

Question 1

(50 points)

“Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.”

Express your opinion on this quote in 350 words. Make sure you support it with arguments and examples.

Question 2

(25 points)

Write an article for a youth magazine in English about *Body language*. Use between 200-220 words.

Question 3

A. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.

(10 points)

Krakatoa

Volcanic eruption has been a constant threat to our natural environment for millions of years, but seldom in recent times (1)..... a volcano erupted with the ferocity of Krakatoa.

Krakatoa, (2)..... is a volcanic island group in Indonesia, erupted on 27th August 1883.

(3)..... only was the explosion(4).....loud that it was heard as far away(more than 3,000 km) as Perth in Australia, but is also recognised as (5).....tha loudest sound (6)..... recorded.

Tens of thousands of people in the region were killed, many (7)..... in the enormous tsunamis which the eruption produced-tsunamis which eventually reached South Africa and the English Channel.

The explosion also had a major effect on (8)..... world`s weather system. The volcanic dust in the atmosphere reduced the (9)..... of sunlight reaching the earth`s surface, reducing global temperatures by more than one degree centigrade. Only after five years had passed (10)..... global temperatures begin to return to normal.

**B. Use the words in the brackets to form another word that fits in each blank space:
(10 points)**

The RNLI

The RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) is an organisation (1).....
(DEPEND) of
Government control, dedicated to saving lives at sea. The RNLI has an active fleet of several hundred
lifeboats around the length and (2).....(BROAD) of Britain`s coastline.
Since it was founded in 1824, the RNLI has had an extremely (3).....(SIGNIFY)
impact on maritime safety, saving over 130,000 lives.
Because the RNLI is not funded by the government, it relies on the (4).....(GOOD) of
the public to cover its costs, its income coming from membership fees and (5).....
(CHARITY) donations. Some people have raised (6).....(OBJECT) to this,
saying that such an
(7).....(VALUE) service should be government-funded.
The lifeboat crews are almost all volunteers. They are generally (8).....
(KNOW) by the British people as being (9).....(EXAMPLE) in their
(10).....(SELF),
Frequently putting their lives at risk to save others.

**C. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word in capital, without changing its
meaning. You must use between 2 and 5 words, including the word given.
(5 points)**

1. It was only when I checked that I noticed the tyre was flat. **notice**
Only when I checkeda flat tyre.
2. My friends persuaded me to go to the party in fancy dress. **talked**
My friends..... to the party in fancy dress.
3. We received a warning to stay at home. **should**
We were..... stay at home.
4. The garden party won't take place if the weather stays bad. **picks**
Unless the garden party won't take place.
5. This problem cannot be solved instantly. **no**
Therethis problem.

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

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

Question 1. Opinion essay 50 points

Task achievement 25 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

5 p

- Appropriate register
- Varied vocabulary

Organization, cohesion, layout 5 p

- Correct layout, paragraphing
- Clear organization of ideas

Overall effect 5 p

- reader will be interested

Question 2. Formal letter - 25 points

Task achievement 10 p

- Correct format
- coverage of all points mentioned
- Length constraint

Accuracy

6 p

- Correct use of grammar structures
- Wide range of grammar structures
- Correct spelling and punctuation

Register and vocabulary**3 p**

- Appropriate register
- Varied vocabulary

Organization, cohesion, layout 3 p

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

Overall effect 3 p

- reader will be informed and persuaded

Question 3 Use of English 25 points

A. 10 items x 1 p = 10 p

B. 10 items x 1 p = 10 p

C. 5 items x 1 p = 5 p

1. has

1. independent

1. did I notice that I had

2. which

2. breadth

2. talked me into going

3. Not

3. significant

3. warned that we should

4. so

4. goodwill

4. the weather picks up

5. being

5. charitable

5. is no instant solution to

6. ever

6. objections

7. drowning / dying /perishing

7. invaluable

8. entire / whole

8. acknowledged / known

9. amount

9. exemplary

10. did

10. selflessness