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SUBIECTUL I (50 points)

The following excerpt belongs to the play “The Melting Pot” by Israel Zangwill and is related to the opinion of a refugee from Czarist Russia to the United States. Read the text and write a 300-word description of a cosmopolitan city (a city inhabited by people belonging to different nations), highlighting the background and the atmosphere.

“America is God’s Crucible, the great Melting Pot where all the races of Europe are melting and reforming!Here you stand in your fifty groups with your fifty languages and histories, and your fifty blood hatreds and rivalries, but you won’t be like that for long, brothers, for these are the fires of God you’ve come to – these are the fires of God...German and Frenchman, Irishman and Englishman, Jews and Russians – into the Crucible with you all! God is making the American...He will be the fusion of all races, the coming superman”.

SUBIECTUL II (50 points)

Below is the text from J. F. Kennedy’s inaugural presidential address, in which he expresses the hope that the Cold War with the Soviet Union will be brought to an end. Imagine you are an US citizen and write a letter to the president complaining about the negative effects of wars and outlining the benefits of peace. Use 180-200 words.

“(...) So let us begin anew – remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject of proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate. Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us. Let both sides, for the first time, formulate serious and precise proposals for the inspection and control of arms – and bring the absolute power to destroy other nations under the absolute control of all nations.”

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