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**Question I (50 points)**

Write a 450-word reflective essay on "DREAMS". Consider the topic from at least three perspectives.

**Question II (25 points)**

You have been asked to write a report for an international research company about the nature and quality of advertising in your country. You should:

- Describe some of the positive and negative aspects of two different forms of advertising in your country.
- Say how effective these advertising methods are.
- Suggest one or two changes which could be introduced to counter the negative aspects.

Write between 280-300 words.

**Question III (25 points)**

1. For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space (10 points):

Immigrants are typically people who, (1)... whatever reason, believe that, through effort and the endurance of suffering, life can be (2) ... better. Life in a new country with a new language is not easy. Yet immigrants are constantly uprooting their lives, leaving (3) ... of their friends and family behind, and going to the US. So it is (4) ... mystery that Americans have a drive to work harder and become more successful. Children learn from (5) ... parents, and the parents of Americans were not a random sample of the Europeans (and other groups) from which they came, (6) ... a self-selected group of people with particular energy and drive. There has been a fair amount of comment recently (7) ... America is very independent and not very minded to pay (8) ... to international opinion. Given their cultural heritage, this (9) ... unsurprising. Their ancestors cared little (10)... the opinions of the countries that they left. What would make their descendants think differently?

**2.Fill in with one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. (5points)**

**1.**

1. Simon gently raised the dog's wounded paw and noticed that one..... was badly cut.
2. The space shuttle was standing erect on the launch..... ready for blast-off.
3. Could you pass me the writing..... ? It's on the table. I need to jot down a few notes.

**2**

1. The Palestinian authorities quickly .....the attack as barbaric and totally unacceptable.
2. Though it's expected that the edifice will be pulled down next week, the squatters still refuse to abandon the..... building.
3. Most people in the shantytown felt..... to a life of misery and suffering, devoid of any hope whatsoever.

**3**

1. Jane's smooth legs in..... nylon tights invariably turn men's heads each time she shows up in the pub.
2. It was by..... luck that he passed the exam. The questions he had to answer were the only ones he'd prepared for the previous day.
3. The..... size of the project was enough to put him off. It meant he would work non-stop for 2 years.

**4**

1. If your parents find out you are going out with this good-for-nothing boy, they are going to..... you for at least a week.
2. In an act of retaliation the guerrillas razed the village to the ..... because of its cooperation with the forces loyal to the government.
3. The air traffic control was forced to .....the plane after a technical problem was reported by the cabin crew.

**5**

1. Brian felt instantly..... and blushed when hearing the truth.
2. The guest on the show certainly .....the interest of the host by giving some snippets of her latest love affair with the footballer.
3. Surprisingly, one day John..... from his deep sleep in a hospital ward. He saw his wife holding his hand.

**2. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between 3 and 8 words including the word given. (10 points)**

1. The car was difficult to steer but Andrew managed to complete the race. **difficulty**  
Despite....., Andrew managed to complete the race.
2. The boxer failed to win any match last season. **single**  
Not .....last season.
3. The organiser's action almost amounted to negligence. **short**  
The organiser's action.....negligence.
4. All she was concerned about was how to make money. **only**  
Making money .....in.
5. Most teenagers think twice about a career on the stage, even if it appeals to them. **may**  
However....., most teenagers think twice about it.

**NOTĂ! Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru: 3 ore.  
Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**



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**1. Essay writing (50 points)**

Marking scheme for reflective essay

**2. Report writing (25 points)**

Marking scheme for report

**3. English in Use (25 points)**

**Question III (25 points)**

**1. (10 points)**

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. for         | 6. but             |
| 2. made / much | 7. that            |
| 3. most        | 8. attention/ heed |
| 4. no          | 9. is              |
| 5. their       | 10. about          |

**2. 5 x 1 point - 5 points**

1. pad; 2. condemned; 3. sheer; 4. ground 5. aroused

**3. 10 x 1 point - 10 points**

1. having difficulty in steering the car
2. a single match did the boxer win
3. fell short of
4. was the only thing she was interested
5. appealing a career on the stage may seem(appear) / much an acting career may (might) appeal to them

**N.B. Any other correct variant will be accepted !**