Etapa județeană/sectoarelor municipiului București a olimpiadelor naționale școlare - 2023

Probă scrisă

Limba engleză

CLASA a VII-a

- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**
- **Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**
- **Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 2 ore.**

SUBIECTUL I – USE OF ENGLISH (25 points)

I.1. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms. 10 points

The knock at the door seemed to come from nowhere but it was quite loud and clear. I stopped breathing for a second while I **(1) … (struggle)** desperately to make sense of that strange noise in the silence surrounding me. No other sound **(2) … (follow)** it. Inevitable questions popped up in my mind: "I **(3) … (hear)** a sound, didn't I? **(4) …** Sara **… (wake up)** already?"
Reluctantly, I got out of bed, went down and I was about to unlock the front door when, all of a sudden, a loud bang came from right behind me.
" God, Sara! It's the tenth time I **(5) … (tell)** you to stop doing this! We **(6) … (talk)** about this for quite a while now, right? I **(7) … (get)** sick and tired of it! Go to your room NOW! Remember what I always tell your big brother about you - *until she **(8) … (apologise)** and unless she **(9) … (promise)** to never again misbehave in the future, she **(10) … (not leave)** the room* - and I really mean it this time!' I screamed as never before, unwilling to believe how determined she was to infuriate me no matter what.

I.2. Read the following text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits in each gap. 10 points

Cat Stevens was born on July 21st, 1948 in London. He was very good at music and in his adolescence he became more and more interested in rock and roll. He began working in London nightclubs as a singer. One day a **(1)** _____ music manager asked him if he was interested **(2)** _____ a recording contract for a company called "*Decca*".
His first album, "*Matthew and Son*", was released in 1967. It became very **(3)** _____**,** especially with teenagers**.** It also sold **(4)** _____. In spite of this, Stevens soon began to feel unhappy about the songs he made. He wanted to record songs for adults, but the company said that singing for teenagers was more successful.
In 1968 Cat Stevens was **(5)** _____ for tuberculosis and had to stay in hospital for some time. **(6)** _____ a break of two years he reappeared with a different music style. In 1970, his new album "*Tea for Tillerman*" became an **(7)** _____ success and included hits **(8)** _____ *Wild World* and *Father and Son*. Critics wrote that he was an excellent singer. In the mid-1970s, **(9)** _____, his life started to change. He is married and has four children. The singer lives in London, where he owns a school. There he **(10)** _____ religious songs and writes poems for his pupils.

(adapted from www.wikipedia.com)

1.	A. instructed	B. trained	C. professional	D. prepared
2.	A. in	B. for	C. on	D. about
3.	A. common	B. popular	C. accepted	D. universal
4.	A. high	B. well	C. good	D. bad
5.	A. treated	B. cured	C. healed	D. mended
6.	A. First	B. When	C. After	D. While
7.	A. urgent	B. immediate	C. prompt	D. sudden
8.	A. for example	B. such as	C. for instance	D. such

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9. A. too	B. however	C. also	D. moreover
10. A. invents	B. discovers	C. composes	D. imagines

I.3. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence. 5 points

1. Riding a roller coaster for the first time is for sure a _____ **(MEMORY)** experience.
2. He decided to _____ **(BOX)** the largest parcel first and post the reel on Twitter.
3. _____ **(MOTHER)** has definitely changed her! She's a much more caring person now.
4. Most of his remarks were made _____ **(INTENTION)** so you shouldn't feel offended.
5. All you are required to do to get better results is to _____ (**SIMPLE**) the process of installing the updates.

SUBIECTUL al II-lea – READING COMPREHENSION (25 points)

Read the text below and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Who was Buffalo Bill? Discovering an American folk hero

The name "Buffalo Bill" is one of the most famous names in the history of the West. Once, Bill was known as a great fighter and a great hunter. Today, people prefer to remember other sides of his character. Later in his life, he was a great showman and one of the first people to see that it was necessary to protect America's natural environment.

Buffalo Bill Cody was born on a farm in Indiana, on 26th February 1846. Young Bill was a tough boy. Before he was thirteen, he was an expert horse-rider and very good with a gun; and in those days, when the West was wild, that meant he had excellent qualifications for a job. Before the age of twenty, Bill left home and took a job with the Pony Express company, and very soon he became known as one of their best riders. Next, Bill got a job supplying buffalo meat to the men building the Kansas Pacific rail-road. After only 17 months, he claimed to have killed 4,280 buffaloes. This is where he got his name, "Buffalo Bill".

In the 1870s, he worked for the army during the "Indian campaigns". Following this, Buffalo Bill was one of the first men in modern America to realise that white Americans and Indians could, and should, work together. So, when he established his famous "Wild West Show", he recruited many famous Indians to work with him. His grandson says, "At its height, there were over 650 people who travelled with the show, including 250 American Indians. With these Indians, with all the cowboys, they re-enacted famous events of that period of time".

With the money he earned from his show, Bill bought some land in Wyoming and here, the once-great buffalo-hunter looked nostalgically at the few rare buffaloes that were still around and realised that they had to be protected. At the same time, he began trying to conserve aspects of the old Western life that were rapidly disappearing into the twentieth century.

When he died, aged 70, Buffalo Bill knew that the old West was almost dead, except in history and stories. Yet he knew, too, that one of the most famous names associated with its legends was his own.

https://linguapress.com/intermediate/buffalo-bill.htm

1. According to the text, one of the things people nowadays appreciate Buffalo Bill for is being
- A. a famous hunter and cowboy.
- B. a great entertainer.
- C. the best fighter for environmental protection.
- D. a man of character.

2. Bill got his first job
- A. because he was wild.
- B. because he was very young.
- C. because people recommended him.
- D. because he had great skills.

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3. Buffalo Bill got his name
A. when he started providing buffalo meat.
B. when he started working for the Pony Express company.
C. because he hunted a large number of buffaloes.
D. because he was an excellent rider.

4. The "Wild West Show" was
A. an Indian campaign in the 1870s.
B. a show that Indians and Americans did together.
C. the name of a group of travellers.
D. a peace agreement with the Indians.

5. With the money Bill earned from his show,
A. he purchased land in Wyoming.
B. he started protected the buffaloes.
C. he established America's first National Forest reserve.
D. he became a legend.

SUBIECTUL al III-lea – WRITING (50 points)

Write a narrative essay beginning like this:

"I had always wanted to be invisible – and, imagine what, it happened last Sunday when …"

Write your story in 120-150 words and give it an appropriate title. Pay attention to the following:

- you don't need to write long descriptions;
- use dialogues only if they are relevant to your characters or events;
- you should use this plan:

1. **Introduction** (paragraph 1 – set the scene)
2. **Main Body** (paragraph(s) 2/3 – develop the story)
3. **Conclusion** (paragraph 4 – end the story).

Don't count the words given in the beginning.

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