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Clasa a IX a, Secțiunea A**

SUBIECTUL I

Write a 250-word narrative essay ending with the following words: *Steven knew one thing for sure: his 15th birthday had definitely been more than anyone would have expected.* **(50 points)**

SUBIECTUL II

A friend has just won an important prize in a difficult competition. Write a letter congratulating him/her on his/her achievement and asking for more details about the contest and the opponents. (about 150 words) **(25 points)**

SUBIECTUL III

A. Fill in with correct form of the verbs in brackets: (10 points)

In 1900, we ... (1) (know) our place. Since then, ordinary people ... (2) (learn) to unite in common cause, and parliaments and palaces no longer (3) (monopolise) politics.

By the 1980s, activism directed towards wider political change (4) (begin) to decline, as market ideology (5) (seek) to convince people they were consumers first, citizens second. During the 90s, political activism (6) (grow) even weaker and more fragmented. Nowadays the word activist (7) (become) a term of abuse in many cases. It (8) (remain) to be seen if once again as so often before, politics (9) (become) a specialized function reserved for elites, or whether forcing the genie of political participation back into the bottle (10) (prove) to be an impossible task.

B. Use the words in capitals to form another word that fits in each blank space (5 points)

When I was young, I always dreamed of becoming a famous(1) SCIENCE. When I was at school I decided to study(2) ENGINE, and then become a millionaire by inventing a wonderful new(3) PRODUCE which would make the world a better place. Unfortunately, I wasn't very good at technical subjects. Any time I operate any kind of(4) EQUIP, something terrible happens. Machines which use(5) ELECTRIC, such as computers or television, always seem to give me a powerful shock.

C. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word given in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same. The word can't be changed in any way (10 points)

1. I advised Sue to enrol at a gym, which she did. **ADVICE**
Sue and enrolled at a gym.
2. I had no idea that a famous film star was born in this town. **UNAWARE**
I fact that a famous film star was born in this town.
3. Learning to sew seemed a waste of time to Lisa. **POINT**
Lisa couldn't learning to sew.
4. It has rained all day every day this week. **STOPPED**
It at all this week.
5. Pamela said that she regretted sending that angry text message to Harry. **ONLY**
'If that angry text message to Harry', said Pamela.

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BAREM

**A. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense (1 point x 10 verbs = 10 points)
Any correct answer will be accepted.**

- 1.knew
2. have learned/learnt
- 3.monopolise
- 4.had begun
- 5.was seeking
- 6.grew
- 7.has become
- 8.remains
- 9.has become
- 10.proves

**B. Use the words in brackets to form another word (1 point x 5 words = 5 points)
Any correct answer will be accepted.**

- 1-scientist
- 2-engineering
- 3-product
- 4-equipment
- 5-electricity

**C. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word given in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same. (2 points x 5 sentences = 10 points)
Any correct answer will be accepted.**

1. Sue took/ followed my advice and enrolled at a gym.
2. I was unaware of the fact that a famous film star was born in this town.
3. Lisa couldn't see any/ much/ the point in learning to sew.
4. It has not stopped raining at all this week.
5. 'If only I had not sent that angry text message to Harry', said Pamela.