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Varianta 2

**Question I (50 points)**

Write a 250-word narrative essay beginning with the following sentence: "He came upon a small opening in the floor which seemed to be a disused drainage pipe which was dry and dusty."

**Question II (25 points)**

Last month you organised a surprise birthday party for one of your best friends, Emma. The party turned out to be a huge success. Reading about the event, your English penfriend Jamal would like to know more about it. Write about:

- how you planned the party
- the party itself
- the reaction of the 'birthday-girl'
- the way you feel about your success.

Sign your letter as Sam. (120-150 words)

**Question III (25 points)**

**A. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.**

**(10 points)**

John (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (always/travel) a lot. In fact, he (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) only two years old when he first (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to the US. John (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) with his parents earlier that evening when his girlfriend from New York (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (telephone) to let him know that Jackson & Co. (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to merge with a company in Australia. The two companies (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (negotiate) for the past month, so it really (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (not be) much of a surprise. Of course, this (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (mean) that John (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (have to catch) the next plane back to New York.

**B. Use the word in capitals at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each blank space.**

**(5 points)**

Organizing a holiday can be a very (1)..... task. Some people find the experience as (2)..... as the daily demands of work and family (3).....

CHALLENGE  
STRESS  
COMMIT

If you are in this situation, you may find that taking an escorted holiday is the ideal (4).....

SOLVE

Escorted holidays offer a great balance between sightseeing entertainment and leisure time with the added advantage that you have the services of a professional tour manager, who (5)..... you throughout the trip.

COMPANY

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**C. For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. The word must not be altered in any way. (10 points)**

1. It wasn't a very good idea for you to sit in the sun for so long. **should**  
You .....in the sun for so long.
2. Mike stole the money and now he is in prison. **not**  
Mike .....if he hadn't stolen the money.
3. When I was a child my aunt took care of me. **up**  
I ..... my aunt when I was a child.
4. A very friendly taxi driver drove us into town. **by**  
We ..... a very friendly taxi driver.
5. I wished I'd done more to help. **having**  
I regretted.....more to help.

**Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru 3 ore.**

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**BAREM DE CORECTARE ȘI DE NOTARE**

**Question III**

**A. 10 points**

1. travel(l)ed/has always travel(l)ed
2. was
3. flew
4. was talking
5. telephoned
6. had decided
7. had been negotiating/ had negotiated
8. wasn't
9. meant
10. would have to catch/ had to catch

**B. 5 points**

1. challenging; 2. stressful; 3. commitment; 4. solution; 5. accompanies

**C. 10 points**

1. should not have sat
2. would not be in prison
3. was brought up by
4. were driven into town by
5. not having done