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**ETAPA LOCALĂ**

**Clasa a IX-a**

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

What's your pet sneaking on? About 90 \_\_1\_\_ of pet poisonings occur \_\_2\_\_. There are obvious culprits: rat poison, weed killer and antifreeze. But chocolate, raisins, onions, crayons and markers can also be \_\_3\_\_. Breathing trouble, diarrhea, vomiting, seizures, coughing and unresponsiveness are signs a pet may have downed something dangerous (or rolled in it - cats absorb poisons through their \_\_4\_\_). If you suspect poisoning, find what made Fluffy sick and call your vet \_\_5\_\_.

1. A. hundreds B. grams C. percent D. days
2. A. accidentally B. occasionally C. rarely D. intentionally
3. A. tasty B. poisonous C. sweet D. toxic
4. A. tongue B. skin C. nose D. fingers
5. A. later B. tonight C. immediately D. soon
6. **Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.**

**(10 points)**

When I (1) ……….. met Ruby at school, I couldn’t imagine what good friends we (2)……… become. I believe that we (3)………….developed this special friendship because we are very much alike.

Ruby is a tall, thin, young woman in (4)………..early 20’s. She is the (5)…………..image of her mother with almond shaped eyes and long, fair hair. She is fond (6)……….wearing trendy clothes and following the fashion, just as I am.

I admit she (7) ……….all the qualities of a good friend. She’s (8)……….sociable and helpful, willing to offer her advice. What’s more, no one (9) ……… deny her excellent sense of humour and her loyalty. I can always remember her standing (10) ………me and boosting my confidence whenever I felt peer pressured.

1. **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word given in capitals: (10 points)**

1. You are 25 years old and you are acting like a spoilt schoolboy.Stop being so ….. . CHILD

2. I’m afraid I’m not very good at taking…. …… DECIDE

3. He looked terrible. Too much work and too many ………nights. SLEEP

4. Thank you for the flowers. That was very ……….of you. THOUGHT

5. They obviously…….…. when the teacher set the homework, that’s why nobody has written it.

UNDERSTAND

6. You need to have a great deal of …….. to do this job. PATIENT

7. I admit, there was some………. about who should enherit the fortune. AGREE

8. The beautiful painting was purchaised by a wealthy private …….…… COLLECT

9. The Mayas developed an intricate astronomy to chart the ……….of the heavens. MOVE

10. She now lives in a nice new …..…. on the outskirts of the town. NEIGHBOUR

1. **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. (10 points)**

1. Mary hasn’t seen her mother for years. SAW

It’s ……………………….her mother.

2. Mike, I’d like to know the name of the hotel you stayed at. WHICH

Mike, ………………………….at?

3. “Do you know him or not?” Tom asked Diana. WHETHER

Tom asked …………………………... him or not.

4. You can borrow my car, but you must be careful with it. LONG

You can borrow my car ……… ……… ……… careful with it.

5. The house will need painting before we move in. HAVE

We'll need ………………………. before we move in.

1. **Fill in with the appropriate tense of the verbs given in brackets: (10 points)**

Right now it (1. be)………..3:00 A.M., and I (2. sit) ……..at my desk. I (3. sit)……….here for five hours doing my studying. My friend’s plane (4. leave) ……….in a few hours, so I ( 5. decide)…..not to go to bed. That’s why I (6. write) ……….to you at such an early hour in the day. I am a little sleepy, but I would rather stay up. I (7. take) ………….a nap after I (8. get) ………back from taking her to the airport.

How (9. your classes, go)…….? O, by the way, I (10. Receive) your invitation to the conference, two weeks ago, thank you very much!

**VI. Letter writing (50 points)**

You have recently moved to another city and begun studies at a school there. Your friend from your last school has asked you the following questions in the last letter:

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| *I really miss having you around at school. Tell me about your new school. What was your first day like? Is your new school different from this one? And how are the teachers and the other students?* |

Write a letter to your friend, in about 180-220 words, answering the questions in the letter. Do not include any postal addresses.

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