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ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ

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CLASA A IX-a - SECȚIUNEA A

I. USE OF ENGLISH – 25 points

1. For questions 1-10, fill in the right form of the verbs in brackets.(10x1p=10 p)

All my life I had watched him _____ 1. (cheat) and _____ 2. (scheme) his way towards the things he wanted, never realizing that if he _____ 3.(go) about his business in a straightforward way it _____ 4. (be) more efficient. He had a first-class brain, but he was lazy and always looking for short-cuts; but you _____ 5. (not find) many short-cuts in science and thus he _____ 6. (tend) to lag behind in his work. I think he was envious of me for some odd reason of his own. I was two years older than him and when we were children he nearly beat himself to death _____ 7. (try) to keep up, physically and mentally. He _____ 8. (seem) to see his life in terms of competition with me, even inventing apparent parental favoritism towards me, when I could see none. The only reason that I _____ 9. (know) for his electing to study oceanography was because I _____ 10. (do) so.

2. Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each blank space. The words in capitals are given in the order you need to use them. (5x1p=5 p)

<p>In 1998, a Valencian professor made an amazing claim. Professor Antonio Cervilla discovered how to use water as a substitute for petrol. The -----1) said that you could drive from Bilbao to Valencia on just half a litre of water. His invention uses a molybdenum compound to break down water into hydrogen and oxygen. -----2) other methods, no electricity is required and the reaction happens at atmospheric temperature.</p> <p>Since the claims were made, nothing more has been heard about this fabulous technology. There is no explanation for the -----3) anywhere on the internet, apart from a list of similar inventions which have also vanished. An inventor from the Philipins called Daniel Dingel developed a water-fuelled car, which-----4) caused controversy and he was arrested at the age of 82 and sentenced to 20 years in prison.</p>	<p>SCIENCE</p> <p>LIKE</p> <p>APPEAR</p> <p>FORTUNE</p>
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<p>If this technology were to become widely available, it would be a really-----5) friendly one, but it would also prove disastrous for petrol station owners and would also save the planet from the impending environmental catastrophes being by pollution.</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT</p>
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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=10 points)

1. You should have finished that report, not John! **WERE**
Youthat report, not John!
2. Marcus started learning French two years ago. **LEARNING**
Marcus has two years.
3. This is the first time I have ever drunk rum. **NEVER**
Irum before.
4. I didn't like a single song from their new CD. **NONE**
Ifrom their new CD.
5. There aren't a lot of things to remember from that awful trip. **LITTLE**
There from that awful trip.

II. NARRATIVE ESSAY- 50 points

Write a narrative essay with the title 'A Memorable Journey'. Write your essay in **250 words**.

III. FUNCTIONAL TEXT- INFORMAL LETTER- 25 points

You visited your friend Jane in London in July for a week.

Write a letter to her thanking her for looking after you. Tell her what you have been doing recently and arrange to meet her in your country in a few months.

Write your letter in **120-150** words in an appropriate style. Sign your letter as *John Doe*.

Do not write any postal addresses.

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