

**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ**  
**ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ, 18 MARTIE 2017**  
**CLASA a IX-a**  
**SECȚIUNEA B**

**SUBIECTUL I (25p:10x2,5) Reading Comprehension**

*Look at the sentences below about a holiday in Asia. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct mark A, if is not correct, mark B.*

- 1) This trip is for people who like to travel in luxury.
- 2) You will get lots of exercise on a cyclo.
- 3) This would make a good family holiday
- 4) Evening meals are not included in the price.
- 5) You will be shown around by knowledgeable people.
- 6) You will have a room all to yourself.
- 7) You will stay in the White Palace.
- 8) You will have lunch with a farmer in My Tho.
- 9) You will probably see food you've never seen before.
- 10) You will travel on some man-made rivers.

**“IMAGES OF ASIA”**

The main focus of this holiday is to introduce you to Vietnam and Thailand on our specially designed tour. Sightseeing will be by traditional “cyclo”(3-wheeler bicycle rickshaws: The passenger sits in front of the driver). There will also be excursions by local train, hydrofoil and boat. The holiday concentrates on the south of the two countries. Look out for buildings combining French colonial and Chinese styles; for ornate temples, for bicycle traffic jams; for traditional art such as the unique “water puppet” performances; and of course, for the reminders of the infamous long-running war, such as the former Presidential Palace.

We regret children are not accepted on this tour.

**THE PRICE INCLUDES**

Scheduled flights.  
12 nights accommodation inc. 5 nights in Bangkok  
In Vietnam, 7 breakfasts and 2 lunches.  
Excursions and visits as described.  
Experienced local guides.  
UK dept. tax of £20.

Prices per person sharing twin

**Not included:** Vietnam visa. Local departure taxes. Optional insurance. Booking conditions apply.

## **EXCURSION ONE**

### **Vung Tau/Saigon**

Morning sightseeing tour of Vung Tau, visiting the White Palace, Lighthouse, statue of St. Jacques and a “cyclo” ride around the centre. Return to Saigon’s city quay by the hydrofoil up the Saigon River from the South China Sea. 2 nights at the Garden Plaza.

## **EXCURSION TWO**

### **Mekong Delta**

Drive into the heartland of the Mekong River Delta, through rice fields, orchards and market gardens. On reaching the town of My Tho, board small boats for a leisurely ride along the river. Land at an offshore ‘garden island’ for a guided walk and visit a typical farmer’s home. See beekeeping and the growing of many unusual vegetables, herbs and fruits. Board of sampan, sliding along small, artificial canals to Thoi San Island for lunch. Visit Vinh Trang pagoda before returning to Saigon, through Cholon, the city’s China Town.

## **Subiectul II - Narrative-Descriptive Essay (50 points)**

Read the text below and imagine you met a ‘punk’ on a train journey. Write a **narrative-descriptive essay** of about 250 words.

### **PUNK**

Punk was the radical style in dress and appearance of the mid to late 1970s, which was designed to shock. It came from London and New York, expressing the feelings of the cities’angry, rebellious audiences of music concerts where a new type of music called ‘punk’ was developing.

There had always been a punk element in rock’n’roll. The Beatles famously wore black leather jackets and played a loud, fast, aggressive brand of rock music before softening their look and sound. The spiked haircut became symbolic of the punk movement. Applying large amounts of gel or Vaseline to one’s hair and then rubbing talcum powder into it created spikes that stuck out away from the head. This hairstyle became the icon of the punk look.

## **Subiectul III (25p)**

**An English-speaking friend wants to get a job and has written asking for advice. Write your letter answering your friend. (150-180 words)**

*I'm so tired of studying. All my parents talk about is my future after university (which I don't want to go to). Someone has offered me a job as a DJ in a local night club and it's well-paid, and I'll meet some fantastic people. What do you think? Is this a good opportunity for me? I could earn my own money. What will happen if I don't go to university?*

*Write soon, Marie*

**Nota: Timp de lucru – 3 ore.**

**Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acorda 10 puncte din oficiu.**