won the prize?
 - a) none
 - b) one
 - c) two
 - d) three



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5. Who said Greta's prize was a "marketing gimmick"?
- Donald Trump's son-in-law
 - Donald Trump
 - Donald Trump's wife
 - Donald Trump's son

II. Read the text again and write a narrative essay (200 – 220 words) about Greta's overcoming a challenge. End your story with the words: ... we are the ones making a difference (50p.)

N.B. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii!

Punctaj total 100 p

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