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CLASA a XI-a

Varianta 3

**Question I (50 points)**

“Relationships are harder now because conversations become texting, arguments become calls, and feelings become status updates.” Express your opinion on this quote in **350 words**.

**Question II (25 points)**

You have seen the announcement below in your local newspaper:

Our town has been trying to convince people that recycling is important. Still, some people are reluctant when it comes to disposing of their waste separately. Help us demonstrate that it is important to recycle if we want to live in a better world. The best article will be published in our next week's issue.

Use between **200 – 220 words**.

**Question III (25 points)**

**A. Fill in the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word: (10 points)**

Bathed in the light of Africa, Athens is a crossroads: a place where mountain meets the sea, East meets West, a turbulent history meets the contemporary business world. 1..... this background, it is not surprising that the city 2 ..... have its own vital rhythms, which never 3 ..... to astonish them. Athenians pour the same intense energy into their entertainment 4..... into their work, and they have developed the temperament characteristic to the citizens of any modern Mediterranean metropolis. A city like Athens – chaotic, non-conformist, free – is not an easy place to 5..... to grips with. A city where an ancient 6..... of measure co-exists with the chaos of the modern world, and the relaxed Mediterranean temperament with the 7..... inhuman rhythms of international business. 8..... this should be so, of course, it is obvious: Athens is and has always been a busy crossroads. Since its first settlement it has never, 9..... a myriad historical adventures and tremendous population fluctuations 10..... a span of more than 5,000 years, ceased to be a city.

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**B. Use the word in capitals at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each blank space. 10 points**

REBUILDING COVENTRY

In the late 30s, (1)...knew that the centre of the historic town of Coventry ANALYSE  
in the West Midlands needed to be redeveloped. Plans had to be (2)... when SHELF  
the Second World War started in 1939. However, the architects' opportunity (3)... MATERIAL  
when the city centre was practically destroyed during the war. Many buildings were (4)...REPAIR  
damaged and demolition work began. Aiming to create a much more 5)... area SPACE  
for (6)... to work and shop in town planners came up with a radical idea. RESIDE  
They would make the city more (7)... by pedestrianizing the centre, preventing cars INHABIT  
entering. There were (8)... from local shopkeepers, who thought that it would OBJECT  
have an impact on trade, but the planners went ahead. What was once a (9)... DENSE  
populated area became a pleasant, attractive place to visit. It was a real (10)... ARCHITECT  
achievement, one that many British towns have emulated since.

**C. 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 three and six words, including the word given. (5 points)**

1. You could've got mugged in that neighbourhood. **think**  
You should \_\_\_\_\_ get mugged in that neighbourhood.

2. Even if it's very expensive, she wants to buy that dress. **may**  
Expensive \_\_\_\_\_, she wants to buy that dress.

3. The other girls started to gossip as soon as she left. **than**  
No \_\_\_\_\_ the other girls started to gossip.

4. He climbed to the top of the tree despite being afraid of heights. **head**  
Although \_\_\_\_\_, he climbed to the top of the tree.

5. It seems that the thieves escaped in a stolen car. **appear**  
It \_\_\_\_\_ away in a stolen car.

**Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru 3 ore.**

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**BAREM DE CORECTARE ȘI DE NOTARE**

**Question III**

**A. (10 x 1 p = 10 points)**

**Suggested answers:**

1. against
2. should
3. fail / cease
4. as
5. come
6. sense
7. more
8. why
9. despite
10. over

**B. (10 x 1 p = 10 points)**

1. analysts; 2. shelved; 3. materialised; 4. irreparably; 5. spacious; 6. residents;  
7. habitable/inhabitable; 8. objections; 9. densely; 10. architectural

**C. (5 x 1 p = 5 points)**

**Suggested answers:**

1. think yourself lucky you didn't
2. though it may be
3. sooner had she left than
4. he has no head for heights

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**5.** would appear that the thieves got