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ETAPA LOCALĂ  
Clasa a XII-a  
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**I. ENGLISH IN USE (50 points)**

**A. Read the text below and fill in the blanks with one suitable word (10p)**

Throughout our lives, right from the moment when (0) *as* infants we cry to express hunger, we are engaging in social interaction of one form or (1).... Each and (2)...time we encounter fellow human beings, some kind of social interaction will take place, (3)....it's getting on a bus and paying the fare for the journey, or socialising with friends. It goes without (4)...., therefore, that we need the ability to communicate. Without some method of transmitting intentions, we would be (5)...a complete loss when it (6)...to interacting socially. Communication involves the exchange of information, which can be (7)...from a gesture to a friend signalling boredom to the presentation of a university thesis which may (8)...ever be read by a handful of others, or it could be something in (9)...the two. Our highly developed languages set us (10)...from animals.

**B. Find one word which can be used to fill the blanks in all three sentences: (10p)  
(2points x5)**

1. The maid finished cleaning the rooms and then.....all Mrs. Gray's blouses.  
The secretary refused to reveal anything though the journalists.....her for information.  
The lift stopped between floors and although John .....the emergency button, he could not get the lift to move.
2. I can give you a ..... idea, but I haven't had the time to calculate the exact cost.  
The sea was very .....that day, so fisher boats did not leave the harbour.  
After years of manual work the skin on his hands was very .....
3. We had a small ..... of land behind the house where we grow potatoes.  
He might need to wear a.....for a while, until his eye recovers from the operation.  
She got divorced last year and she's been going through a bad.....ever since.
4. The winning goal was scored in the ..... minutes of the match.  
Throughout the world many minority languages are in danger of.....out completely.  
He has been .....to meet your girlfriend for ages.
5. It's common.....that children hate spicy food.  
.....of how a language works doesn't mean you can use it.  
Few people ever need the.....they learn at school.

**C . Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals There is an example at the beginning (0): 10points.**

<p>The Crystal Palace was a glass-and-iron exhibition hall in Hyde Park, London, that housed the Great Exhibition of 1851. The structure was taken down and (0)<i>rebuilt</i> at Sydenham Hill where it survived until 1936. In 1849 Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria and president of the Royal Society of Arts, invited (1).....from all over the world to participate in an (2)....Plans were developed, and the necessary funds speedily raised, so the 3)...event opened in the Crystal Palace on May 1, 1851. The Crystal Palace was a 4)....construction of an intricate network of slender iron rods sustaining rods of clear glass. With more than 13 km of display tables, the number of 5).....was about 14,000, nearly half of whom were non-British. The 6).....of millions of visitors generated a 7)....profit and a closing ceremony was held on October 15. The Crystal Palace established an 8) ...standard for later international fairs and exhibitions, which likewise were housed in glass buildings resembling conservatories. On the night of Nov 30, 1936 it was virtually destroyed by fire; the towers that remained 9)....were finally demolished in 1941 because they were deemed a dangerous 10)....for incoming German bombers.</p>	<p>0).BUILD  1) EXHIBIT  2. EXHIBIT  3) MEMORY    4) REMARK  5) PARTICIPATE  6) ATTEND  7) SIZE  8)ARCHITECTURE    9) DAMAGE  10) LAND</p>
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**D. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change this word and use between 3 and 8 words, including the word given: 20p**

1.Only passengers with Gold Star tickets may use the executive lounge.

**RESTRICTED**

Use of the executive lounge ..... possession of Gold Star tickets.

2.You should not lock this door for any reason when the building is open to the public.

**CIRCUMSTANCES**

Under .....locked when the building is open to the public.

3. Helen was always embarrassed by her father's jokes.

**SOURCE**

Helen's father's jokes .....her.

4.She made it perfectly clear to him that she was dissatisfied with his work.

**TERMS**

She.....that she was dissatisfied with his work.

5.The minister is determined not to resign before the next election.

**NO**

The minister.....before the next election.

6.They discussed it for hours, but still had no idea how to solve the problem.

**COME**

They discussed it for hours, but were unable .....the problem.

7. She doesn't know whether she should marry him.

**MINDS**

She is ..... marrying him.

8. Everyone was in a deep sleep when the fire started.

**SOUND**

Everyone ..... when the fire started.

9. No matter how much he was criticized his confidence was not affected.

**AMOUNT**

No ..... confidence.

10. This door is an emergency exit and must never be locked for any reason.

**ACCOUNT**

On ..... be locked because it is an emergency exit.

**II. WRITING (50 points)**

You work for a travel agency and have just spent a week on a small island to see if it would be a good destination for package holidays. **Write a report** for your employer describing such things as the place itself, how to get there, available accommodation, restaurants, transport, tourist attractions and so on, and state your recommendation concerning its suitability. Write between 260-300 words.

**NOTĂ:**

**Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**

**Timp de lucru 2 ore.**

**Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**

**BAREM DE EVALUARE  
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**I. ENGLISH IN USE (50 points)**

**A. Fill in : 10 points : (1 point/item x10)**

1. another; 2. every ; 3. whether; 4. saying. 5. at; 6. came/comes 7. anything; 8. only; 9. between; 10. apart

**B. 10 points (2 points x5)** 1. pressed, 2. rough, 3. patch, 4. dying, 5. knowledge

**C. 10 points (1p/item x 10)**

1. exhibitors	6. attendance
2. exhibition	7. sizeable
3. memorable	8. architectural
4. remarkable	9. undamaged
5. participants	10. landmark

**D. 20p (2p/item x 10)**

1. is restricted to those in/those passengers in/passengers in
2. no circumstances should/must this door be/should/must you leave this door/is this door to be
3. were ((always)) a (continual/constant) source of (continual) embarrassment to
4. told him in no uncertain terms
5. has no intention of resigning
6. to come up with a solution to
7. in two minds about
8. was sound asleep
9. amount of criticism affected his confidence.
10. no account must this door ever

**II. WRITING (50 points)**

The report should include: the description of the place, the presentation of the points mentioned in the task (5p.) The style should be formal or neutral, using the language of description, analysis and suggestion. (10p.) The report should also have the correct format, with clear sections and headings for them. It should be structured so that each item listed is clearly explained (10p.) It should contain the appropriate range of varied vocabulary and

structures (10 p.), with a correct use of grammatical structures and spelling (10 p.). The target reader would understand fully and clearly what the writer believes about the place and whether he recommends it or not as a suitable holiday destination (5 p.)