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**Question I (50 points)**

**Write a 300-word descriptive essay about an unforgettable landscape. Describe the place, the people there and the atmosphere.**

**Question II (25 points)**

**You have just returned from a foreign holiday which you booked through a well-known holiday company. Neither the resort nor the hotel that you stayed at came up to your expectations. You have decided to write a letter to the holiday company complaining about aspects of your holiday and outlining the reasons for your dissatisfaction. In your letter, suggest what steps you think the company should take to rectify the problems for holiday makers in the future, and say what kind of compensation you expect. (150 – 180 words)**

**Question III (25 points)**

- 1. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)**

**PARENTS**

Parents are easily shockable. No (1)... how hard they try to be trendy and to keep up to date with modern fads, they (2)...never quite help being a generation removed. Life simply moves too quickly for them. They will maintain some sort of dialogue with you by going out and buying the latest CDs (3)... to find a few months later the charts are filled by acts whose names they have never heard (4)... Then they get frustrated and it all comes pouring out (5)...an edition of some chart show on TV when they moan that there has never been anything (6)...listening to since their day.

Other parents don't (7)...try to understand their kids. Hardly a day seems to go by (8)... you feeling their displeasure one way or (9)... whether it's your hair, your clothes or the fact that you stayed out till three. So why bother trying to please them? You (10)...just as well wind them up even more.

**2. Read the text and then write the correct form of the word in CAPITALS to complete the gaps. (10 points)**

In ninth century China, at the height of the Tang dynasty, the government became concerned about the (1) ..... of carrying large amounts of coins in order to conduct business (2) ..... . Consequently, they devised a method of paying merchants with money certificates, which had a (3)..... to blow away. This quickly earned them the (4)..... ‘flying cash’. These certificates could be exchanged for coin money on demand at the capital. They were (5) ....., so merchants began exchanging them with each other instead of using coins. It was not until the Song dynasty that actual paper money was created. (6).... introduced by a group of merchants and financiers, each banknote had images of houses, trees and people printed on it. These were (7)..... by various intricate markings, the (8) ..... of which could be made only by issuing banks, thereby making counterfeiting difficult. For this reason, they became readily accepted for payment, and their circulation increased. Then, in 1023, the government decided to (9) ..... the banknotes and issue government notes in their place, every one of them with a cash backing. These new banknotes could be exchanged for government-issued coins, and so could be used to buy simple groceries. As a result, the use of paper money soon became (10).....

**CONVENIENT  
ACTION  
TEND  
NAME  
TRANSFER  
INITIAL  
COMPANY  
IDENTIFY  
DRAW  
SPREAD**

**3. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. Use between 2-5 words. (5 points)**

1. They are reshaping our hedge tomorrow. **RESHAPED**  
We .....tomorrow.
2. We've always admired our English teacher. **LOOKED**  
We .....our English teacher.
4. Karen's schoolwork definitely seems to be improving this term. **SIGNS**  
Karen's schoolwork ..... this term.
5. I feel completely exhausted when I've listened to Marion for half an hour. **LEAVES**  
Half-an-hour ..... completely exhausted.
6. They think that Helen's brother stole the money. **SUSPECTED**  
Helen's brother ..... the money.

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