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2 MARTIE 2013
Clasa a XI-a

VARIANTA 2

Question I

(50 points)

Some say **volunteering** is a great way to spend your time, others that it is a waste of time. Write an argumentative essay in **350 words** to express your views on the issue. Make sure you support it with arguments and examples.

Question II

(25 points)

You have seen the following announcement in an international magazine:

READERS - YOUR VIEWS WANTED!

Changing World magazine invites its readers to contribute to our debate on whether school life has changed for the better or worse in their country over the past 10 years. We are looking for contributions in the form of a short article which discusses this topic. The three best articles will be printed in the next issue of our magazine.

In approximately **200-220 words**, write your article.

Question III

(25 points)

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

Danger Facing Antarctica

Antarctica is becoming a popular tourist destination and in the last decade (1) has been a dramatic increase in visitors to the area. (2) tourists simply want to see the last unspoiled continent, (3) others have more active pursuits such as adventure sports in mind. Of course, there are also adventurous souls who want to follow (4) the footsteps of the great polar explorers. (5)....., environmentalists are concerned that the booming tourist industry may (6) endangering the Antarctic environment and sowing (7) seeds of its own destruction. One of the problems facing the area is pollution resulting from tourism. Careless visitors throw rubbish into the sea, not realising (8) harmful this can be to wildlife. (9) danger is oil spills. In the freezing waters, oil does (10)....disperse effectively.

B. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given without changing it. Use between 3 and 8 words. (5 points)

- Some people accept that life is full of problems. **RESIGNED**
Some peoplefull of problems.
- He makes too many mistakes to be considered for promotion. **FREQUENT**
Hisbe considered for promotion.
- He will not be put off taking that trip to China. **DETER**

- Nothing.....trip to China.
4. Neil is unreliable and often breaks his promises. GOES
Neil is unreliable andpromises
5. Virtue is of little value in a corrupt government. COUNTS
Virtue.....government.

C. Read the text and then write the correct form of the word in CAPITALS to complete the gaps. (10 p)

Fears of Future Global Hunger

A recent report has warned of global food (SHORT) unless the current system of farming and food distribution is changed. The report highlights fears that currently rapid increases in yields come at the expense of (SUSTAIN), and that unless action is taken, hunger and (NUTRIENT) will become growing problems. The population is expected to rise to around 8.3 billion in the next twenty years, and (URBAN) is set to continue, and it is expected that 65-70% of the world's population will live in cities. Increasing world (PROSPEROUS) will lead to the rise in demand for energy, food and fresh water. The report also considers the billion people worldwide who (EAT) and are therefore obese to be another example of the (FAIL) of the current system to provide health and well-being to the world's population. The authors believe that the (APPLY) of new technologies can play a role in (MINIMAL) future food shortages. They see cloning, nanotechnology and genetic (MODIFY) as potential solutions. However, although many of these technologies have been adopted worldwide, there is still resistance to their use in parts of Europe.

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Question III – 25 points

A1 point x 10=10 points

1. there
2. Some
3. while / whereas / but
4. in
5. However
6. be
7. the
8. how
9. Another
10. not

B1 point x5=5 points

1 are resigned to life being; 2 mistakes are too frequent for him to; 3 will deter him from taking that; 4 often goes back on his; 5 counts for little in a corrupt;

C 1 point X 10 points=10 points

1. Shortage(s)
2. sustainability
3. malnutrition
4. urbanization
5. prosperity
6. overeat
7. failure
8. application
9. minimizing
10. modification