

CLASA A IX-A

Use of English

Question 3 - 25 points

**A. Verb tenses**

**10 verbs x 1 point = 10 points**

1. got
2. had stolen
3. lives
4. had gone
5. noticed
6. were disassembling
7. had asked
8. drove off
9. are investigating
10. have issued

**B. Word formation**

**5 words x 1 point = 5 points**

1. surrounded
2. suitable
3. useful
4. functional
5. choice

**C. Key word transformations**

**5 sentences x 2 points = 10 points**

1. to give up going
2. have been relieved when
3. prevented the visitors from getting
4. so that people could
5. had always been Jack's ambition

**Any other correct answer(s) will be accepted.**

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**Question I**

**(50 points)**

Write a **250-word narrative essay** beginning with the following words: *As I sat down at my desk and stared at the pile of revision notes, all I could think of was "Why me?"*

**Question II**

**(25 points)**

Your pen friend has written you a letter asking for advice on how to improve his/her eating habits and get fit. **Write a letter of 120-150 words offering advice.**

**Question III**

**(25 points)**

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

**(10 points)**

A 32-year old man (**1. get**) \_\_\_\_\_ home from work on Friday to find that someone (**2. steal**) \_\_\_\_\_ the shed from his back garden. Martin Graham who (**3. live**) \_\_\_\_\_ in Francis Road, Darnely, told us he couldn't believe his eyes. "There was simply nothing there. I thought I (**4. go**) \_\_\_\_\_ into the wrong garden." A neighbour who (**5. notice**) \_\_\_\_\_ the man while they (**6. disassemble**) \_\_\_\_\_ the shed, assumed that Mrs Graham (**7. ask**) \_\_\_\_\_ them to do it. The two men (**8. drive off**) \_\_\_\_\_ in a white van. Police (**9. investigate**) \_\_\_\_\_ and (**10. issue**) \_\_\_\_\_ a description of the two men.

**B. Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each blank space. The words in capitals are given in the order you need to use them.**

**(5 points)**

<p><b>In praise of plastic</b></p> <p>Whether you are at home, at school or in the office, you are likely to be (1) _____ by objects made of some kind of plastic material. And, of course, there are many types of plastic, each one (2) _____ for a particular use. Thin, flexible plastic is good for making objects such as bags, whereas thick, hard plastic is a (3) _____ material for making things like pens, DVD cases and other (4) _____ objects.</p> <p>Plastic can also be seen as an environmentally friendly (5) _____ of material. It can be used in place of other materials that are in short supply in their natural state, such as certain types of wood, and it is also very hard-wearing. A good plastic chair, for example, could last you a lifetime.</p>	<p><b>ROUND</b></p> <p><b>SUIT</b></p> <p><b>USE</b></p> <p><b>FUNCTION</b></p> <p><b>CHOOSE</b></p>
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**C. Complete the second sentence in each of the pairs below so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (10 points)**

1. Liam has decided not to go to football practice anymore. GIVE  
Liam has decided \_\_\_\_\_ to football practice.
2. I am sure Barry was relieved to find his missing cell phone again. BEEN  
Barry must \_\_\_\_\_ he found his missing cell phone.
3. An electric fence kept visitors away from the animals. PREVENTED  
An electric fence \_\_\_\_\_ close to the animals.
4. The tour bus stopped frequently to let people admire the view. THAT  
The tour bus stopped frequently \_\_\_\_\_ admire the view.
5. Jack had always wanted to become a firefighter. AMBITION  
It \_\_\_\_\_ to become a firefighter.

**TOTAL**

**100 PUNCTE**

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