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**ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ**

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**CLASA A XII-a - SECȚIUNEA A**

**I. USE OF ENGLISH – 25 points**

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

**The Halo Effect**

The halo effect is the idea that global **(1)** about a person (e.g. she is likeable) influence judgements about their specific traits (e.g. she is intelligent). Hollywood stars demonstrate it perfectly. Because they are often attractive, we naturally **(2)** they are also intelligent, friendly and display good judgement, until we come across **(3)** to the contrary. In the same way politicians use this effect to their **(4)** by trying to appear warm and friendly, while saying nothing **(5)**. People tend to believe their policies are good, because the person appears good.

The halo effect is also well-known in the business world. Books that have ‘Harvard Classics’ written on the front can **(6)** twice the price of the exact same book without this sign. In the fashion industry, the **(7)** of a famous designer’s name to a simple pair of jeans can inflate their price **(8)**. So, the next time you vote for a politician, consider buying a pair of designer jeans or decide whether you like someone, ask yourself whether the halo effect is operating. This simple **(9)** could save you voting for the wrong person, wasting your money or rejecting someone who would be a **(10)** friend.

1.	A. evaluations	B. studies	C. interpretations	D. judgements
2.	A. propose	B. suppose	C. assume	D. discover
3.	A. evidence	B. details	C. support	D. testimony
4.	A. gain	B. use	C. prerogative	D. advantage
5.	A. massive	B. substantial	C. beneficial	D. contradictory
6.	A. request	B. offer	C. demand	D. secure
7.	A. completion	B. addition	C. supplement	D. adjustment
8.	A. awfully	B. terribly	C. frighteningly	D. tremendously
9.	A. check	B. decision	C. enactment	D. detection
10.	A. false	B. misleading	C. loyal	D. total

2. 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.  
(10x1p=10 points)

### Mobile Phones

Your phone is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ disgusting that researchers can take a swab (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the screen of your smartphone and determine things (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as what kind of beauty products you use, what you eat, where you have been and what (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of meds you take. In 2014, researchers found such secrets as antifungal skin creams and hair (5) \_\_\_\_\_ treatments in the chemical residue on 39 volunteers' smartphone screens. They were also able to identify herbs and spices from the participants' diets, antidepressants, sunscreen and caffeine.

That was a molecular analysis, but biological analysis of the microbes on phones can reveal even (6) \_\_\_\_\_. First, cell-phones carry more germs (7) \_\_\_\_\_ toilet seats, researchers say — after all, phones are generally cleaned (8) \_\_\_\_\_ often. The bacteria on phones match the bacteria on their owners' skin. In the same study, researchers found more than 7,000 different types of bacteria on 17 smartphones. Luckily, most of the bacteria found on the phones were harmless. People's skin "micro-biome" has more in common with their (9) \_\_\_\_\_ phone's bacterial load than that of other people's phones. The researchers suggested that phones could be used to monitor people's health and to see (10) \_\_\_\_\_ they are carrying infectious diseases.

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 **three** and **six** words, including the word given. (5x1p=5 points)

- Pop in for a chat whenever you are in town. **HAPPEN**  
If \_\_\_\_\_ in town, pop in for a chat.
- Paula had just reached the gate when it began to rain. **THAN**  
No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ it began to rain.
- 'Mark wrote the poem, not Ian', said Helen. **IT**  
According to Helen, \_\_\_\_\_ that poem, not Ian.
- Even if it is expensive, they want to stay in the hotel by the beach. **MAY**  
Expensive \_\_\_\_\_, they want to stay in the hotel by the beach.
- Noriko has never been here before, so it is possible that she has got lost. **HAVE**  
Noriko \_\_\_\_\_ it is the first time she has ever been here.

### II. OPINION ESSAY- 50 points

It is common nowadays for each member of the family to have their own piece of modern technology. Some people think this will lead to a breakdown in family relationships and communication. Give your opinion about it using relevant arguments and examples to support your ideas.

Write your **essay** using around **400** words.

**III. FUNCTIONAL TEXT- REPORT/ PROPOSAL- 25 points**

*You work for a hotel chain and have been sent to a holiday resort where your company plans to open a new hotel. You have been asked to report on the leisure facilities of the resort. Write your report, giving information on:*

- *sports and recreational opportunities*
- *cinemas and theatres*
- *cafés and restaurants*

**Write your answer in 300 words in an appropriate style.**

**TIMP DE LUCRU : 3 ORE**

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