

COLEGIUL NAȚIONAL "GHEORGHE ȘINCAI" BAIA MARE
PROBA DE VERIFICARE A CUNOȘTINȚELOR DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ PENTRU ADMITEREA ÎN CLASA A IX-A CU PROGRAM DE
PREDARE BILINGV - 21.05.2024

Timp de lucru: 60 minute. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu. Total: 70 puncte.

I. For questions 1-15, choose the option which best completes each sentence. Write A, B, C or D on your separate answer sheet. (15x1p=15p)

- When I leave school, I ____ on my musical career.
A) concentrate B) am to concentrate C) am concentrating D) am going to concentrate
- You ____ so much luggage with you, you can buy everything you need there.
A) needn't have taken B) mustn't have taken C) can't have taken D) may not have taken
- They ____ for the course yet, they still have to fill in some forms.
A) hadn't been accepted B) hasn't been accepted C) haven't been accepted D) weren't accepted
- She ____ herself these days. I don't know what is wrong with her.
A) didn't look B) doesn't look C) won't look D) isn't looking
- Everybody understood how to solve the geometry problem ____ Julia, who was not paying attention.
A) far from B) apart of C) far away D) apart from
- You didn't come to school yesterday, ____?
A) didn't you B) do you C) did you D) don't you
- They are ____ discovering a new cure for that awful disease.
A) famous for B) famous as C) known as D) known with
- I ____ too much salt in this dish, I am sure our guests won't like it.
A) will taste B) tastes C) was tasting D) am tasting
- When ____ his university studies? Last year, I believe.
A) did he finish B) has he finished C) was he finishing D) he finished
- 'The boys have never walked that far before.'
The mother told the police that the boys ____ never ____ that far before.
A) has...walked B) have... walked C) had... walked D) would... walk
- I listen to my favourite band every day because ____ music is an important part in my life.
A) the B) - C) a D) an
- She ____ for 4 hours before she realised it was getting dark outside.
A) studied B) was studying C) would study D) had been studying
- I know I ____ the car serviced sooner, and now it is impossible to get it fixed.
A) should have had B) could to have C) might have D) should have
- 'Let's not go to the cinema because I am too tired.'
She suggested ____ to the cinema because she ____ too tired.
A) not go/ was B) to not go/ is C) not going/ was D) not to go/ was
- If I ____ that advertisement for the car, I would have not been fooled to pay so much.
A) wouldn't have believed B) didn't believe C) wouldn't believe D) hadn't believed

II. For questions 1-10 read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on your separate answer sheet. (10x1p=10p)

Yoga is (0) **a** practice that originated in India thousands of years (1) ____ and Sanskrit is a language (2) ____ in yoga. Yoga has many styles and definitions, (3) ____ they all center on connecting the mind and the body. Generally, (4) ____ yoga students are doing yoga, they focus on going through a series of movements and postures, and connecting their movements with their breathing. The yoga teacher helps students learn (5) ____ to move with their breath. Some movements occur (6) ____ seated, some while on hands and knees, and others while standing. Some poses can even be done lying down. Why is it important to practice yoga? (7) ____ there are so many benefits for both the body and the brain! Researchers (8) ____ shown that a yoga practice can lead to changes in brain structure and function, which may result in more positive emotional responses. When you are in school, it is possible that practicing yoga could help reduce your stress and improve your attention, (9) ____ inside and outside of class. (10) ____ of the best things about yoga is that you can do it anywhere!

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An important moment (0) **B** the history of reality TV came in the late 1990s (1) ____ a TV company in the Netherlands had the idea of putting a group of people (2) ____ didn't know each other in a house for a few weeks. They had cameras in (3) ____ of the rooms to film how they behaved. (4) ____ was the birth of *Big Brother*, which became so popular that TV companies in around 70 other countries have (5) ____ copied the idea. The *Big Brother* concept has stayed more (6) ____ less the same in most countries. Most versions last two or three months and have (7) ____ ten and fifteen housemates who all try not to be evicted (8) ____ the house. Evictions happen when the housemates choose one person (or sometimes more) who they think should leave, usually (9) ____ they dislike the way he or she has behaved. From a list of the least popular people based on the housemates' own choices, TV viewers usually then choose the person *they* like least, and he or she is evicted. The winner is the (10) ____ person left in the house, who often receives quite a lot of money as their prize.

- A) of B) in C) to D) with
- A) when B) what C) which D) whenever
- A) who B) which C) whose D) what
- A) any B) much C) every D) each
- A) It B) What C) They D) He
- A) from B) since C) away D) for
- A) and B) with C) of D) or
- A) for B) and C) between D) from

8. A) from B) in C) away D) on
 9. A) although B) while C) for D) because
 10. A) last B) alone C) lonely D) least

IV. For questions 1-10, read the text below. Use the word given in capital at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. Write your answers on your separate answer sheet. (10x1p=10p)

Don't catch cold	
According to recent (1)....., at least some of the advice about health that was passed down to our grandparents by previous generations may actually contain some (2).....	1. SEARCH
A good example is the (3)..... between feeling cold and catching a cold. My grandmother was convinced that being outside when the temperature is low, or simply dressing in (4)..... clothes for the cold weather, was a sure way of catching a cold.	2. TRUE
Now, as we know, colds are caused by viruses. Therefore, in the (5)..... of a virus, you cannot catch a cold – no matter how low the temperature or how (6)..... your clothing is.	3. RELATION
But (7)..... now think that we may have viruses in our bodies already, just waiting for the chance to turn into a cold. In cold weather blood vessels in the nose get smaller to prevent (8)..... from escaping.	4. SUIT
(9)....., this also allows the cold virus to attack the nose or throat more	5. ABSENT
(10)..... So, perhaps Granny was right after all!	6. APPROPRIATE
	7. SCIENCE
	8. HOT
	9. FORTUNATE
	10. EASY

V. Read the following text and choose the best answer A, B, C or D. Write your answers on your separate answer sheet. (5x2p=10p)

Television programmes where ordinary people sing in competition against each other have become very popular. This is probably because everyone believes that, given the chance, they could be pop stars! Brian Tuitt, ex-drummer with Bad Manners and owner of Backline Studios, has noticed this. He provides people with half a day in the studio with a sound engineer, during which they make a CD singing their favourite song. Tuitt welcomes anyone of any age or musical ability to his studios. The service costs £125 per session, which includes one copy of the CD.

I took my daughter and five friends to Backline Studios as a twelfth birthday present. Six is the maximum number that can sensibly take part in the four-hour session. Fewer would have more time to try and improve their performances, but they would probably have less fun. The girls chose to sing Britney's 'Oops! I did it again'. Three, including my daughter, were confident enough to sing on their own and had each chosen a different part of the song, while the others preferred a backing role.

The girls were excited but nervous, and fortunately the sound engineer, Alistair Cowan, ex-singer with rock band Redwood, knew how to make them relax. He put them in a small recording studio where they sang their parts two at a time and where nobody could watch them. Cowan did all the technical work on the girls' recording and also all the artwork for the CD cover. He then sent them into a larger room to dance to their recording while I videoed them. The girls loved the whole experience and the CD is a valued souvenir.

1. **What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?**

- A. to encourage young people to take up a singing career
 B. to inform people who dream of being singers of a service
 C. to describe what happens in different recording studios

2. **For £125, Brian Tuitt will**

- A. give people advice about pop songs they've written.
 B. let people watch a pop star recording a CD.
 C. let people use his studios' facilities for a few hours.

3. **The writer recommends taking a group of six to Backline because**

- A. a bigger group wouldn't find a suitable song.
 B. a smaller group wouldn't find it so enjoyable.
 C. a smaller group wouldn't perform so well.

4. **When the writer's daughter and her friends made their CD, they**

- A. recorded their voices in pairs.
 B. sang and danced at the same time.
 C. copied what they saw on a video.

5. **Which of these could be the writer's daughter speaking?**

- A. My mum and I had a great time at Backline Studios. We sang Britney's song 'Oops! I did it again' together.
 B. My best birthday present was making a CD at Backline Studios. The picture on the cover is something I drew.
 C. My friends and I performed like real pop stars at Backline Studios. You can hear me singing by myself in one part of this CD.

VI. 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 and use between two and five words. There is an example at the beginning. Write your answers on your separate answer sheet. (5 x 1p = 5 points)

Example: They published this book in England. **CAME** // This book ___ came from ___ England.

1. His father doesn't let her play computer games more than two hours every day. **IS**

She _____ computer games more than two hours every day.

2. We don't know anything about the problem. **INFORMATION**

We don't _____ about the problem.

3. She is too young to see that movie. **ENOUGH**

She is not _____ to see that movie.

4. Could you lend me some money until the weekend? **FROM**

Could I _____ you until the weekend?

5. Peter behaved badly and I think he should say sorry. **APOLOGISE**

I think Peter should _____ badly.

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| 1.D | 3.C | 5.D | 7.A | 9.A | 11.B | 13.A | 15.D |
| 2.A | 4.B | 6.C | 8.D | 10.C | 12.D | 14.C | |

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| 1. AGO | 6. WHILE/WHEN |
| 2. USED | 7. BECAUSE |
| 3. BUT | 8. HAVE |
| 4. WHEN | 9. BOTH |
| 5. HOW | 10. ONE |

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| 1. A | 6. D |
| 2. A | 7. C |
| 3. D | 8. A |
| 4. A | 9. D |
| 5. B | 10. A |

IV. For questions 1-10, read the text below. Use the word given in capital at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on your separate answer sheet. (10x1p=10p)

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| 1. RESEARCH | 2. TRUTH | 3. RELATIONSHIP | 4. UNSUITABLE | 5. ABSENCE |
| 6. INAPPROPRIATE | 7. SCIENTISTS | 8. HEAT | 9. UNFORTUNATELY | 10. EASILY |

V. Read the following text and choose the best answer A, B, C or D. Write your answers on your separate answer sheet. (5x2p=10p)

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. C

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1. is not allowed to play
2. have any information
3. old enough
4. borrow some money from
5. apologise for behaving/having behaved

Notă: se poate accepta orice altă variantă corectă oferită de candidat. Nu se acorda fracțiuni de punctaj.