

Question 1

(50 points)

Write a 250-word narrative essay beginning as shown:

”As I sat down at my desk and stared at the file of revision notes all I could think of was ’Why me?’”

Question 2

(25 points)

Write an informal letter of 120-150 words.

An English-speaking friend is coming to study in your town next year and has written asking for information and advice. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter:

- Offer to find a place for him / her to live
- Give advice about how to find a part-time job
- Give information on where he / she can learn your language

Question 3

A. Put the verbs in the brackets in the correct tense:

(10 points)

Dear Mrs Patel,

We are delighted to inform you that you (1).....(select) for a free holiday. According to our information, you.....(2) (answer) a telephone survey last month, as a result of which your name (3)..... (enter) in the holiday draw. Now our computer (4)..... (choose) your name, so you and your family (5)..... (invite) to spend a week in a European destination of your choice. This offer (6)..... (make) on the condition that you attend a special promotions day with other lucky families in your region who (7)..... (offer) a similar deal. You (8)..... (ask) to attend on any Saturday next month at the Royal Hotel, Manchester. If you (9)..... (interest) in attending and taking up this offer, please (10).....(detach) the slip below and return it to us as soon as possible.

B. Use the words in the brackets to form another word that fits in each blank space:

(5 points)

One of the major 1.....(**environment**) concerns in today's world is the growing list of 2.....(**danger**)plants, birds and animals. The 3.....(**big**) threat of wildlife is , of course, man, who must take action now to prevent the 4.....(**appear**)of these species. Stricter government controls will help in the fight to save our wildlife, but so too will a greater public 5.....(**aware**) of the issues involved.

C. **Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word in capital, without changing its meaning. You must use between 2 and 5 words, including the word given. (10 points)**

1. I don't mind cooking food but eating it is much better. PREFER
I.....it.

2. They do not think his condition is serious. THOUGHT
His condition.....serious.

3. I'm certain he didn't use the car because his sister had the keys. USED
He..... the car because his sister had the keys.

4. Could you connect me to the police department please? THROUGH
Could you..... to the police department please?

5. Do you agree with national service? FAVOUR
Are..... national service?

Notă: timp de lucru 3 ore. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.

Clasa a IX-a Varianta A- Key and Marking scheme

Question 1. Narrative essay - 50 points

Task achievement 25 p

- Correct format
- relevance of ideas to task
- Length constraint

Accuracy

10 p

- Correct use of grammar structures
- Wide range of grammar structures
- Correct spelling and punctuation

Register and vocabulary

5 p

- Appropriate register
- Varied vocabulary

Organization, cohesion, layout 5 p

- Correct layout, paragraphing
- Clear organization of ideas

Overall effect 5 p

- reader will be interested

Question 2. Formal letter - 25 points

Task achievement 10 p

- Correct format
- coverage of all points mentioned
- Length constraint

Accuracy

6 p

- Correct use of grammar structures
- Wide range of grammar structures
- Correct spelling and punctuation

Register and vocabulary**3 p**

- Appropriate register
- Varied vocabulary

Organization, cohesion, layout 3 p

Correct layout, paragraphing
Clear organization of ideas; linking words

Overall effect 3 p

- reader will be informed and persuaded

Question 3 Use of English 25 points

A. 10 items x 1 p = 10 p

B. 5 items x 1 p = 5 p

C. 5 items x 2 p = 10 p

1. have been selected

1. environmental

1. prefer eating food to cooking it

2. answered

2. endangered

2. is not thought to be

3. was entered

3. biggest

3. couldn't have used

4. has chosen

4. disappearance

4. put me through

5. are invited

5. awareness

5. in favour of

6. is made

7. have been offered

8. are asked

9. are interested

10. detach