



Varianta 1

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ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ
C clasele a XI-a - a XII-a
SECTIUNEA B
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QUESTION I : (50 points)

You have recently visited England and had the chance to see some of its most impressive cathedrals. Write an **article** for the Arts Magazine illustrating the importance of cathedrals throughout time. In your article you should refer to the aspects mentioned in the following text (220-250 words):

The Church cathedrals in England make an immense contribution to the country's historic environment. They are physical and social landmarks. They are often the largest and most architecturally complex buildings in their area, and they may also be the oldest.

Most importantly, cathedrals remain in use for their original purpose. Through their presence, worship and varied work, they reach out to their local and wider communities in many ways.

(www.churchofengland.org)

QUESTION II (50 points)

You have read on the internet a book review. Here are some excerpts:

The Fault in Our Stars is the sixth novel by the author John Green, published in January 2012. The story is narrated by a sixteen-year-old cancer patient named Hazel Grace Lancaster, who is forced by her parents to attend a support group where she subsequently meets and falls in love with the seventeen-year-old Augustus Waters, an ex-basketball player and amputee. The title is inspired from Act 1, Scene 2 of Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*, in which the nobleman Cassius says to Brutus: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, / But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

Entertainment Weekly wrote, "[Augustus and Hazel's] love story is as real as it is doomed, and the gut-busting laughs that come early in the novel make the luminous final pages all the more heartbreaking", and gave the novel an overall A- grade.¹

Using the information appropriately, **write an argumentative essay** suggesting that teenagers' issues are of utmost importance. Before writing your essay take into consideration John Green's words: *I'm tired of adults telling teenagers that they aren't smart, that they can't read critically, that they aren't thoughtful.*

Write between 350 and 400 words.

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



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TASK SPECIFIC MARKING SCHEME

Question I (50 points):

The points to be considered in the content of the article are:

- cathedrals as landmarks with their esthaetic and social role
- the purpose of cathedrals

For a complete list of descriptors, please refer to the general making scheme for **article writing**.

Question II (50 points):

The essay should include lexis related to the topic and vocabulary to express the required functions, approach the topic and provide solutions to problems. It must identify specific problems mentioned in the text, offer solutions to prevent young people from having to face them and make use of the ideas presented in the text by rephrasing, if any idea is used. It may make use of the quotation given, but this is not compulsory; the candidates may choose to incorporate the quotation as such or not refer to it at all; it may only serve as a starting point for the essay.

For a complete list of descriptors, please refer to the general making scheme for **argumentative essay**