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ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ**  
**Clasa a XII-a**  
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**Question I (50 points)**

Write a 450-word reflective essay on "*Love, Youth and Wisdom*"

**Question II (25 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 280-300 words.

**Question III (25 points)**

- 1. For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)**

How do we choose the signs and symbols we use each day? We use green to say go and red to say stop, but just (1)..... if traffic lights were purple and pink. They'd work just the same, so why have we fixed on red (2)..... the colour of warning signals and things like that? Of course, when (3)..... comes to fashions, humans vary their choice of colour quite freely. One year , blue will be a popular colour for home decoration while (4)..... year pink will be all (4) ..... rage. Colours for cars change from year to year too. In (6)..... of all this variation there are one or two psychological facts that (7)..... change . For example , humans perceive things that are yellow or red as being nearer (8)..... things of any other colour. This is important in road safety terms. It means that motorists (9)..... an oncoming red or yellow car (10) ..... extra caution.

- 2. Fill in with one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. (5 points)**

1. Leave your key with a neighbour in case anyone needs to.....access to your home whilst you're away.

Professor Peters says that you can.....great insight into human nature by studying people as they wait in queues.

I tried hard to convince James that he had nothing to.....by upsetting his employers, but he is very stubborn and took no notice of me.

- 2 Lois has a very...sense of humour and sometimes it's hard to know whether she is actually joking or not.

I must stop and get some pills on the way to the cinema because I have a rather.....cough and don't want to spoil everyone's enjoyment of the film.

After six months at sea, the long-distance yachtswoman was glad to be back on....land.

3. When the mysterious man began to sing, nobody was left in any....as to his true identity.  
The recent heavy storms have left a ...in everyone's mind regarding the strength of the town's flood defences.

I have no...that Tony will go on to great things after leaving this school.

4. When we arrived at midnight the party was already in full....

When you look at issues like crime and education, there has been a noticeable...in public opinion, away from government policy.

Amazingly, the...which her grandfather had built in the garden for them all to play on was still there when she visited the spot fifty years later.

5. In our country there are some ... examples of poor people that got rich overnight.

He heard the clock ... ten and thought to himself that he would be late again.

The .... workers gathered in front of the Parliament.

**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. You must use between 3 and 8 words including the word given. (10 points)**

1. Miranda's mother became very emotional when she saw her daughter in her wedding dress.

**Overcome**

Miranda's mother.....in her wedding dress.

2. She claimed she handed in her resignation as a result of provocation. **Provoked**

She claimed.....her resignation.

3. He owes his life to that surgeon. **Indebted**

He.....life.

4. My grandmother was nearly 86 when she died earlier this year. **Now**

My grandmother, .....86.

5. Our boss criticises our work all the time. **Fault**

Our boss ..... work.

**NOTĂ! Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru: 3 ore.**

**Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**