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ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ
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I. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense:

(20 points)

Einstein's Chauffeur

After having proposed his famous theory, Albert Einstein would tour the various Universities in the United States, delivering lectures wherever he went. He was always accompanied by his faithful chauffeur, Harry, who would attend each of these lectures while seated in the back row.

One fine day, after Einstein _____ **1 (finish)** a lecture and _____ **2 (come)** out of the lecture theatre into his vehicle, Harry _____ **3 (address)** him and said,

"Professor Einstein, I _____ **4 (hear)** your lecture on Relativity so many times, that if I _____ **5 (be)** ever given the opportunity, I _____ **6 (be able)** to deliver it to perfection myself!"

"Very well," replied Einstein, " We _____ **7 (go)** to Dartmouth next week. They _____ **8 (not/know)** me there. You can deliver the lecture as Einstein, and I _____ **9 (take)** your place as Harry!"

And so it _____ **10 (go)** to be... Harry _____ **11 (deliver)** the lecture to perfection, without a word out of place, while Einstein _____ **12 (sit)** in the back row playing "chauffeur", and enjoying a snooze for a change.

Just as Harry _____ **13 (descend)** from the podium, however, one of the research assistants _____ **14 (stop)** him, and _____ **15 (begin)** to ask him a question on the theory of relativity.... one that _____ **16 (involve)** a lot of complex calculations and equations. Harry _____ **17 (reply)** to the assistant

"The answer to this question _____ **18 (be)** very simple! In fact, it _____ **19 (be)** so simple, that I _____ **20 (let)** my chauffeur answer it!"

II. Choose the variant which best completes each sentence:

(10 points)

- This afternoon I went out to buy a newspaper and a of cigarettes.
A. pack B. packet C. match D. carton
- I don't like the bread, it's
A. sour B. rotten C. fresh D. stale
- I took the CD back to the shop because it was
A. split B. smashed C. scratched D. injured

4. I Mary's telephone number in my address book.
A. worked out B. looked up C. took out D. saw about
5. Tom missed the plane, and had to take another
A. trip B. journey C. flight D. departure
6. I put some flour and sugar in the bowl and it with a spoon.
A. mixed B. stirred C. beat D. whirled
7. When I was hiking in the mountains I drank water from a small mountain
A. river B. canal C. up D. stream
8. I'm counting on you! Don't
A. let me down B. hold me up C. leave me behind D. miss me
9. My teacher told me to with my biology project.
A. look at B. go ahead C. work out D. get over
10. I my purse at home this morning.
A. remembered B. lost C. left D. put

III. Fill in the gaps with the correct word derived from the one given. (20 points)

1. I really admire her. She is so..... (ambition)
2. Her stories are so.....She makes everybody laugh. (amuse)
3. Sherlock Holmes is the most famous British..... (detect)
4. You are kindly invited to this important..... (celebrate)
5. This issomething I would not have expected to happen. (certain)
6. Maths is not a very.....school subject, in my opinion. (interest)
7. This is a very plan. Who proposed it? (origin)
8. My friend waswhen he found out. (anger)
9. Alice works as afor a medical institute. (research)
10. Don't be soabout it. (enthusiasm)

IV. Write a composition of about 150 words starting with: (40points)

“It was very late. John couldn't see because it was dark. He was afraid.....”

**NOTĂ! Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru: 3 ore.
Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu.**