

I. Circle the option, A, B, C or D that best fits each gap: (10 p)

If an alien were to land on our planet and (1) ... a stroll among a crowd of earthlings, it would hear a lot of 'ha-ha' noises. It might wonder what (2) ... this strange habit served. If we ask ourselves what (3) ... a good laugh, the obvious answer is that it is a response to something funny. But one scientist, Robert Provine, says humour has surprisingly little to (4) ... with that. Instead, it lies at the (5) ... of such issues as the perception of self and the evolution of language. Provine realized that you cannot capture (6) ... laughter in the lab because as soon as you (7)... it under scrutiny, it vanishes. He collected 1,200 laugh episodes – an episode being (8) ... as the comment immediately preceding the laughter and the laughter itself. His analysis of this data (9) ... some important facts about laughter. 'It's a message we send to other people - it (10) ... disappears when we're by ourselves,' he says.

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| 1. A. make | B. get | C. walk | D. take |
| 2. A. reason | B. purpose | C. idea | D. meaning |
| 3. A. results | B. leads | C. prompts | D. concludes |
| 4. A. go | B. bring | C. do | D. set |
| 5. A. root | B. stem | C. head | D. back |
| 6. A. complete | B. authentic | C. contemporary | D. current |
| 7. A. place | B. lay | C. stand | D. keep |
| 8. A. defended | B. decided | C. defined | D. depicted |
| 9. A. revealed | B. investigated | C. displayed | D. declared |
| 10. A. absolutely | B. constantly | C. undoubtedly | D. virtually |

II. Read the text below and use ONE WORD only in each gap: (10 p)

(1)_____ would I spend the perfect weekend? Well, on Sundays I like (2)_____ better than to hang out in Shoreditch. When I was younger, I'd go there more or (3)_____ every weekend with my parents; we'd go to the market and have lunch from a food stall and it's still as crazy and quirky as it (4)_____ to be when I was a kid. I always have 5) _____ good look around the bric-a-brac shops. I love the second-hand furniture they sell though I (6)_____ ever actually buy anything. I'm not (7)_____ of those people who escape to the countryside at weekends. If we went anywhere, it would (8)_____ to Morocco, where I spent a large part of my childhood. I love it: it's so quick and easy (9) _____ get to but as (10)_____ as you step off the plane, you're in a different world.

III. Use the words in capitals at the end of the lines below to form words that fit the gap in the same line: (10 p)

Riding in a hot air balloon is quite (1) _____ any other form of flying. **LIKE**

Without engines, a balloon depends (2) _____ on the winds around it to move.

ENTIRE

(3) _____, the maximum speed is normally around 15 mph.

CONSEQUENCE

The balloon is based on the simple (4) _____ principle that the

SCIENCE

(5) _____ of hot air is less than that of the cold air. It is not, however,

WEIGH

a large (6) _____, as a cubic metre of hot air is only about 250 metres lighter.

DIFFERENT

This means it takes (7) _____ four cubic metres of hot air just to lift one kilo.

ROUGH

A gas burner is used to (8) _____ the air inside the balloon, causing it to rise. **HOT**

To go up more slowly or to make a (9) _____, hot air is released from the top.

DESCEND

Wind blowing at different heights (10) _____ the pilot to steer the balloon. **ABLE**

IV. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given in bold.

You must use between three and six words, including the word given: (20 p)

1. Emily's hair badly needs cutting.

TIME

It's

high _____

_____ cut.

2. There must be a simple way to explain what happened.

BOUND

There's _____ for what

happened.

3. I'll support you whatever you decide to do .

MATTER

I'll support

you _____ you take.

4. For me this is the best place to live.

RATHER

There _____

_____ live.

5. I wish I hadn't said that to her.

TAKE

If only _____ I

said to her.

6. My brother and I are alike in many ways.

LOT

My brother and I _____

common.

7. People say that, if you run, you burn calories efficiently.

SUPPOSED

Running _____ way of
burning calories.

8. I don't usually make such foolish mistakes.

HABIT

I'm _____ such
foolish mistakes.

9. The way he behaves is intolerable.

PUT

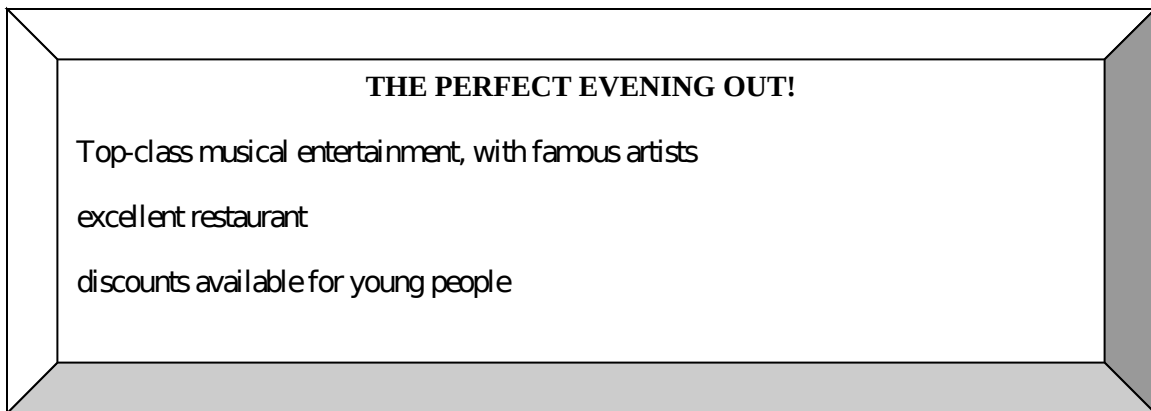
I can't _____
_____ any longer.

10. When writing for the student magazine you should remember that teachers will read it too.

WORTH

When you write for the student magazine _____ mind that teachers will
read it too.

V. You have recently attended this event, but you did not enjoy it.



Write your **letter of complaint** to the manager, saying what went wrong. (50 p) (200 words)

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

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

I. – III. 10 items x 1 point = 10 points

I. 1. D take;	II. 1. how;	III. 1 unlike
2. B purpose;	2. nothing	2. entirely
3. C prompts;	3. less	3. consequently
4. C do;	4. used	4. scientific
5. A root;	5. a	5. weight
6. B authentic;	6. hardly	6. difference
7. A place;	7. one	7. roughly

8. **C** defined;

8. be

8. heat

9. **A** revealed;

9. to

9. descent

10. **D** virtually;

10. soon

10. enables

IV. 2 x 10 items = 20 p

1. time Emily had // her hair cut

2. bound to be // a simple explanation

3. no matter what // decision

4. is nowhere else // I would rather

5. I could take // back what

6. have a lot (of things) // in

7. is supposed to be // an effective

8. not in the habit // of making

9. put up with / his behaviour

10. it is worth keeping / bearing in

VI – letter writing - 50 points

Task achievement 15 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

10 p

- Appropriate register
- Varied vocabulary

Organization, cohesion, layout 10 p

- Correct layout, paragraphing
- Clear organization of ideas; linking words

Overall effect 5 p

- reader will be informed and persuaded