

**EVALUARE ÎN EDUCAȚIE**  
**Limba Engleză**  
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**Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 180 de minute.**

**Punctaj total: 100 de puncte. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**

**15p I. Read and answer each question based on the information in the following passage:**

Have you ever heard someone use the phrase “once in a blue moon?” People use this expression to describe something that they do not do very often. For example, someone might say that he tries to avoid eating sweets because they are unhealthy, but will eat chocolate “once in a blue moon.” Or someone who does not usually like to go to the beach might say “I visit the shore once in a blue moon.”

While many people use this phrase, not everyone knows the meaning behind it. The first thing to know is that the moon itself is never actually blue. The phrase “blue moon” actually has to do with the shape of the moon, not the colour. As the moon travels around the earth, it appears to change shape. We associate certain names with certain shapes of the moon. For example, when we can see a small part of the moon, it is called a crescent moon, which is a shape that looks like the tip of a fingernail. When we cannot see the moon at all, it is called a new moon. When we can see the entire moon, it is called a full moon. Usually, there is only one full moon every month. Sometimes, however, there will be two full moons in one month. When this happens, the second full moon is called a “blue moon”.

Over the next 20 years, there will only be 15 blue moons. As you can see, a blue moon is a very rare event. This fact has led people to use the expression “once in a blue moon” to describe other very rare events in their lives.

**1. Which of the following would be a good example of someone doing something “once in a blue moon”?**

- A.** Mary likes to go to the mountains every weekend. Mary goes to the mountains once in a blue moon.
- B.** Tom rarely remembers to take out the trash. Tom takes out the trash once in a blue moon.
- C.** Cindy hates to wash the dishes. Nevertheless, she does it every day. Cindy washes the dishes once in a blue moon.
- D.** Ming sometimes forgets to do his homework. Ming does his homework once in a blue moon.

**2. When does a blue moon happen in nature?**

- A.** When the moon has a blue color.
- B.** When there are two full moons in one month.
- C.** When we cannot see the moon at all.
- D.** When we can only see a small part of the moon.

**3. In the final paragraph, the author states: “Over the next 20 years, there will only be 15 blue moons.” This means that over the next 20 years, a blue moon will happen:**

- A.** once a year.
- B.** not enough information is provided.
- C.** more than once a year.
- D.** less than once a year.

**4. As used in the final paragraph, which is the correct opposite of *rare*?**

- A.** common
- B.** strange
- C.** colourful
- D.** infrequent

**5. In the final paragraph the author writes, "As you can see, a blue moon is a very rare event." The purpose of this statement is to:**

- A.** answer an earlier question.
- B.** provide an example.
- C.** support an upcoming conclusion.
- D.** challenge a previous statement.

**10p II. Read the statements and circle the correct synonym for each word in bold type:**

1. Jim was **irate** when he discovered that someone had stolen his car.
 

A. furious                      B. innate                      C. uncomfortable                      D. tranquil
2. I would like to **examine** the apartment before I buy it.
 

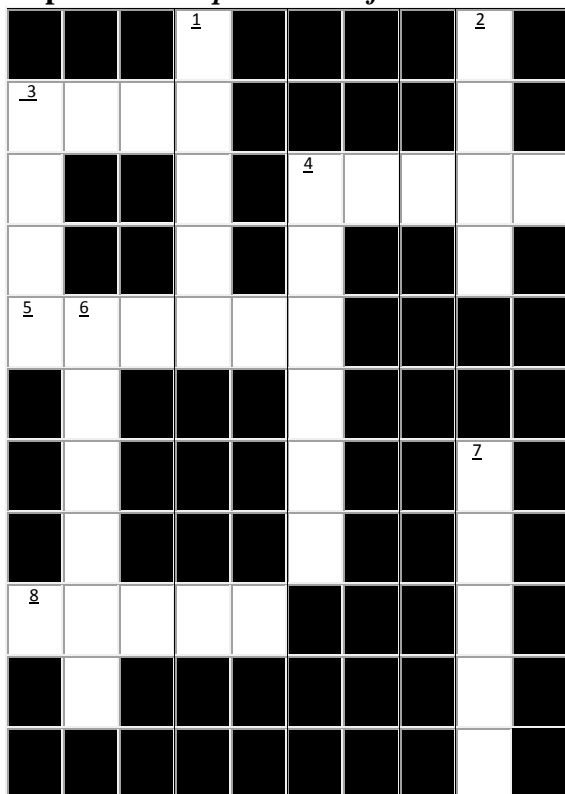
A. test                      B. inspect                      C. grade                      D. survey
3. You should **praise** him for the hard work that he's done.
 

A. tribute                      B. bless                      C. commend                      D. glorify
4. It was **odd** that he left without taking his jacket or shoes.
 

A. peculiar                      B. anomalous                      C. ordinary                      D. idiosyncratic
5. He didn't **halt** his bad behaviour so he got kicked out of school.
 

A. freeze                      B. stop                      C. finish                      D. mobilize

**10p III. Complete each of the sentences so as to solve the crossword puzzle below:**



**Down:**

1. \_\_\_ do you live? I live in New York.
2. Please leave the flowers in the garden. Don't \_\_\_ them.
3. The opposite of *cool* is \_\_\_.
4. The opposite of *after* is \_\_\_.
6. Traffic lights are usually green, \_\_\_ and red.
7. Here, \_\_\_ and everywhere.

**Across:**

3. I \_\_\_ I could do that myself, but I am away for the time being.
4. That is an old \_\_\_ and white TV.
5. I wanted to go with him, but I had to go by \_\_\_.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ all the money I had lost.

**10p IV. Read the lyrics of the song below and circle the correct choice for each pair:**

*Lean on me*  
**Bill Withers**

Sometimes in our lives  
We all have pain, we all have sorrow  
But if we are wise  
We know that **1. there's/ it's** always tomorrow

Please, **4. swallow/ smother** your pride  
If I have things you **5. need/ must** to borrow  
For **6. no/ any** one can fill those of your needs  
**7. That/ Who** you won't let show.

Lean on me when you're not **2. strong/ weak**  
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry **3. away/ on**  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

If there is a load  
You have to **8. bear/ bare** that you **9. can't/ shouldn't** carry  
I'm right up the road, I'll **10. share/ abandon** your load  
If you just call me.

**10p V. Fill in the blanks with the correct derived form of the word given in capitals:**

1. The stain on her dress was barely.....
2. Nobody wanted to live in the.....part of the city.
3. The police asked him to give a.....of the suitcase he had lost.
4. He had no.....that he was being watched.
5. Although a few of my former workmates found work after the factory closed down, my brother and I were.....for several months.
6. Our next door neighbors are so.....that we have stopped talking to them.
7. Yes, I can speak a bit of Spanish, as I spent part of my..... in Spain.
8. We have been invited to a fancy..... at the British Embassy tonight.
9. You must accept whatever .....the committee makes.
10. With the world's population increasing at this speed, there will be a ..... of food soon.

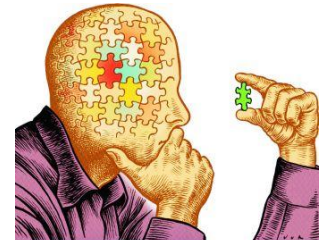
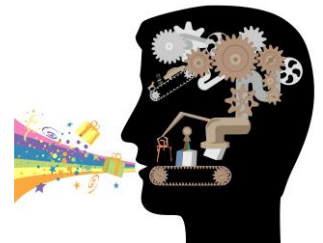
- NOTICE**  
**INDUSTRY**  
**DESCRIBE**  
**SUSPECT**  
  
**EMPLOY**  
  
**FRIEND**  
**CHILD**  
**RECEIVE**  
**DECIDE**  
**SHORT**

**10p VI. Fill in each of the blanks with one suitable word.**

In April 1896, an Irishman **1**.....the name of John Pius Boland was in Athens visiting the famous German archaeologist, Schliemann, **2**. ..... it came to his ears that a sporting event was **3**. ..... place in the city. Being a keen tennis player, he decided to investigate further and discovered **4**. ..... his surprise that the event in question was none other **5**. ..... the first ever Modern Olympic Games and that among **6**. ..... variety of events it included a tennis tournament. Being only of modest standard, he borrowed a pair of white trousers and a racquet, entered and won the gold medal. Encouraged by his success, he teamed up in the men's doubles **7**. .....a German, Fritz Krauern, and won that too, entering the record books **8**. ..... the first man to share an Olympic gold medal with one of another nationality. "The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning **9**. ..... taking part," declared the founder of the Modern Olympics. Doubtless anyone who fought well and won in those first Games felt every bit **10**. .....satisfied with their achievements as any of today's competitors.

**10p VII. Read each of the famous quotes below and circle the option that correctly renders its meaning.**

- 1."A word to the wise is sufficient." Charles Dickens
  - A. A smart person learns the lesson without being told over and over.
  - B. There is no need to waste your words on people who are not clever.
- 2."I not only use all the brains I have, but all that I can borrow." Woodrow Wilson
  - A. Sometimes borrowing can prove detrimental to the one who lends.
  - B. It's smart to ask advice rather than depend on your brain alone.
- 3."I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Thomas Edison
  - A. Failure should be feared since it shows weakness.
  - B. Failure is an efficient learning tool.
- 4."Believe you are defeated, believe it long enough, and it is likely to become a fact." Norman Vincent Peale
  - A. You can sabotage your goals with a negative attitude.
  - B. Defeat is a reality nobody can ignore.
- 5."To know the road ahead, ask those who are coming back." Chinese proverb
  - A. Maps can be deceiving if there is nobody to explain them to you.
  - B. Learn from the mistakes and successes of others who have tried it.



**25p VIII. Which do you believe can bring you more success: experience or enthusiasm? Express your opinion in 150 words.**