

## OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

### ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ

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### CLASA A X-a - SECȚIUNEA A

#### I. USE OF ENGLISH – 25 points

##### 1. Read the text below and decide which answers (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap: (10x1p=10 points)

In the past, people bought goods using cash. They rarely (1).....money from financial institutions and only when they had (2).....the money, did they buy what they wanted. Recently, however, there have been great changes in the way people purchase goods. To begin with, some people pay for things by check, while others prefer monthly (3)....., rather than paying the whole (4).....at once.

Most consumers, though, prefer to buy things using their credit cards. (5) ....., it is thought that there are benefits to having a credit card. Apart from the fact that credit cards are handy, some stores offer bonus points to people making purchases, while others give (6).....on certain products.

On the other hand, credit cards must be used wisely because they can prove disastrous. In the long run, consumers find that they can't (7).....without their credit cards and constantly rely (8).....them, as they are "easy money". As a result, some people lose control of their finances spending more than they should end up not being able to (9).....So they end up in debt and have difficulty (10).....it back.

1.	A. lent	B. let	C. borrowed	D. kept
2.	A. afforded	B. owned	C. saved	D. possessed
3.	A. sums	B. deposits	C. budgets	D. instalments
4.	A. amount	B. debt	C. bill	D. cost
5.	A. last but not least	B. One by one	C. By and large	D. Every now and then
6.	A. bargains	B. discounts	C. tips	D. prizes
7.	A. go	B. make	C. be	D. do
8.	A. on	B. in	C. to	D. of
9.	A. make matters worse	B. make ends meet	C. do their best	D. do business
10.	A. to pay	B. to paying	C. in pay	D. in paying

##### 2. Read the text below and use the word given in capital on the right to form words which fit in the gaps. The words are given in the order you need to use them. (5x1p=5p)

For the employee, an exit interview may feel like an ideal opportunity to rant and rave about every little-----1) that has troubled them since they got the job. But, -----2) in mind that you will probably still need a -----3) from these people, it is best to avoid getting angry or-----4), and just answer the questions as calmly and with as much -----5) as possible.	<b>ANNOY</b> <b>BEAR</b> <b>REFER</b> <b>EMOTION</b>  <b>HONEST</b>
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**3. Complete the second sentence so that has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (5x2p=5p)**

- His computer game addiction is getting worse. **AND**  
He is getting .....computer games.
- John told Helen he was sorry he had argued with her. **APOLOGISED**  
John .....with her.
- We last went abroad a long time ago. **NOT**  
We .....a long time.
- I haven't caught a cold for ages. **DOWN**  
I last .....ages ago.
- Sarah is a better swimmer than Jessica. **SWIM**  
Jessica doesn't ..... Sarah.

**II. NARRATIVE - DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY- 50 points**

Write about a person you admire and describe the influence he/she had on you or the world. Write your essay in **300 words**.

**III. FUNCTIONAL TEXT- FORMAL LETTER - 25 points**

You have seen the following **job advertisement** in your local youth centre. Send a letter to Mr. Johnson, the activity leader, saying why you are suitable for the job.

**ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR WANTED!**

*(Weekends only)*

*Would you like to work with young children aged 6-12? Do you have lots of energy? Are you an excellent swimmer?*

*If so, then we want to hear from you. Our children's club needs someone responsible to look after a group of 10 children to teach them swimming and other activities.*

**Write your letter of application in 150-180 words in an appropriate style. Sign your letter as John Doe.**

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