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CLASA a XI-a

Question I (50 points)

Write a **350-word argumentative essay** starting from the following statement:
“*History is a series of lies agreed upon.*” (Napoleon Bonaparte)

Question II (25 points)

You have read the following announcement in a magazine.

Do novels always make good films?
Send us an article about your favourite novel outlining the plot and saying whether it would make a good film or not. We will publish the best articles in the magazine.

Write your article in approximately 200 - 220 words.

Question III (25 points)

A. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given. Do not change the word given. (5 points)

1. David said that the accident was his fault. **TOOK**
David the accident.
2. Sven would have called yesterday if he had had more time. **SHORT**
Sven didn't call yesterday time.
3. She did everything possible to save her marriage. **POWER**
She to save her marriage.
4. The costs of digital photography have come down over the last few years. **DROP**
There the costs of digital photography over the last few years.
5. The mountain route is possibly dangerous, but there is no alternative. **MAY**
Dangerous..... , there is no alternative.

B. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Cheating at Computer Games

It's something (1) _____ gamer will tell you. Computer games shouldn't be so hard that they drive you mad, (2) _____ nor should they be so easy that they fail to offer enough (3) _____ a challenge. Inevitably, however, you get stuck sometimes. What do you do then? Ask the internet, of course. Many other gamers have figured (4) _____ what to do and posted the solution online. The answer is just a (5) _____ clicks away.

Purists say this is cheating. They argue that solving a puzzle yourself, (6) _____ gamers had to do in the old days, might have (7) _____ longer, but it was more satisfying. (8) _____ you know that detailed 'walkthroughs' are available online, free (9) _____ charge, for almost any game, the temptation is to ask for virtual help (10) _____ the first sign of trouble, which robs players of a true sense of achievement.

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C. Read the text below and use the word given in capital on the right to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order you need to use them.

(10 points)

<p>Dancing is good for you</p> <p>In recent decades, in both theatre and cinema, dance shows have become (1) _____ popular. Meanwhile, the British Amateur Dancesport Association estimates that there are now four million people (2) _____ in dancing activities in the country every week. But the popularity of dancing is by no means a recent phenomenon.</p> <p>Since the dawn of civilisation, dance has been an important part of life, and dance historians struggle to identify the first evidence of dance as it has always been an intrinsic part of human (3) _____. The earliest recorded dances, discovered in the 9,000 year-old Bhimbetka rock paintings in India, were used to tell stories and celebrate (4) _____ events, whilst also serving as a way of passing on information to future generations.</p> <p>But why has dance, something which can make someone look utterly (5) _____ if done wrong, always seemed to be natural to our DNA? Experts argue that its psychological and physiological benefits are the cause. (6) _____ studies have discovered that dancing is not only an (7) _____ form of non-verbal communication, but is also a mood-boosting cure that can alleviate (8) _____, improve interpersonal relations and cure illnesses. Physically, dancing makes us happy because, as with any (9) _____ exercise, it releases endorphins. Also it's a socialising event, enabling us to be physically close to people and more (10) _____ connected to them.</p>	<p>INCREASE</p> <p>PART</p> <p>HISTORY</p> <p>BEHAVE</p> <p>SIGNIFY</p> <p>RIDICULE</p> <p>NUMBER</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>DEPRESS</p> <p>REPEAT</p> <p>EMOTION</p>
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