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Clasa a XII-a, Secțiunea A**

**SUBIECTUL I**

**(50 points)**

Write a 450-word reflective essay considering the following quote:

“Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance.” G. B. Shaw

**SUBIECTUL II**

**(25 points)**

You are employed by a company specialised in luxury holidays. You have been asked by the manager to visit a hotel which has recently opened and write a report based on the visit. Depending on your findings, the company may or may not decide to include the new hotel in its luxury holiday brochure. Write your report in approximately 300 words.

**SUBIECTUL III**

**(25 points)**

**A. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.**

The advent of television could have meant the end of the line for radio broadcasting, but over half a century later it is still going **(1)**..... . Every morning, listeners across the country tune **(2)**.....to their favourite station as they wake up, drive to work or start going**(3)**..... their daily chores. As social beings, we naturally **(4)**.....out the company of others so, in situations where we are alone, the radio becomes the perfect surrogate companion. As a result, in **(5)** .....to watching television, **(6)** .....to the radio tends to be more of a solitary pastime. So, what kind of entertainment is on **(7)** .....? Well, there is **(8)** .....a wide range of broadcasts**(9)**..... that radio caters **(10)**.....almost all tastes: music of every era and style, talk shows, documentaries, political comment, sport, comedy – you name it, radio’s got it.

**B. Find one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sentences**

1. Francesca and Kate both ..... a strong resemblance to their brother.

Life is too short to ..... a grudge against your critics.

Once you reach the crossroads, ..... left, and after that it's the second turning on the right.

2. The murderer's sudden ..... of guilt surprised the police.

It is expected that the museum will make a financial loss this year unless prices for ..... are increased.

The government's reluctant ..... that the unemployment had risen was a shock to everyone.

3. The writing is so ..... that I can hardly read it.

I'd been standing in the queue for over half an hour when I suddenly began to feel .....

There's still a ..... chance that she'll get here on time if the traffic isn't too heavy.

4. Polly has ..... an enormous amount in travelling expenses following her trip to the USA.  
My boss has ..... to be a direct descendant of the famous explorer.  
The bank's collapse ..... many victims in the city's financial institutions.

5. To call for assistance, ..... the bell at the reception desk.  
The reporters began to ..... the politician for more information about the reason for his resignation.  
The police finally confirmed that they intended to ..... charges against both women.

**C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.  
Use the word given without changing it. (10 points)**

Miranda is rumoured to be about to sign a new contract with the film studio. (VERGE)  
Rumour has.....signing a new contract with the film studio.

One seldom has the opportunity to meet a famous celebrity. (GET)  
Rarely..... meeting a famous celebrity.

The suggestion to increase the entrance fee at the disco came from Tony. (SHOULD)  
It was Tony..... increased at the disco.

It is as yet unclear whether a new sports centre is being planned or not. (SEEN)  
It.....are any plans for a new sports centre or not.

Immediately after winning the race, Sandy began training for the next race. (HAD)  
No.....she began training for the next race.

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BAREM**

**Subiectul III**

**A.**

1. strong 2. in 3. about 4. seek 5. contrast / comparison 6. listening  
7. offer 8. such 9. available 10. for/to .

**B.**

1. bear; 2. admission; 3. faint; 4. claimed; 5. press.

**C.**

1. it that Miranda is on the verge of
2. does one get the chance of
3. who suggested that the entrance fee should be
4. remains to be seen whether there
5. sooner had Sandy won the race than