



**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ - ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ**  
**22 FEBRUARIE 2015, Clasa a X-a, Secțiunea A**

**SUBIECTUL I (50 points)**

Last week you attended a performance at the National Circus. Now your teacher has asked you to write a 300-word description of your experience, outlining the atmosphere and people's reactions.

**SUBIECTUL II (25 points)**

You see this advertisement in an English language newspaper.

*INTERNATIONAL BOOKSHOP REQUIRES SUMMER STAFF*

- *Do you like books and reading?*
- *Do you speak English?*
- *Do you have any useful experience?*

*Apply to the manager, Mrs Benson, saying why you think you are suitable for a job in our international bookshop.*

Write your letter of application (150-180 words). Sign your letter as John/Jane Smith. Do not write any postal addresses.

**SUBIECTUL III (25 points)**

A. Fill in the blanks of the following text with one word only: (10 points)

A portrait taken ..... (1) the photographer Steve McCurry, captivated the world when it appeared in a magazine in 1985. McCurry was at a refugee camp in Pakistan ..... (2) he was documenting the ordeal of Afghanistan's refugees. He approached a shy girl to ask ..... (3) he could take her picture. The girl replied that he could. The portrait turned out to be one of those images that tug at the heartstrings. In the photo the girl has a red scarf ..... (4) around her head. Her haunting wide eyes are a vivid green and her suffering can ..... (5) read in those eyes. The girl's name was unknown, so the photo was called the Afghan Girl. The picture became ..... (6) influential in the art world that it has ..... (7) been referred to as the "Afghan Mona Lisa". Paintings and murals inspired by the Afghan Girl can be found all over the world to ..... (8) day. Seventeen years later, ..... (9) a long search, the photographer found the subject of his celebrated photograph. Her name is Sharbat Gula. The portrait McCurry had taken of her was the first time she had ever been photographed. The next time she had her picture ..... (10) was after McCurry had found her again.



B. Read the text below and use the word given in capital on the right to form words that fit in the gaps (10 points)

The history of the Olympic Games

According to Greek legend, the Olympic Games were started by Hercules, son of Zeus, in honour of his father. The first Olympic Games about which we have (1) \_\_\_\_\_, were held in 776 BC, on the plain of Olympia. Games had taken place before this date but had consisted (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of chariot races. The ancient Greeks thought that the Games were so (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that they measured time by the interval between them. A period of four years was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to as an Olympiad. The Games also represented the Greek ideal of physical (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and beauty, which were considered as important as the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the mind. Nothing, not even war, was allowed to interfere with the Games. They were held (7) \_\_\_\_\_ every four years for more than 1000 years until their (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by the Romans in AD 394.

INFORM

MAIN  
IMPORTANCE

REFER

FIT

DEVELOP

CONTINUE

ABOLISH

At the end of the nineteenth century, a Frenchman called Baron de Coubertin decided to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the tradition. Following his suggestion, fifteen nations met at an (10) \_\_\_\_\_ congress in 1894. Two years later, the first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens.

ESTABLISH

NATION

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. Do not change the word given: (5 points)

1. He couldn't wait to start his new job.

FORWARD

He was ..... his new job.

2. It's certain that Eve was lying about where she was.

BEEN

Eve ..... about where she was.

3. Thieves stole the composer's new piano.

HAD

The composer ..... by thieves.

4. All the other exhibits at the museum are more interesting.

LEAST

This ..... exhibit in the museum.

5. It was an incredible surprise to find him there.

ABACK

I ..... him there.

**TOTAL 100 PUNCTE**

**TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU 3 ORE. NU SE ACORDĂ PUNCTE DIN OFICIU**



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**BAREM**

SUBIECTUL III (25 points)

A

1. BY
2. WHERE
3. WHETHER/ IF
4. WRAPPED/ FOLDED/ HANGING
5. BE
6. SO
7. OFTEN
8. THIS
9. AFTER/ FOLLOWING
10. TAKEN

B

1. information
2. mainly
3. important
4. referred
5. fitness
6. development
7. continuously
8. abolition
9. re-establish
10. international

C

1. looking forward to starting
2. must have been lying
3. had his new piano stolen
4. is the least interesting
5. was taken aback to find/ when I found/ finding

**Notă: Se va accepta orice alt răspuns corect.**