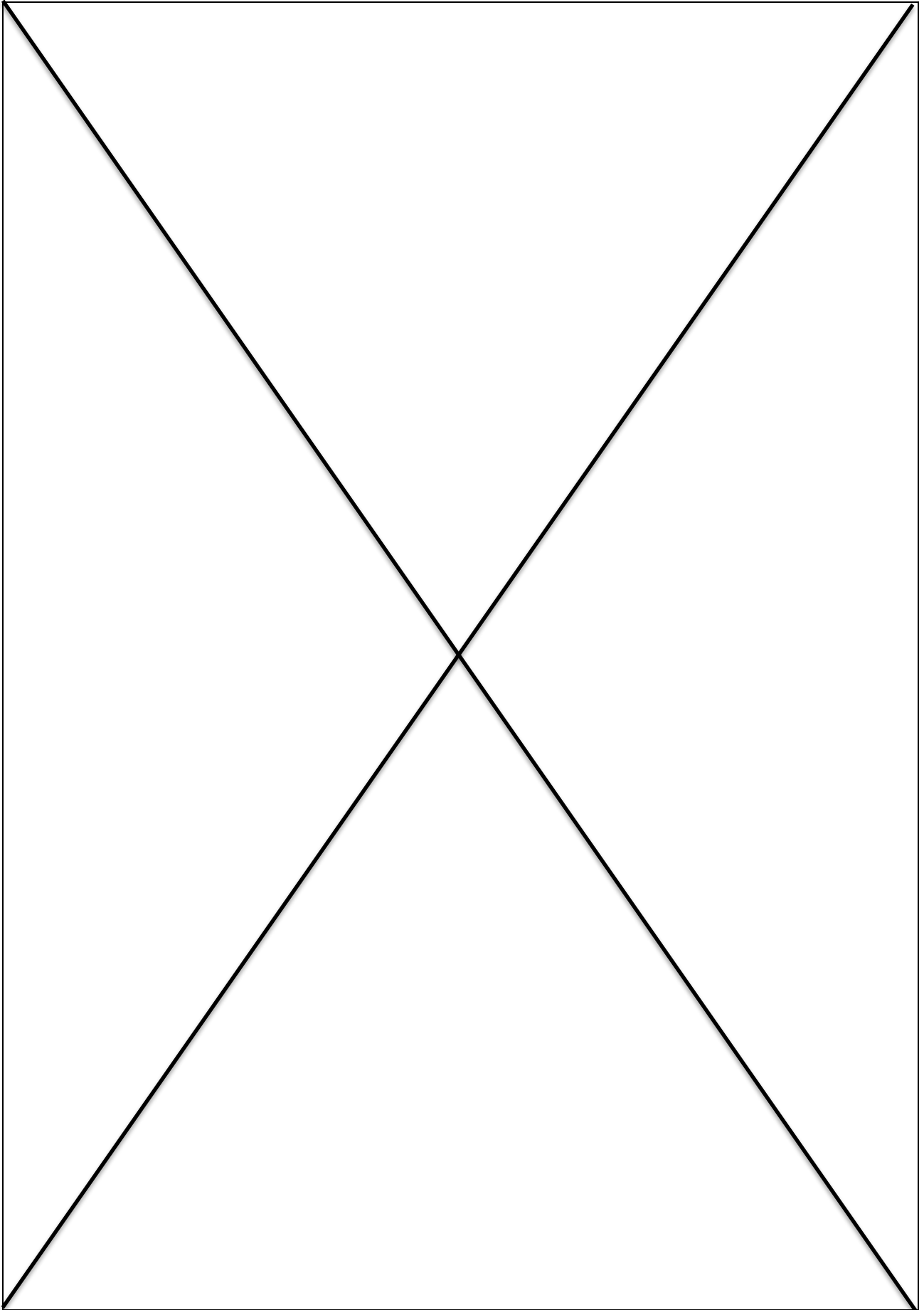


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**VĂ RUGĂM SĂ NOTAȚI CODUL DUMNEAVOASTRĂ ÎN CASETA DE MAI JOS:**

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- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul de lucru efectiv este de 3 ore.

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**(40 de puncte)**

**I. Read the text and fill in with one word which best fits each space. (10x1p=10p)**

Watching an (1) ..... volcano is an exciting experience. There are those who are so fascinated by volcanoes that they have decided to (2) ..... a career in the field called volcanology.

Volcanologists study (3) ....., dormant and extinct volcanoes in a scientific manner in order to find out how, why, and when volcanoes erupt. They also study the (4) ..... of eruptions on the population and environment.

Volcanology is like detective work where (5) ..... is gathered together and the facts worked out. (6) ..... is a field which overlaps many areas of science, (7) ..... earth sciences, chemistry and geography.

The eruption of Krakatoa in Indonesia in 1883 (8) ..... one of the most significant in the history of volcanology as it was the first to be studied in the modern era. The eruption created the largest (9) ..... ever heard and produced tsunamis, or (10) ..... waves which killed more than 30,000 people. Krakatoa continues to be active to this day, and Indonesia has the most active volcanoes in the world.

**II. Use the words given to form a word that fits in each sentence. (10x1p=10p)**

1. There is no ..... to bring food and drink with you but you will save us some money if you do. **REQUIRE**
2. The ..... of the dodo from the island of Madagascar is one of the tragedies of the natural world. **APPEAR**
3. Native American Indians made numerous ..... from the bison they killed when hunting. **PRODUCE**
4. Let's buy two of those ..... vases and the carpet you wanted. **COLOUR**
5. Look at the pointed ears the dog has when it hears a noise. That is a ..... of that species. **CHARACTER**
6. The old riverboat museum is the most interesting ..... for tourists in our town. **ATTRACT**
7. The height of Mt. Everest is increasing by a few centimeters a year due to ..... changes. **GEOLOGY**
8. "Where do you think Susan got to?" "Well, in all ....., she is with her friends at the pool." **PROBABLE**

9. The best thing about the apartment is its ..... location, very close to all the stores and amenities.

**CENTRE**

10. That's the last time I'm going to wait for a bus. The service is so ..... It's better to walk!

**RELY**

**III. Rephrase the following sentences using the words in bold. Use between 2 and 5 words, including the word given. (5x2p=10p)**

1. Please don't smoke in this room.

**RATHER** I'd .....in this room.

2. Everyone thinks that someone murdered Harry.

**WAS** It ..... murdered.

3. I visited Paris with the idea of improving my French.

**TO** I visited Paris .....

4. This is the most boring film I have ever seen!

**MORE** I have ..... film!

5. The robbers escaped with a thousand dollars without being caught.

**GOT** The robbers ..... dollars.

**IV. Read the following text and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. (10x1p=10p)**

You know exams are around the corner and you can't stop checking your Facebook? If that is (1)....., you are likely to get bad results because of your more than apparent internet addiction. (2) ..... can be considered an internet addict when the internet becomes a priority in life, above other priorities, such as exams. Social media is known (3) ..... a rush of happiness and contentment (4) ..... the release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter which plays a key role in addictions. The more people use social media, (5) ..... stimulation they receive, which makes them more vulnerable to addiction.

Teens get more easily addicted to social media because their brains are still developing and they still have to set their priorities, which makes it more difficult (6) .... control their use of social media. Social media is a constant source of texts, photographs, videos – all of (7) ..... provide stimulus to the brain making the activity addictive. Peer pressure also adds to it, because teenagers feel that they would miss out on what's going on among their friends if they (8) .... constantly check their Instagram, WhatsApp or Facebook. (9) ..... seems that addiction to social media is more common in teens with lower self-esteem, since their online interactions make them (10) .... they are part of a group.

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|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| (1) A. It          | B. Like              | C. So               | D. which      |
| (2) A. People      | B. One               | C. They             | D. He         |
| (3) A. to trigger  | B. to have triggered | C. that it triggers | D. trigger    |
| (4) A. Because     | B. owing to          | C. To               | D. since      |
| (5) A. More        | B. Increasingly      | C. the most         | D. the more   |
| (6) A. for them to | B. Them              | C. They             | D. that they  |
| (7) A. that        | B. What              | C. which            | D. it         |
| (8) A. won't       | B. wouldn't          | C. didn't           | D. don't      |
| (9) A. There       | B. which             | C. It               | D. That       |
| (10) A. feel       | B. to feel           | C. feeling          | D. To feeling |

**INTEGRATED SKILLS**

**(60 de puncte)**

- I. You are going to read an article about student accommodation in which four college students talk about the place they live. For questions 1-10, choose from the people A-D. The people may be chosen more than once. There is an example at the beginning (0). (10x1p=10p)**

**Which student says?**

*My accommodation seems quite expensive.*

I have plenty of storage space.

My college doesn't provide accommodation.

My room is maintained to a high standard.

I have washing facilities in my room.

I would like to have more independence.

I had to buy some extra electrical equipment.

I would like to have more private space.

It's easy to keep in touch with people here.

My room is not very well-furnished.

There are good recreational facilities nearby.

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<b>1</b>	
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**A Matthew Wren**

I live in what's called a hall of residence where I get full board as well as a room. It's not exactly what you call cheap, though, I pay £87 per week for my single room and three meals a day. This also includes the use of a washing machine and ironing board. But I can't complain because my room has just been re-carpeted, the furniture's new and the cleaner comes in daily. The main drawback is sharing the bathroom with nine other students and we don't have any kitchen facilities. The first thing I did when I arrived was buy myself a mini-fridge, so I could have cool drinks whenever I wanted. But, we're on the university network, so I have access to the Internet and free e-mail from my room, and we get room phones so I can ring friends around the campus for nothing.

**B Kerry Dunnock**

The city where I study is appalling for cheap accommodation, and the college has nothing of its own to offer you, but I was lucky, I found a room in a nice little terraced house with central heating which I share with three other girls. I have a yearly contract with a private landlady and I pay £220 a month for my study bedroom. This is not bad as it also has a large walk-in wardrobe where I put all my stuff. I share the bathroom, kitchen and a small living room with the other girls, and we split all the bills between us. We tried to make a rota for the washing up, cleaning and putting out the rubbish, but it's not always strictly followed. Cooking your own food is much cheaper than eating at college, and I like it because I have what I want when I want it.

**C Becky Martin**

I live in a college-owned self-catering block. There's not much luxury, but I get value for money. For my £38 per week rent, I get a reasonably-sized room with an old wardrobe, a tiny desk, one shelf, a rather stained carpet and a sink. When I first moved in, I probably spent more on decoration than I did on food. My only real complaint, though, was that I had to buy a new pillow because the one I was provided with felt like a plastic bag full of old towels. I share the kitchen and bathroom with six other girls. One of them has a TV in her room, but she is a bit possessive about it. The fridge is not huge, so you're always trying to squeeze your food into the last remaining inch of space. I twice set off the fire alarm by burning my dinner, so tended to give up on cooking after that. We eat a lot of take-aways. In the next block there's a games room where we hang out which has things like table football and satellite TV if you need a break from studying.

**D Karl Yorat**

I made the big mistake of going to a college fairly near my home. It isn't so much the course that I don't like, but the fact that I'm stuck at my parents' house so I don't feel in touch with what's going on at campus. In some ways I'm lucky because I'm not paying out all the money for food and rent that other people have to find, and I have someone to do my washing, but I don't have the same amount of freedom or privacy as the people who're living away from home. I even have to share a room with my younger brother. When I told my parents I wanted to move out and go into college accommodation, they said they'd stop supporting me financially. So, in the end, I had to give up the idea, that hasn't made any of us very happy.

- II. You and a friend have recently spent time in a resort, in an expensive hotel. On returning home, you have decided to post a review of the hotel on a travel website. You enjoyed much of your stay at the hotel but found significant problems with the staff and the variety of the food on offer. Mention these in your review while also praising the aspects of the visit that you enjoyed. Write your review in 200-220 words. (50p)**

