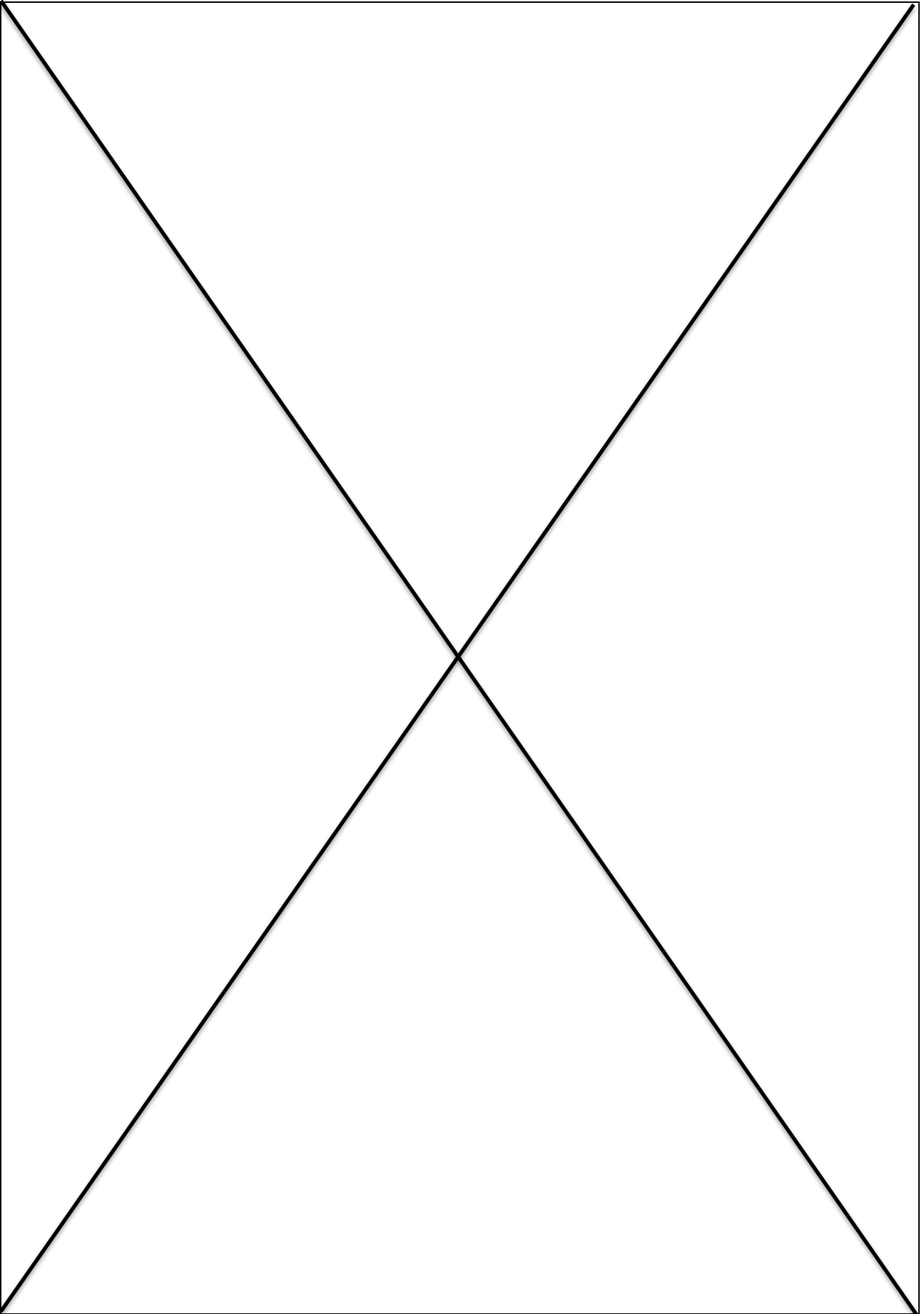


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**VĂ RUGĂM SĂ NOTĂȚI CODUL DUMNEAVOASTRĂ ÎN CASETA DE MAI JOS:**

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- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul de lucru efectiv este de 2 ore.

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**(25 de puncte)**

**Read the text about staying young. Match the headings (A-G) with the paragraphs (1-5). There is one extra heading. (5x5p=25p)**

1 \_\_\_\_\_ As people grow older, they often think back to the days of their youth. They remember the great friends of those days, great times together, and how bright the future looked. Of course, not everything was perfect- but it can look that way as we get older. And this can make people feel pessimistic and bitter.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ It doesn't need to be that way. There are many secrets to staying young in spirit well into old age. Why put up with feeling miserable when you can be enthusiastic instead? Here are some tips to keep you young at heart as you grow older.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ Relationships are extremely important. Family gives you comfort and support, and catching up with old friends can help older people to feel young. Making new friends is important too - but make sure they are optimistic, enthusiastic people.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ Bad things happen to all of us. We split up with boyfriend or girlfriend, and later we may have to do a boring job for years. But don't think too much about negative things. Deal with them, and get on with your life.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ Always keep special things around you, like family photos or favourite possessions - and be grateful that you can enjoy them. Thank your loved ones daily for sharing your life too. When you see the pleasure on their faces, you will never feel old-even in your eighties!

- A. The importance of people in your life**
- B. Ageing can be a positive experience**
- C. Appreciate the things and people in your life**
- D. Looking back can make old people feel bad**
- E. Getting over the negatives and moving on**
- F. Even pessimists can have friends**

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**(50 de puncte)**

**I. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense (10x2p=20p)**

1. If I had a lot of money, I ..... (**BUY**) a new car.
2. "Why are you so dirty?" "I ..... (**WORK**) in the garden all morning."
3. "You look busy." "Yes, I am. I ..... (**WRITE**) a letter to my grandma."

4. “.....you ..... (SEND) those letters yet?”
5. The children in the audience were amazed last week. They ..... (NEVER/SEE) a sword swallower.
6. The dogs were barking and the kids ..... (LAUGH) as I walked in the room.
7. You ..... (CATCH) the train, if you leave now.
8. I would apologize at once, if I ..... (BE) you.
9. .... you ..... (MEET) Jim yesterday?
10. They ..... (HAVE) a picnic when it started to rain.

**II. Use the words in capital letters at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each gap. (5x2p=10p)**

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| 1. I have a very ..... cat.                          | <b>PLAY</b>     |
| 2. There is a lot of ..... in the sea around Cancun. | <b>POLLUTE</b>  |
| 3. The ..... informed me about the latest books.     | <b>LIBRARY</b>  |
| 4. My strong ..... is that you can win.              | <b>BELIEVE</b>  |
| 5. Penicillin was an ..... discovery.                | <b>ACCIDENT</b> |

**III. Cross out the unnecessary word and write it at the end of the sentence. (10x2p=20p)**

1. She had better to spend the night with us. \_\_\_\_\_
2. They had worked on this project last December. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Unless you not pay attention, you won't understand. \_\_\_\_\_
4. That piece of furniture was been made by a French designer. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Despite of the traffic, I got to the office on time. \_\_\_\_\_
6. You can to open your presents now if you want. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Take some money in case you will get hungry. \_\_\_\_\_
8. If you will have a cough, you must take some medicine. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The girl is so more clever that everybody appreciates her. \_\_\_\_\_
10. I have never seen it such a stupid dog before. \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITING**

**(25 de puncte)**

**Write a 150-180-word story ending as shown:**

*Eventually, everything turned out well for him, in spite of all the accusations.*

**Give your story a title. Do not count the words given.**

