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SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense (10 x1p = 10p)

When I started school , the other children were always laughing at me because I was shorter than they were and I wasn't very pretty. By the time I left school, however, I **(1)**…….. (GROW) a lot and was the second tallest girl in my whole class.
Some years later, I**(2)**…… (STUDY) law at the university when a friend suggested that I should take up modelling. I was surprised, because, before then, I **(3)** ……. (NEVER/THINK) of myself as being attractive, but she disagreed. Like many of my university companions , she got a part-time job and was working in the evenings as a part-time model for one of the big agencies. When I left university, I **(4)** …… (DECIDE) to join her.
Since then, I **(5)** …… (WORK) as a fashion model and I love it a lot. I **(6)** …… (TRAVEL) all over the world for the big fashion magazines and I **(7)** …… (ALREADY/HAVE) many great experiences.
Recently, though, I **(8)** ……. (READ) the autobiography of a famous model. She writes about the difficulties that older models are facing and now I am getting more worried about my future. Should I change my career ? I have always liked the idea of acting and for the time being I **(9)** …… (THINK) of having lessons. Sometimes I regret that I **(10)** …….. (NEVER/TAKE) the time to practice law !

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence (10 x 1p = 10 p)

In today’s hectic world people are always searching for more ways of keeping fit and healthy. Running is an excellent exercise for achieving this goal. Before you start, however, you should warm up and concentrate on slow 1……. (MOVE) that make all your muscles work. But be careful! If you stretch when your muscles are cold, you might actually risk an 2. …….. (INJURE). Always wear comfortable clothing and make sure your trainers are in good shape. Wear good shoes that will put less 3. …… (PRESS) on your knees. Staying healthy also requires enough sleep. It’s 4……(OCCASION) OK to go to bed late, but if you cut down on your sleep 5. ……. (REGULAR) it will have a bad effect on your overall health. It will also affect your 6…….. (APPEAR). Lack of sleep can cause acne or dry skin. Stay active during the day. If you don’t get enough exercise during the day, you may end up 7……. (SLEEP) all night. Standing, sitting and walking badly can make you look heavier than you really are. Stand in front of the mirror with your feet apart. 8…… (STRAIGHT) out your legs and pull in your stomach. Check that your ears, shoulders, hips and knees are in line with each other. You should be feeling and looking better already!

Many young people feel guilty about eating too much chocolates and sweets, and some even admit an 9……. (ADDICT) to it. However, there is no 10…….. (PROVE) to support this. But chocolate does contain a lot of fat, and addicts would do better to eat less. If your diet is balanced you need not feel guilty: eating chocolate moderately is fine but don't eat it instead of a proper meal.

III. Read the following text and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits in each gap (10 x 1p = 10p)

Greenland is the largest island in the world, measuring 2,670 km from north to south, but with a 1. ……. of only about 56,000, one quarter of which lives in the capital. It 2. ……. just south of the Arctic Circle, so its summer temperatures 3. …… from 0° C to 15°C. 85% of its 2,175,000 square kilometers is covered with a massive ice cap, which holds 9% if the world's 4. ……. water. If all this ice were to melt, the world's oceans would 5…….. by six to seven meters.

6…….its name, Greenland is anything but green. Its bare haunting landscape is made up of grey granite rock and massive icebergs, with only tiny pockets of greenery. The Inuit people, 7. …… known as Eskimos, were the first people of this island. Then, around 980 A.D., Eric the Red, a bloodthirsty Norwegian Viking, fled to the island and founded a colony. He named it Greenland, in order to attract settlers. His trick worked and the colony grew but then died out 8. ……..and mysteriously in the 1400s. In 1721, the Danish established a settlement there, and 9. …… for over 200 years, until 1979, when Greenland was 10. …….. an autonomous nation within the kingdom of Denmark.

1.	A. residents	B. inhabitants	C. population	D. people
2.	A. remains	B. sits	C. stays	D. lies
3.	A. go	B. span	C. range	D. choose
4.	A. fresh	B. salt	C. pure	D. clean
5.	A. expand	B. rise	C. raise	D. grow
6.	A. although	B. however	C. despite	D. in spite
7.	A. subsequently	B. firstly	C. earlier	D. previously
8.	A. unpredictedly	B. suddenly	C. shockingly	D. recklessly
9.	A. ruled	B. led	C. controlled	D. managed
10.	A. stated	B. declared	C. exclaimed	D. announced

IV. Translate the following text into Romanian (10p)

The owner of the property, Roderick Usher, had been the closest of my childhood friends, but some years had passed since our last meeting. He had recently sent me a very urgent invitation to visit him – had begged me, in fact, to stay with him for several weeks. He wrote that he was suffering from a severe illness, a disease of the mind. My companionship, he thought, would cheer him and bring calm to his troubled thoughts. He sounded so sincere that I did not hesitate in the matter; and here I was, at the house of Usher.
Usher greeted me warmly. He spoke of his earnest desire to see me, and of the comfort he expected me to bring him. He began a long description of his disease. It was, he said, a family evil, for which there seemed to be no remedy – a simple illness, he immediately added, which would doubtless soon pass. He could eat only tasteless food and wear only a certain kind of clothing. He could not bear the smell of flowers. The faintest light brought a pain to his eyes; and he had forbidden all sounds in the house, except those from certain musical instruments.

SUBIECTUL B– INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)

I. Read the text below and choose the right answer for each question. (5 x 2p = 10p)

Fourteen-year-old Miguel Diaz talks about an exciting science project
Last month I got the chance to take part in an underwater research project in an area of the Gulf of Mexico called the Flower Gardens. A team of professional researchers, led by the scientist Dr. Matt Phillips, was trying to learn more about the fish and various creatures that live in this part of the sea. The Flower Gardens are a long way from the shore and we spent three days on a boat.
The team used a piece of underwater equipment called a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to collect information. The ROV could measure water depth and temperature and it also had a camera that sent live film back to the boat. The ROV was great fun. It was controlled by a computer on the boat, and I was allowed to operate it a few times.
However, the thing I enjoyed most was diving into the water. At first, I was quite frightened ñ mainly because I couldn't see land in any direction. But as soon as I jumped into the water, I wasn't afraid anymore. It was amazing to see the colourful fish swimming around and I could see all the way to the Flower Gardens, which are almost 30 metres down.
I will never forget the Flower Gardens. The trip was like a holiday but I also learnt new things about science and research projects. The team was very friendly and everyone was happy to explain what they knew about the sea. It was a great opportunity and it has made me think about my goals in life. The experience will definitely help me work harder to become a scientist.

1. What is Miguel Diaz doing in the text?
   A. describing the part he played in a science project
   B. explaining how to apply for a place on a science trip
   C. giving advice on understanding difficult areas of science
   D. persuading others to organise their own science projects

2. What does Miguel say about the ROV?
   A. It was difficult to operate.
   B. It could only go so far under water.
   C. It was an expensive piece of equipment.
   D. It recorded what was happening under water.

3. What was Miguel's attitude towards diving?

A. His main worry was losing sight of the boat.
B. He enjoyed it less than other parts of the trip.
C. His feelings changed once he was in the water.
D. He was quite disappointed by the variety of fish.

4. What effect has the trip had on Miguel?

A. It has changed his opinion of science.
B. It has improved the way he works in a team.
C. It has made him a lot more interested in the sea.
D. It has encouraged him to work towards his goals.

5. What might Miguel write in his diary about the trip?

A. It was very interesting working with Dr. Phillips and his team but I wish someone else my age had been on the trip.

B. Going to the Flower Gardens was great fun. I now know much more about science but I realise there's still a lot more to learn.

C. The trip was like a holiday and I saw some amazing fish. The only thing I disliked was collecting information about the sea.

D. The Flower Gardens is a beautiful place but scientists are worried that pollution levels there will increase.

II. Write a narrative-descriptive essay ending with the following sentence: 'It was a great opportunity and it has made me think about my goals in life.' (200-220 words) (50p)

BAREM:
SUBIECTUL A

I. 1. had grown; 2. was studying; 3. had never thought; 4.decided; 5. have been working; 6. travel; 7. have already had; 8. have been reading; 9. am thinking; 10. have never taken

II. 1. movements; 2. injury; 3. pressure; 4. occasionally; 5. regularly; 6. appearance; 7. sleepless; 8. Straighten; 9. addiction; 10. Proof

III. 1. C; 2. D; 3. C; 4. A; 5. B; 6. C; 7. D; 8. B; 9. A; 10. B

IV.

SUBIECTUL B
Reading : 1. A; 2. D; 3. C; 4. D; 5. B