

Questions 1 (50 points)

Write a **450-word reflective essay** on **success** in life. Consider the topic from at least three perspectives.

Question 2 (25 points)

The students would like to have a monthly magazine in English at your school. As a students' representative, write a **300-word proposal** to the school principal in which you:

- outline the benefits of this initiative;
- describe the first issue;
- ask for support you need from the school.

Question 3

A. **Read the text below and use ONE WORD only in each gap:: (10 points)**

Perhaps inevitably, it was (1) _____ science fiction that serious scientists finally convinced themselves that time travel, (2) _____ difficult, was not theoretically impossible. Carl Sagan, a well-known astronomer, had written a novel in which his characters use a 'wormhole' to travel from a point near the Earth to (3) _____ near the star Vega. Sagan was aware that he was bending the accepted rules of physics, but this was, (4) _____ all, a novel. Nevertheless, he wanted the science in his story to be as accurate as (5) _____, so he asked Kip Thorne, an expert in gravitational theory, to (6) _____ it out and advise (7) _____ how it might be improved. After looking closely at Sagan's equations, Thorne realized that (8) _____ a wormhole through space-time actually could exist and be used to travel through space. What (9) _____ Sagan nor Thorne realized at first was that the wormhole they had described would (10) _____ work as a shortcut through time.

B. **Find ONE word which fits all three sentences in each group below: (5 points)**

- Spare _____ are not always available for older domestic appliances.
The medicine should be diluted so that it is two _____ water to one third medicine.
The young actress was delighted to have landed one of the leading _____ in the film.
- The new manager has plenty of _____ and enthusiasm.
The _____ for survival kept the castaway alive for weeks.
If the weather is fine on Sunday, let's go for a _____ in the country.
- Suddenly they found themselves at the _____ of the storm.
The _____ of this needle is so small that I can't thread it.
Joe has an _____ for recognising gifted new artists.
- The school had a _____ of money available to subsidise class excursions.

The Websters have dug a small ornamental _____ in their garden.
Walter was down at the leisure centre playing _____ with his friends.

5. The examiner gave the candidate no _____ as to whether she had passed.
A helpful _____ is to put the mixture in the fridge for ten minutes before baking it.
It's a delicious dish, with just a _____ of allspice and nutmeg.

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given in bold. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given: (10 points)

1. That man reminds me a lot of my father.

BEARS

That man _____ father.

2. Most people are indifferent to the mistreatment of animals.

SHOW

Most _____ of animals.

3. Tom's opinions on the new policies were very different from those of his colleagues.

ODDS

Tom _____ the new policies.

4. Sean did all the illustrations for the book but no one acknowledged his work.

CREDIT

Sean wasn't _____ all the illustrations in the book.

5. David was so enthusiastic about the proposal that he accepted immediately.

WAS

Such _____ that he accepted immediately.

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