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**BILETUL NR. 1**

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Rebecca Tory was already a qualified doctor and had participated in the overseas programme to Costa Rica and Nicaragua as a programme doctor: "Having worked as a doctor in England for three years without a break, I decided to take three months out to do something different. Someone recommended Raleigh International's overseas programmes for my sons and in researching it I saw that Raleigh needed medics too and I thought "Why not me too?" As a medic, my responsibilities were broad, ranging from training both staff and programme participants in health, hygiene and first aid to providing on site medical support. As a medic I relied heavily on the medical and telephone consultation skills from my experience as a doctor in England. More generally, my experience as a parent and teacher helped in working with the young people. An ability to cook for large numbers meanwhile proved unexpectedly valuable.

Answer the following questions:

1. Why did Rebecca Tory decide to go to Costa Rica?
2. What are her responsibilities as a medic?
3. How did her previous experience help her?

**Profesori examinatori**

## BILETUL NR. 2

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Holly Murphy, 20, Canadian, took a break after her studies to join a Raleigh overseas programme: "I was looking for volunteer work abroad and came across Raleigh International on the internet. I didn't really know what to expect, apart from the fact that it was likely to be hard work. I hoped the programme would give me a better understanding of my strengths and weaknesses and would give me the opportunity to develop my abilities to work in a team as well as to improve my leadership skills. For the first few days I found life in the programme fairly difficult. We had to adjust to the accommodation, Malaysian culture, homesickness, fatigue and various other differences. My highlight was socializing with villagers. They gave me a skirt, made me a necklace and often gave us lunch. On a personal level I feel I have improved my communication skills, and find that I now listen to others more readily before speaking."

Answer the following questions:

1. Why did Holly Murphy decide to go to Malaysia?
2. What were her hopes about the programme?
3. How did the villagers help her?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 3

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Mrs. Brown raised her `tea cup to her lips and looked over the brim. At the edge of the car park, immediately in front of the café, a small market had been set up, with traders' stalls and trays of colourful goods. She watched as a man attempted to persuade a customer to buy a pair of sunglasses. The woman tried on several pairs, but was not satisfied and moved on to the next stall. There she pointed to a small piece of silver jewellery, a bangle, and the trader, a short man wearing a wide-brimmed felt hat, passed it across to her to try it on. Mrs Brown watched as the woman held out her wrist to be admired by the trader who nodded encouragement. But the woman seemed not to agree with the verdict, and handed the bangle back, pointing to another item at the back of the stall. And at that moment, while the trader turned round to stretch for whatever it was she had singled out, the woman quickly slipped another bangle into the pocket of the jacket she was wearing.

Answer the following questions:

- 1.What did Mrs Brown see in front of the café?
- 2.What were the traders selling?
- 3.What did the woman do?

**Profesori examinatori:**

#### BILETUL NR. 4

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

When I was in my twenties, my boss, Mr Thomas, invites me to his daughter's wedding reception. I was so delighted that I went out and bought a fabulous Italian beige suit. Afterwards, I found a matching beige shirt and a black tie in an expensive shop in Bond Street – I was determined to make a good impression. On the big day, I turned up at the smart London hotel where the reception was being held. I glanced admiringly at myself in the hotel's mirror – I looked gorgeous. However, the second I had stepped into the reception I couldn't help myself gasping in horror. You see, even though it was three in the afternoon on a hot summer's day everyone else was wearing formal evening dress. I realized that I hadn't read the invitation properly. There was a deathly quiet as everyone stared at me. As I sat down, children sniggered behind my back – I was mortified.

Answer the following questions:

1. Why did the man buy so many articles of clothing?
2. Why was he taken aback when he got to the hotel?
3. How did the guests react?

**Profesori examinatori**

### BILETUL NR. 5

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

The Masai Mara is nature's stage for what must be the most spectacular wildlife pageant on earth. Every year, when the rainy season ends in May, hundreds of thousands of wild beasts mass together. They are moving in search of greener pastures from the Serengeti in Tanzania north of the wide open grasslands of Kenya's Masai Mara. Along with migrating herds of zebra, antelope and gazelle, there are sometimes more than a million animals on the move at one time, and a horseback safari gives you a remarkable view of an animal kingdom unrivalled anywhere in Africa. ... You can also view the endless expanse of the Masai Mara from a hot-air balloon safari. At dawn, you ascend into a sky all shades of rose and orange. Masai villagers stand rooted as they watch you drift across the sky. The awesome magical stillness envelops you.

Answer the following questions:

1. Where is the Serengeti situated?
2. What animals can one see there?
3. Why is Masai Mara so special?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 6

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Children in Europe generally start receiving pocket money when they reach six years old, often coinciding with their entry into primary school. Six years old is the average age when a regular allowance begins in northern European countries (Belgium, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany), and also Spain. In the other southern countries surveyed (France, Italy, Greece and Portugal), the average rises to seven years of age. Parents in Northern Europe are more likely than any other Europeans to buy kids the things they ask for. When given money for holidays and birthdays, most children (58%) choose to save it though the survey found that many don't manage to keep it for long – 44% say they end up spending it within two months. When they part with their pocket money, kids across Europe are most likely to purchase toys and the latest electronic equipment. Clothing is close in importance, with sweets and electronic games also being important to them.

Answer the following questions:

1. In what countries do children receive pocket money the earliest?
2. What happens in the northern countries of Europe as far as pocket money is concerned?
3. What do children spend their pocket money on?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 7

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Teenagers in London are the pocket money winners, receiving an average of 11.71 pounds per week, well above the UK average of 8.20 pounds, according to new research from the Halifax bank. Across the UK girls come out on top with 12% more per week than boys. The main factor in how money is allocated came down to age, but over three quarters of children get pocket money in return for doing jobs around the house. 31% clean the house, and 29% do the washing up. The basis for a raise in pocket money was varied but for many (39%) the increase usually occurred on a birthday. As to what the money is being spent on, nothing much has changed there from previous years – clothes, music, electronic games, mobile phones – but the biggest change has come in methods of spending, with more than half the children surveyed regularly purchasing goods online.

Answer the following questions:

1. Where do English children get more pocket money?
2. What are the reasons for an increase in pocket money?
3. What do children spend their pocket money on?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 8

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Most people accept global warming as scientific fact; we need look no further than the melting polar ice caps, and ever more violent hurricanes. So what has caused this rise in temperature? The dramatic increase in greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels is the most likely candidate. The challenge facing us is how to reduce such emissions. I would like to outline a few measures that governments and individuals can take. First of all, governments should commit themselves to reducing the level of greenhouse gas emissions. Nevertheless, they should avoid the temptation of nuclear energy as its associated risks are great. Instead, governments should favour greener ways of energy production. For instance, China's "Three Gorges" dam provides masses of hydro-electric power, while the Netherlands satisfy many of their energy needs from winds-turbines.

Answer the following questions:

1. Mention some signs of global warming.
2. Why is carbon dioxide so harmful to the environment?
3. What caused the increase in carbon dioxide?

**Profesori examinatori:**



### BILETUL NR. 9

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Hina Matsuri, which means “little doll” in Japanese, takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March every year. These dolls are exquisite works of art and dressed in the most beautiful traditional costumes. They are often family heirlooms and handed down from generation to generation. In the week leading to the festival the family gives the dolls pride of place of their home. On the day itself family and friends come to admire the dolls and eat traditional rice cakes called mocha which are carefully wrapped on cherry blossom. Afterwards, the dolls are put away for the next year. Nevertheless, there is also a more public side to the event. A traditional belief is that misfortune or illness can be transferred to a doll. Dolls are taken to temples, and there may be hundreds of them. From there, they are taken down to the sea by priests who say prayers and then send the dolls out to sea.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the Hina Matsuri?
2. How do the dolls come into a family?
3. Why are the dolls taken to the temple?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 10

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

In many secondary schools in Britain the wearing of a school uniform is compulsory. Some schools argue that there are many advantages to this system, but students can often see some disadvantages too. The main advantages of school uniforms is that they give a common identity to the school. Even when the students are on their way home, everyone knows which school they go to. This is important if the students misbehave, for example. Another advantage is that if all the students in a school wear the same type of clothes in matching colours and style, then they tend to look smart when they are all together. Finally, students whose parents can't afford nice clothes look the same as everyone else and so don't feel inferior. Most students don't agree with school uniforms, however.

Answer the following questions:

1. What are the reasons for wearing school uniforms?
2. What is the students' opinion about wearing a school uniforms?
3. Are there any disadvantages to wearing a school uniform?

**Profesori examinatori:**

BILETUL NR. 11

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Visiting people one does not know very well is in many ways like visiting a foreign country. It means accepting others' customs and ways of doing things, and adapting to them to them in as agreeable a fashion as possible. Often, as with foreign visits, a certain amount of diplomacy is needed. Children and animals have a least two things in common: the first is that they rarely behave well in company, or in someone else's home; and the second is that other people are unlikely to love them as much as their parents or owners and so are more likely to find their "funny little ways" annoying rather than appealing. Guests who genuinely like children, or at least genuinely like the children in question, have no problems, but those who do not must make an effort to take an interest, enquire into their progress and development, examine their new toys and so on.

Answer the following questions:

1. Why is being a guest compared to a visit to a foreign country?
2. Whom do guests have to be very careful with when on a visit?
3. What would be a guest's best behaviour on a visit?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 12

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

A few years ago on a skiing holiday in the Dolomites I had one of the worst experiences of my life. My friend and I had decided not to ski that day, the snow was shining and the snow was melting fast. We had decided, instead, to take the ski-lift to the top of the mountain and have a walk around, taking our picnic lunch with us. As there was little snow left we met very few skiers. We sat out to explore the mountain top. We had just had lunch when the weather changed quite suddenly. We had been too busy talking to notice the approaching black clouds, but suddenly the sun disappeared and it became quite cold. On our way back, to our horror, we noticed that two paths led away through the trees. We realized that we didn't know which path to take. Although we had a map with us, it wasn't helpful as it only showed one path through the woods. To make matters worse, it began to snow and we realized that we might not be able to find the path at all.

Answer the following questions:

1. Why did the young people decide not to go skiing one day?
2. Why did they not notice the clouds approaching?
3. Why does the writer consider his skiing trip one of the worst experiences in his life?

**Profesori examinatori:**

BILETUL NR. 13

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

My favourite sporting activity is swimming and I try to go to my local swimming pool at least twice a week and swim for half an hour or so. I like to go very early in the morning because then the pool is quiet and the other people who go at that time are serious swimmers just like me. But I must admit that it isn't always very easy to get up so early in the morning – especially in the winter or when it is going raining. Swimming is really a good exercise for the whole body and I find that it can help me to relax. In fact, as I go up and down the swimming pool as fast as I can, anything else that I'm worried about just goes straight out of my mind. The other good thing about going to the swimming pool regularly is that it's not expensive and you don't have to buy lots of special equipment before we start.

Answer the following questions:

1. What does the writer find difficult about her sporting activity?
2. What are the advantages of taking up swimming as a hobby?
3. Why does the writer prefer going swimming early in the morning?

**Profesori examinatori:**

#### BILETUL NR. 14

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

Most food poisoning is caused by five groups of bacteria, among them Salmonella and Listeria. Even small numbers of Salmonella cells can cause food poisoning but other types of bacteria have to be present in large numbers before they make food dangerous. In other words, they have been allowed to grow and multiply for a sufficiently long time to produce large numbers of cells. Food producers do their best to make sure that food is not contaminated with any food-poisoning organisms. But if some should be in food, the maintenance of a cold temperature can do a lot to minimise growth and therefore the risk of food poisoning. The Food Hygiene Regulations require that most short-lived food must be kept at 5 degrees Celsius or colder after manufacture and throughout distribution and display. Keeping such a cold temperature required many food companies to buy better refrigeration equipment.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is most food poisoning caused by?
2. How can bacteria in the food be destroyed?
3. What does the Food Hygiene Regulations require?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 15

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

What Man has done to produce this warmer climate is to burn fossil fuels (coal, gas and oil), cut down trees faster than they are replaced, use aerosol sprays and buy food packaged in rigid foam-containers. He's also used refrigerators and freezers with CFC coolants. Burning fossil fuels uses oxygen and produces carbon dioxide. Trees that are growing use carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. So there could be a healthy balance. But since the industrial revolution – about 150 years ago – that balance has been upset as more fossil fuels have been burned and forests cut down and burned at an unprecedented rate. Both processes produce carbon dioxide. The result is that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased by 24% over that past 150 years. Some CO<sub>2</sub> is essential to life – to help plants grow and to retain some heat. But the very large amounts now present are, in part, responsible for trapping even more heat in the earth's atmosphere – the so-called "greenhouse effect".

Answer the following questions:

1. Why is the climate warmer than it used to be?
2. Why are trees important in protecting the environment?
3. In what way is carbon dioxide good for the environment?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 16

#### **Read the text below and answer the questions:**

If Holland is the best place to be young, Japan is perhaps the best place to grow old. 11% of the population are retired and the number is growing. There are now more than 36,000 people aged 100 years or more- 86% of them women. At the age of 110, Goro Taniguchi is one of the oldest men in the world. He explains his long life as follows: "Living a long time means nothing if you're not healthy. I'm lucky I still have my health. I eat well- lots of fresh fish, fruit, vegetables- and I keep fit. Most days, I go for a walk in the fields near my house and I go swimming once or twice a week. I'm a happy, patient person and I keep busy. It's also nice for me because there are lots of women my age, but very few men!

1. Why is Japan the best place to grow old?
2. Who is Goro Taniguchi?
3. What is the secret of Goro Taniguchi's long life?

#### **Profesori examinatori:**



### BILETUL NR. 17

#### **Read the text below and answer the questions:**

According to a recent UNICEF report the Netherlands is the best place in the world to be a child, while the UK is the worst! The report looked at areas like health, income of parents and education, but also did research into how children felt about their lives and why. Several reasons for the country's success are suggested: there are plenty of parks, play spaces and facilities for the young, the percentage of mothers who work is quite low. Dutch parents and teachers put less pressure on their children at school and don't worry about their children's grades. Dutch families are generally very open and they talk about everything. Because parents are more liberal, teenage issues that sometimes cause arguments in stricter societies aren't usually a problem in Holland.

1. Why is the Netherlands the best place in the world to be a child?
2. What is the relationship between children and their parents in Romania?
3. How are Dutch families?

#### **Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR. 18

#### **Read the text below and answer the questions:**

„Friendship is a blessing...You can always tell a real friend: when you've made a fool of yourself, he doesn't feel you've done a permanent job". (Laurence J. Peter) A lot of people go through life with only a few friends. It seems that some have less than that. They have no one on whom they can call in good times or bad. There is no one with whom to bounce ideas around, or to talk about deep and troubling subjects. They have no one to call in times of need or difficulty. They are at the mercy of life, standing alone. Others seem to have a multitude of friends. Wherever they go, people know them, and like to be around them. Should trouble strike, their biggest hesitation might be over which friend to call. They know exactly the person with whom to discuss the topics of inquiry and debate. Life is full of entertaining and invigorating relationships because it is full of friends. There ought to be a course in school on friendship. Of course, some people are perfectly happy to operate with fewer friends. They might rather have a few deep and loyal friends, than many superficial ones. Others thrive best when friends are everywhere and numerous. It is not so much the number of friends that is important as is the possession of friends, period.

1. Is friendship a blessing or a curse?
2. Who is your best friend?
3. What is life full of?

#### **Profesori examinatori:**

## BILETUL NR. 19

**Read the text below and answer the questions:**

**Top Reasons to Drink Tea.** Unlike water, there are many different flavors to choose from. You have oolong, red, white, black, and green, as well as different herbal teas to choose from. There are plenty of reasons to drink tea, so here are a few. Why exactly are so many people attracted to tea? Not only does it taste good, but it also offers numerous health benefits. For example, tea offers plenty of antioxidants which are very useful to your body. One of the main functions of antioxidants is to reduce the effects of aging. The amount of antioxidants that the tea has depends on what type of tea it is. Many people drink coffee because the caffeine helps get them going. However, drinking too much caffeine is not necessarily a good idea. Tea is the perfect solution since it has less caffeine than coffee. In general, you will only get between 30 and 40mg of caffeine in a single cup of tea. Plenty of people drink coffee on a daily basis, but some never touch the stuff. It causes some people to have indigestion or headaches. With all of the caffeine that it delivers to your body, it can also keep you up at night. Switching to tea is certainly a good idea if you cannot handle coffee.

1. How many flavours of tea are there?
2. Why should people drink tea?
3. What effects does coffee have on some people?

**Profesori examinatori:**

## BILETUL NR. 20

### **Read the text below and answer the questions:**

Finding a great pizza restaurant can make all of the difference when you need a fast meal that tastes good too. This popular American cuisine option is more than just an option for a fast meal, though. It offers great taste and an affordable price. The problem is, not all locations offer the same level of quality and if you run into the wrong location, you could end up regretting it for the long term. The best way to avoid this is to choose a location that is going to give you everything you need to ensure the meal and then some. As you consider which pizza restaurant should be the best in the area you are in, take a close look at the location and what it offers. Here are some things to look for in these locations.

- A great sauce is always an important consideration. The problem is, everyone has a different opinion of what that should be. As you consider what your options are, be sure to determine if you like the sauce the best at one location rather than another.

- A fast delivery or carry out option is also important. It provides the best possible outcome for you on those stressful nights when it is already late and you have not thought about dinner just yet.

- Consider the customer service too. It is just as important as any other element of this restaurant. You need to ensure you can ask questions, make requests and even book a birthday party at the location and get the type of experience you want.

As you consider all of the options in your area, know that not all of them are the same. Check out the pizza restaurant that can meet all of your demands and give you a great price along

with it. The right location can make all of the difference in the long run since you know you will be back time and time again to ensure what they offer.

1. Why is this dish so popular in America?
2. What should you look for when you choose a pizza restaurant?
3. What is your favourite food?

**Profesori examinatori:**

#### BILETUL NR. 21

**Read the text below and answer the questions:**

For the past decade, schools, parents and students have fought over the issue of regulating student clothes. In 2007, cases involving an anti-Bush T-shirt in Vermont, an anti-gay T-shirt in San Diego and Tiger socks in Napa, California, made their way through the courts, causing many to wonder whether this debate will ever be resolved. Meanwhile, researchers are divided over how much of an impact clothes have upon student learning. A 2004 book makes the case that uniforms do not improve school safety or academic discipline. A 2005 study, on the other hand, indicates that in some Ohio high schools uniforms may have improved graduation and attendance rates, although no improvements were observed in academic performance. In the 1980s, public schools were often compared unfavorably to Catholic schools. Noting the perceived benefit that uniforms conferred upon Catholic schools, some public schools decided to adopt a school uniform policy. President Clinton provided momentum to the school uniform movement when he said in his 1996 State of the Union speech, "If it means teenagers will stop killing each other over designer jackets, then our public schools should be able to require their students to wear school uniforms."

1. What is the text about?
2. What does a 2004 book suggest?
3. What did president Clinton say in his Union speech?

**Profesori examinatori:**

## BILETUL NR.22

### **Read the text below and answer the questions:**

Many people believe that Las Vegas is the world's wedding capital, because of the number of the relaxed legislation regarding marriages and marriage chapels. This Sin City is also popular for its world famous light shows like Neon Museum and barrel vault canopy. All these facts make the city an ultimate destination for all age group visitors. Wherever visitors flock, air tickets providers will not be too far from there. Now, finding cheap flights to Las Vegas is not difficult since Internet has made all tasks simple, easy and within reach of you. Through internet, you can find which airline would be the best for your plan, which flight is a direct flight or a multi-stop and if you should book one-way or a round trip ticket. Your other requirements will fulfil easily once you got enough information about the latest trends and habits of airlines that schedule flights to this city from different cities. Just find out which flight is the best among all. The McCarran International Airport is very close to the city, a boulevard known as the Strip where so many good and reasonable hotels are situated. So, whether you are a vacation tourist or businessperson, you don't need to worry about that. The Southeast Airlines, US Airways and Allegiant Air are the names of the airlines available to this airport and operating out by some leading airline companies. You can reach the prominent airline companies online where you can book airline tickets online. Just type a simple keyword phrase like "airline tickets to Las Vegas" on top search engines like Google and find innumerable websites that provide online ticket reservation facility. Some travel agencies run some websites directly, but there are some websites which are specialized for providing airline tickets.

1. What do many people think of Las Vegas?
2. How can you buy cheap plane tickets?
3. What is the name of the airport from Las Vegas?

**Profesori examinatori:**

**BILETUL NR.23**

**Read the text below and answer the questions:**

Kerala is an Indian state and is situated on the Malabar Coast of south west India. It is a very delightful place with lots of activities which tempts the tourists to travel to this heavenly land and witness its delight surroundings and breathtaking activities. It is a land where the tourists and find the nature at its best throughout the year. In this heavenly land the visitors can witness the real meaning of the beauty of nature and its gifts. It has the most beautiful natural resources such as stunning beaches, exotic backwaters, lush green valleys, undulating hills, fast flowing rivers, gushing lakes, beautiful and revered temples, exotic churches, striking wildlife sanctuary, ancient Ayurvedic therapy, different art and dance forms, various festivals and many interesting places to visit. It is land where the tourists can witness all the phases of life and take back home the beautiful memories. Munnar is a very delightful and enchanting place for the newly married couples to spend holidays in the lap of the Mother Nature. This Romantic hill stations is located at the convergence of three rivers Kundala, Mudrapuzha and Nallathani and offers the couples with most romantic and passionate ambiance. Munnar is an idle and perfect honeymoon destination in Kerala which is blessed with dazzling natural beauty, aromatic tea gardens and exotic floras and fauna. Munnar honeymoon packages offers the couples with comfortable and relaxed tour to Munnar hill station and also offer them with excellent accommodation and best service facilities. This honeymoon packages also provides the tourists with adventurous activities which includes paragliding, cycling, trekking, rowing a boat, enjoying fish catch and lots more. The couples can also visit the Echo Point, Lock Heart Gap, Rajamala wildlife sanctuary, Valara waterfalls, Observatory hills, Kuthumakal waterfalls etc.

1. Do you like travelling? If yes, why?
2. Where is Kerala?
3. Who can spend wonderful holidays in Munnar?

**Profesori examinatori:**

#### BILETUL NR. 24

**Read the text below and answer the questions:**

New Year is a great time of fun and enjoyment to welcome new beginning of time. It is the time of Fun and frolic, cards and gifts, New Year cruises and last but not least, Resolution. It is great time for sending New Year cards and gifts to your relatives and friends to wish them new fortune in this new time. During last week of December, the markets are decorated with new and facilitating gifts and cards. New Year Cards available in broad range create confusion for the buyers because of their creative and attractive appearance. In this present time, E-cards are emerging as the best mode of wishes because of their convenient approach. Different kinds of gifts for your loved ones are now easy to get through internet shopping sites. Local gift shops are available with wide range of gifts; even then internet for ordering gifts has become the today's trend. Through internet a wide-ranging gifts with affordable prices can be acquired. Here you are free to get the best New Year gifts according to your choice and affordability. This festival is usually rejoiced by organizing New Year's Eve party for getting together and spending great time with your nears and dears.

1. What do you do on New Year's Eve?
2. What do people do on New Year's Eve according to the text?
3. What can you buy on the internet?

**Profesori examinatori:**



### BILETUL NR.25

**Read the text below and answer the questions:**

Teeth whitening is a process in which you will use a substance on the surface of the tooth to remove stains. For those who want to have bright, white smiles, it is important to consider the benefits of having this procedure. Though you do have the option of buying over the counter products, before you do, consider what myths there are about these products and about the procedures your dentist can offer. If you want a healthy smile, great smelling breath and good oral health, then you need to talk to your dental care provider about your needs.

One of the myths people need to know about is that teeth whitening is cleaning. This is not the case. In fact, this product works like bleach would work on clothing. It can remove the colour and staining, but it does not necessary clean the surface or the other areas of the mouth that need attention. That is why most dental care providers will recommend a thorough cleaning of your mouth first and then the use of a solution to improve the colouring of the surface. Though you can buy over the counter products for these needs, it is often best to go in to see your dentist for treatment instead. The service your dentist can offer is often far better and longer lasting than what the over the counter box may promise. In addition, you will come in, have the treatment and leave with the bright, white smile you want. At home, you may need to use an application of the product at night or during the day for a period of several days or weeks. That takes too long to give you a result.

1. What is teeth whitening?
2. What will most dental care providers recommend?
3. Are you afraid of a dentist?

**Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR.26

#### **Read the text below and answer the questions:**

There are many reasons children want to take dance classes, and some express an interest in classes as young as age three or four. It may surprise some people to learn that kids can benefit in a variety of ways, particularly if they start out with simple classes at a young age. There are several obvious advantages to taking dance classes, including the physical workout kids get. In fact, many athletes take advantage of jazz, tap or ballet lessons to keep their bodies fit and improve their coordination. Because it is gentler than most sports such as soccer or football, dancing is great for youngsters who want to participate in an activity but may be fearful of rougher, full contact activities. Children can also improve their balance and posture while becoming aware of their own body's movement in dance classes.. Jazz, tap, hip-hop, contemporary and ballet all contribute to an individual's sense of movement. Even cognitive function can improve as students learn choreography and memorize steps, both skills that can translate to better understanding of math and the sciences. Children who take dance lessons are better able to express themselves both verbally and non-verbally. While using movement to communicate with others, most students improve their verbal skills as well, particularly when they are communicating with fellow classmates and their instructors. Working as a team or unit also instills a sense of belonging that engenders cooperation and trust. Children who continue with dance lessons as they grow become more outgoing and sociable. Kids who dance develop self-confidence and have better self-esteem than those who don't.

1. What is the text about?
2. What are the benefits of dancing from an early age?
3. What are children who take up dancing lessons good at?

#### **Profesori examinatori:**

### BILETUL NR.27

#### **Read the text below and answer the questions:**

Posting on Facebook, MySpace and other social networks is a favorite pastime for teens and 20somethings - and they remain a great way for families to keep in touch - but recent headlines state different opinions. Here are some Facebook dangers your college kid or young adult may never have thought about.

- **Facebook and college admissions:** It's a bad idea to post photos on social networking sites, no matter how private teens may think they are. According to a 2008 Kaplan study, one in 10 college admissions officers routinely check out college applicants' Facebook and MySpace pages. And some 38% of them found posts and pictures that reflected poorly on those prospective students. It wasn't even necessarily that they'd posted provocative or hard partying photos.
- **Courtroom consequences:** Unfortunate Facebook postings can have serious legal repercussions too. One of the first things lawyers do with a new case is search online for information about plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses alike. In one Rhode Island case, a 20-year-old's drunk driving accident, which severely injured another youth, could have resulted in a light sentence at county jail or the considerably more severe state prison. But, as the prosecutor in the case quickly discovered, two weeks after the accident, while his victim was still in the hospital, the youth posted photos on Facebook of himself at a Halloween party, prancing around in a prisoner costume. He was sentenced to two years in state prison.

1. How often do you use the internet?
2. What are the dangers of FACEBOOK?
3. What other social networks do you know?

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**BILETUL NR.28**

**Read the text below and answer the questions:**

As teachers, parents and students prepare and begin the new school year, hopefully fears of school violence such as shootings will not be their major concern. What is sad is that school violence needs to be a concern at all. The fact is, violence of one sort or another is part of many schools today. Fortunately, this usually involves a small group of people fighting amongst themselves. In a recently completed study of the Class of 2000, CBS News found that 96% of students said they felt safe in school. However, 22% of those same students said that they knew students who regularly carried weapons to school.. 53% said that a school shooting could happen in their own school. How good are the students perceptions? Are we safe in our schools? What can we do to ensure safety for everyone? Since the 1992-3 school year, 270 violent deaths have occurred at schools across the nation according to The National School Safety Center's Report on School Associated Violent Deaths. The majority of these deaths, 207, were shooting victims. However, the number of deaths in the 1999-2000 school year was almost one quarter the number that occurred in 1992-3. Though those numbers seem encouraging, most people would agree that any statistical data of this nature is unacceptable.

1. What is the article about?
2. How widespread is school violence in Romania?
3. What may the reasons of violence in schools be?

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### BILETUL NR. 29

**Read the text below and answer the questions:**

Children who spend hours every day on their Play station or Xbox video consoles may not be destroying their brains, as many parents fear. A report from the European parliament concluded yesterday that computer games are good for children and teach them essential life skills. Contrary to fears about the violent reputation of some games, there is no firm proof that playing them has an automatic negative impact on children's behavior, for example by causing aggression, said the report from the committee on the internal market and consumer protection. Instead, "video games can stimulate learning of facts and skills such as strategic thinking, creativity, cooperation and innovative thinking, which are important skills in the information society." Toine Manders, the Dutch liberal MEP who wrote the report, said: "Video games are in most cases not dangerous. We heard evidence from experts on computer games and psychologists from France, the US, Germany and the Netherlands and they told us that video games have a positive contribution to make to the education of minors." The study called for schools across Europe to consider using games for educational purposes and advised parents to take a greater interest in them.

1. Do you like computer games?
2. What are the benefits of playing computer games?
3. What does Toine Manders say?

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### BILETUL NR.30

#### **Read the text below and answer the questions:**

According to a recent paper by Nidhya Logeswaran and Joydeep Bhattacharya from the University of London, music even affects how we see visual images. In the experiment, 30 subjects were presented with a series of happy or sad musical excerpts. After listening to the fragments, the subjects were shown a photograph of a face. Some people were shown a happy face – the person was smiling - while others were exposed to a sad or neutral facial expression. The participants were then asked to rate the emotional content of the face on a 7-point scale, where 1 mean extremely sad and 7 extremely happy. The researchers found that music powerfully influenced the emotional experiences. Happy music made happy faces seem even happier while sad music exaggerated the melancholy of a frown. A similar effect was also observed with neutral faces. The simple moral is that the emotions of music are transmitted, and can easily spread from sensory system to another. Now I never sit down to my wife's meals without first putting on a happy song. Although it probably seems obvious that music can evoke emotions, it is to this day not clear why.

1. Do you listen to music?
2. What effect does music have on us?
3. What were the participants asked to do?

**Profesori examinatori:**

