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**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ  
FAZA JUDEȚEANĂ  
CLASA a X-a  
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Varianta 2**

**Question I (50 points)**

Write a 300-word descriptive essay with the title *My Street in Winter*.

**Question II (25 points)**

You stayed at a holiday resort recommended by your travel agent. However, you did not enjoy your stay due to a number of difficulties. Write a **formal letter** of 150 - 180 words to the travel agency expressing your justified complaints, suggesting possible solutions to the problems you encountered, and asking for a compensation. Sign it as “*John/Jane Smith*”.

**Question III**

**A. Complete the text by putting one word in each numbered space. There is one example given at the beginning of the text, numbered (0).**

**An underwater torrent**

Researchers working in the Black Sea have found a vast, meandering river – complete with rapids and *even* (0) waterfalls – flowing along the seabed. The scientists, from Leeds University, estimate that ..... (1) the river were on land it would be the sixth ..... (2) in the world, ..... (3) terms of the amount of water that flows through it. The existence of submarine channels has been suspected since the 1970, ..... (4) sonar technology first made ..... (5) possible to map the ocean floors in 3D – ..... (6) this is the first time such a channel has been properly investigated. .... (7) a bright yellow robot submarine, the researchers discovered that the 37-mile long river is filled ..... (8) fast moving salty water that has spilled from the Mediterranean into the less salty Black Sea at the point ..... (9) the two bodies meet: the Bosphorus Strait. “The water flows down the sea shelf and out into the abyssal plain much .....(10) a river on on land.

**B. Read the text below and use the word given in capital on the right to form words that fit in the gaps (10p).**

Even if you're a fairly disciplined eater, there are sure to be foods you'll have no (1) ... to. For some it's a bar of chocolate, for others a burger. You probably think there's no one to blame but your weak-willed self. But the reassuring truth is that when it comes to controlling your junk food (2) ... the odds are heavily stacked against you. High-fat, high-sugar foods can act like an (3) ... drug, making us crave even more of the same. In the States, where (4) ... rates are reaching epidemic proportions, there's even a group called Junk Food Anonymous, which aims to help people recover from their (5) ... on synthetic or refined food. Fat is often added to food to make it more palatable so it's a good way of making (6) ..., bland food seem tastier. Another reason certain foods are so (7) ... is that they have a very real effect on our mood, making us feel more relaxed. Our eating habits develop when we are young and as we move into (8) ... the chocolate that we were rewarded with as a young child becomes a guilty (9) ... . We might feel we've earned the right to treat ourselves after a hard day at work, for example. Past (10) ... can reinforce bad eating habits that are difficult to break free from.

- RESIST
- TAKE
- ADDICT
- OBESE
- DEPEND
- EXPENSE
- RESIST
- ADULT
- INDULGE
- ASSOCIATE

**C. 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:(5 points)**

1. He will probably get the promotion. **LIKELY**  
He ... .. the promotion.
2. It's possible that I picked up your pen by mistake. **MIGHT**  
I ..... your pen by mistake.
3. It's a great film, even though the plot is a bit complicated. **DESPITE**  
It's a great film .....a bit complicated.
4. She can never understand airport announcements. **OUT**  
She ... ..airport announcements.
5. I can't lift this table on my own. **WON'T**  
Unless I get ..... to lift this table

**TOTAL: 100 PUNCTE**  
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**Question I – Marking scheme for descriptive essay**

**Question II – Marking scheme for formal letter**

**Question III**

**A. 10 points**

1. if
2. largest
3. in
4. when
5. it
6. but
7. using
8. with
9. where
10. like

**B. 10p: 1p/ each correct answer**

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. resistance | 6. inexpensive   |
| 2. intake     | 7. irresistible  |
| 3. addictive  | 8. adulthood     |
| 4. obesity    | 9. indulgence    |
| 5. dependence | 10. Associations |

**C. 5 points**

1. is likely to get
2. might have picked up
3. despite the plot being
4. can never make out
5. help I won't be able