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Varianta 3

Question I (50 points)

Write a **250-word** narrative essay beginning with the following words: “That sound of broken glass brought me to my senses.”

Question II (25 points)

You are visiting a cousin of yours in the USA for the whole summer holiday and you are writing to your best friend about your stay. Include information about the cost of living, leisure activities for teenagers, tourist attractions and the cultural shock you’ve experienced.

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

Question III (25 points)

A. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. (10 points)

A few weeks ago I moved to Vienna, where I 1. ... (plan) to stay for a couple of months – although now I think I 2. ... (stay) a bit longer. I actually came straight from Italy, by overnight train. I 3. ... (go) to sleep in Italy and woke up in Austria, to a snow-covered countryside that 4. ... (look) like something out of a Narnia book. As I 5. ... (eat) the little bread rolls they 6. ... (bring) us for breakfast, I soon realised that adjusting to the Austrian world 7. (be) hard. There are lots of other things that are different from life in Italy, but the thing which 8. ... (give) me most trouble ever since is the food. In Italy I used to eat pasta almost every day, but in Austria everywhere I look there 9. ... (be) sausages! This is not necessarily a bad thing, but I just 10. ... (manage, not) to get used to it yet.

B. Use the word in capitals at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each blank space. (5 points)

Position Vacant

A major international fashion company is looking for a manager for its expanding Asian department. The successful (1)..... will have a

APPLY

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good understanding of the commercial world, as well as a lot of

(2)..... for the fashion industry. Knowledge of design is an ENTHUSE
advantage since, in addition to sales, this job involves taking

(3)..... for the development of new clothing ranges. You must have RESPONSIBLE
a professional attitude and appearance, together with a desire to succeed

in a difficult market. In return, we offer an attractive salary with good
chances of promotion. If you believe you have the necessary (4)..... QUALIFY

for this post, apply to the (5)..... in writing at the address below. SUPERVISE

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. I think you should collect your stuff and leave the room now. COLLECTED

It's high time you the room.

2. I'm sure he saw the car approaching. MUST

He the car approaching.

3. We've got no lemons left. RUN

We..... lemons.

4. Robert and Peter have never had good relationships with their stepbrothers. ON

Robert and Peter their stepbrothers.

5. I don't want to go out tonight. FANCY

I tonight.

Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru 3 ore.

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A. (10 x 1 p = 10 points)

Suggested answers:

1. was planning
2. will stay
3. went
4. looked
5. was eating
6. had brought
7. was going to be
8. has been giving
9. are
10. haven't managed

B. (5 x 1 p = 5 points)

1. APPLICANT;
2. ENTHUSIASM;
3. RESPONSIBILITY;
4. QUALIFICATIONS;
5. SUPERVISOR.

C. (5 x 2 p = 10 points)

Suggested answers:

1. – collected your stuff and left
2. – must have seen
3. – have run out of
4. – have never got on with
5. - don't fancy going out.