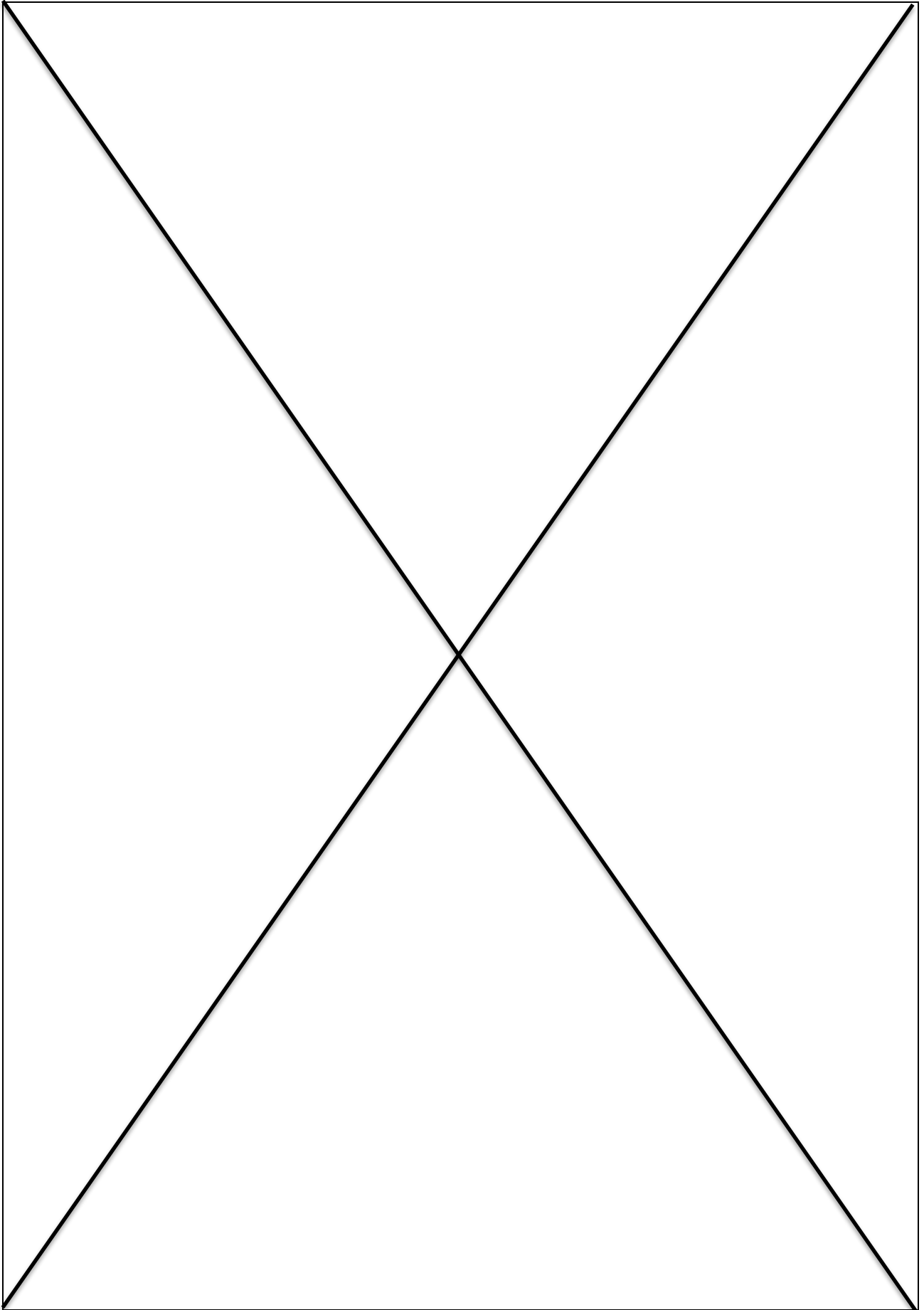


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VĂ RUGĂM SĂ NOTĂȚI CODUL DUMNEAVOASTRĂ ÎN CASETA DE MAI JOS:

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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. For questions 1- 10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. (10x1p=10p)

At school, the ... (1) majority of what we learn is factual. In history lessons we memorise names and dates; in science we have to cope ... (2) chemical formulas and complex equations; in maths it's all numbers and signs. It's only in language lessons where we may ... (3) fiction. Some people would argue that there's ... (4) point in reading something which is 'made up'. If this is the ... (5), why do language teachers encourage their students to look at anything ... (6) from dictionaries and reference materials?

It is because they are ... (7) of the benefits that reading brings. It isn't simply because reading fiction helps us ... (8) reality for a while and switch off from our everyday routines. Reading fiction also teaches us to see the world through other people's eyes. It ... (9) us to understand the feelings of others, making us more ... (10). Fiction, in other words, makes us be better friends.

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| 1. A vast | B wide | C far | D high |
| 2. A for | B on | C by | D with |
| 3. A come up | B come across | C come about | D come over |
| 4. A little | B slight | C minimal | D hardly |
| 5. A issue | B matter | C case | D point |
| 6. A except | B apart | C other | D beside |
| 7. A aware | B wise | C familiar | D sensitive |
| 8. A depart | B miss | C escape | D break |
| 9. A lets | B authorises | C makes | D enables |
| 10. A empathetic | B feeling | C unkind | D ruthless |

II. Read the short text below and think of the word which fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. (10x1p=10p)

Whatever you do in tourism, you are likely to have a (1) of contact (2) other people. This can be both enjoyable (3) difficult. You will soon find (4) how often people behave unlike their usual selves while on

holiday, or trying to arrange a holiday. (5) they stay in their own country or go abroad, they want to get away from it all, they (6) paying hard-earned money to relax from work, and they want value (7) money.

They will also be in unfamiliar surroundings and unsure of themselves. When things go well their happiness is infectious - it is very rewarding helping (8) and contributing to the enjoyment of their holiday. When things go badly, clients blame the hotel staff or tour operator's representative, even if it isn't their (9) You've just (10) to keep calm and keep smiling when people are shouting at you.

III. Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. (10x1p=10p)

The history of paper is also the history of human culture **CIVILISE**
and (1) The Egyptians, Greeks and Romans
wrote on "papyrus", a paper-like material.

Today's kind of paper was first developed and used in China. Paper was
the most important (2) of information in the **CARRY**
past. It was only with increasing paper production that the transfer
of (3), education and information to a larger **KNOW**
portion of (4) became possible. **SOCIAL**

With paper emperors were able to administrate large empires more easily. In
former times paper was a (5) product, and **VALUE**
paper making an art - an art that was often kept secret because of the
(6) advantages of the product. **STAND**

Today paper has changed from a rare artisan material to a commodity product,
with a high practical value in communication,
in (7), artistic, hygienic, sanitary, and technical **EDUCATE**
(8) Nobody can imagine a word without **APPLY**
paper. A large (9) of paper grades are produced **VARY**
to suit the special (10) of each application. **REQUIRE**

IV. 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. Use between 2 and 5 words, including the word given. (5x2p=10p)

1. It wasn't Mark that you met in the shop.

HAVE

It Mark that you met in the shop.

2. She was just going to have her breakfast when the phone rang.

ABOUT

She was just breakfast, when the phone rang.

3. Steve didn't manage to complete his work.

FAILED

Steve his work.

4. How long has she been studying English?

BEGIN

When studying English?

5. George wrote his last novel five years ago.

WAS

It George wrote his last novel.

INTEGRATED SKILLS

(60 de puncte)

- I. Read the magazine article below. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. (5x2p=10p)**

If you like music, you'll love the Glastonbury Music Festival. **1** It is mainly run by volunteers who donate any money they make to charity. Big bands and individuals who have achieved international fame bring in the crowds, but it also features excellent, lesser-known performers. Past bands and performers have included Arctic Monkeys, the Rolling Stones, Beyoncé and Metallica, to name but a few. The festival isn't held every year. It has a break every fifth year to protect the site. This is necessary because this is a place where people mainly camp out. Camper vans and caravans are not allowed on the main site.

2 And you certainly won't go hungry. There are over 400 food stalls serving visitors throughout the five days. If you're serious about going to the festival, however, you'll have to act quickly. It's so popular that tickets are usually sold out within hours of going on sale!

On the other side of the world, you might be surprised to know that the Fuji Festival, which is Japan's biggest music festival, only ever occurred on Mt Fuji once, and it was a complete disaster. **3** Organisers cancelled the event, even though the next day turned out to be a lovely sunny one! The festival now happens on the picturesque slopes of Mt Naeba, which is about 350 kilometres north of Mt Fuji. It's reputed to be the cleanest festival in the world because of its policy towards recycling rubbish. It's one of the loveliest festival settings you're likely to see. It's a treat for anyone who's interested in Japanese popular music, but there are many international bands and superstars too. As well as music, there's a lot of other entertainment.

4 There are also food stalls whose variety of cuisine will amaze you. You can eat noodles, curry, kebabs and rice dishes, and all at extremely reasonable prices. And, if you can afford it, you can take a helicopter ride over the site or a trip on the Dragondola cable car. This is a festival that's not to be missed! It's a real cultural experience.

If you have unusual taste in music and you're a fan of outdoor venues, the Norwegian Ice Music Festival might be for you. It's the only festival in the world where the instruments are made entirely from ice. Located in the idyllic mountain setting of Geilo in Norway, the festival takes place under the first full moon of the year. With an emphasis on the naturally formed ice and snow, the event is a tribute to art, the environment and, of course, ice. The festival began in 2006 and is now an annual celebration of music performed by specially invited artists. But you'll need to pack warm clothing and snow boots to enjoy the four fabulous days of music in amazing surroundings. The site is accessible by road and train, and accommodation is plentiful, and ranges from family-run hotels, spa resorts and private apartments to luxury wood cabins. The music features a mix of national and international performers from places like Iceland and as far away as Africa, as well as performers like Terje Isungset, famous for his Ice Music album. One attraction that is always popular is a magical midnight outdoor concert. **5** You may not find too many performers, but you will certainly experience the most atmospheric of music festivals.

- A. On its first day, a typhoon hit the festival, leading to many festival-goers being taken off the mountain with hypothermia.
- B. If you're the athletic type, you can rent skis to travel to the location.
- C. Added to this is the fact that the festival has a long history of severe floods and storms which often turn the place into a mud bath, but it's all part of the fun.
- D. Some festival-goers needed medical treatment.
- E. The five-day festival, which began in 1970, takes place in a farmer's field in England.
- F. There are comedians that do bizarre stand-up comedy, eating contests and even sumo wrestling.

II. Starting from the text above, write a review of a music festival. (140—190 words) (50 p)

