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SUBIECTUL I

(50 points)

Imagine you are an MP of the British Government during the 40's. You attend an important meeting within the House of Commons, where Winston Churchill is delivering the following speech. Express your agreement/disagreement in an essay of opinion. (350 words)

Sir, to form an Administration of this scale and complexity is a serious undertaking in itself, but it must be remembered that we are in the preliminary stage of one of the greatest battles in history, that we are in action at many points in Norway and in Holland, that we have to be prepared in the Mediterranean, that the air battle is continuous and that many preparations have to be made here at home. I would say to the House, as I said to those who have joined the government: "*I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.*"

We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering. You ask, what is our policy? I will say: *It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark and lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: victory; victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory, however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival. Let that be realized; no survival for the British Empire, no survival for all that the British Empire has stood for, no survival for the urge and impulse of the ages, that mankind will move forward towards its goal. But I take up my task with buoyancy and hope. I feel sure that our cause will not be suffered to fail among men. At this time I feel entitled to claim the aid of all, and I say, "Come then, let us go forward together with our united strength."*

Winston Churchill - May 13, 1940

<http://www.historyplace.com/speeches/churchill.htm>

SUBIECTUL II

(50 points)

Write **an article for a newspaper** addressing the issue of arts in education starting from the views presented in the text below. **(250 words)**

10 SALIENT STUDIES ON THE ARTS IN EDUCATION

A fine arts education — including music, theater, drawing, painting, or sculpture — whether in practice or theory, has been a part of any well-rounded curriculum for decades — but that may be changing. Many schools today are cutting back or eliminating their art programs due to budget constraints. It is estimated that by the end of this year, more than 25% of public high schools will have



completely dismantled them. These stats aren't just bad news for teachers working in the arts, such as those at traditional schools for dance or online colleges for photography. Numerous studies done over the past decade have demonstrated the amazing benefits of such an integral education facet. Students who don't have access to art classes may not only miss out on a key creative outlet, but might also face greater difficulty mastering core subjects, higher dropout rates and more disciplinary problems.

You don't have to take our word for it — you can read the studies yourself. [...] Taken on by research organizations, college professors and school districts themselves, the studies reveal the power of art to inspire, motivate and educate today's students. And, of course, demonstrate what a disservice many schools are doing by undervaluing such an integral part of their education and development.

(<http://www.onlinecolleges.net/10-salient-studies-on-the-arts-in-education/>)

NOTA: Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.

Timp de lucru: 3 ore.