

I. Circle the option, A, B, C or D that best fits each gap: (10 p)

Official figures show that the number of people (1) ... international flights is decreasing, and that this is (2) ... in significant changes to holidaying habits. As the cost of air tickets increases, it appears that more and more families are choosing to (3) ... their summer holidays at home. People are also becoming more (4) ... of the harm that flying does to the environment, and see it as a way of helping to (5) ... the planet, too. For many parents, a summer with no overcrowded resorts may seem attractive, but the idea might well be less (6) ... with their teenage children, who are probably (7) ... to flying off to Miami as soon as school breaks up. So, the question is, how can young people (8) ... lots of fun when so much will be closed for the holidays, and so many of their friends are (9) ... to be away? Nowadays, many sports centres organize summer activities aimed at young people (10) ... either on indoor or outdoor sports.

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| 1. A. making | B. taking | C. travelling | D. flying |
| 2. A. leading | B. resulting | C. causing | D. creating |
| 3. A. pass | B. employ | C. use | D. spend |
| 4. A. aware | B. thoughtful | C. wise | D. familiar |
| 5. A. save | B. secure | C. guard | D. defend |
| 6. A. liked | B. popular | C. approved | D. accepted |
| 7. A. used | B. experienced | C. preferred | D. prepared |
| 8. A. do | B. live | C. cause | D. have |
| 9. A. positive | B. inevitable | C. bound | D. definite |
| 10. A. eager | B. keen | C. fond | D. enthusiastic |

II. Read the text below and use ONE WORD only in each gap: (10 p)

The very first Tour de France, the greatest cycle race (1)_____ the world, was held in 1903. It began when two French journalists came (2)_____ with the idea of a race right round the country, (3)_____ that had never been tried before. Nowadays we might think the aim of (4)_____ an idea would be to bring in lots of television money, or even tourists, but at the beginning of the 20th century what they wanted to do (5) _____sell more copies of their newspaper. And they succeeded. Circulation figures, (6)_____ had been 25,000, went to 65,000 within a year. In time, their initial design for the race changed. For instance, they had intended (7)_____ to be held over five weeks, but such a race was just too much for the riders and very (8)_____ wanted to take part. So it became half (9) _____ length, and it would be run entirely in July (10)_____ than from late May to early July.

III. Use the words in capitals at the end of the lines below to form words that fit the gap in the same line: (10 p)

Some (1) _____ become known for their intelligence and avoid being caught for years. Others are just so stupid that it seems (2) _____. Take, for instance, RIDICULE

CRIME

one (3) _____, who decided he was feeling a little tired half-way through burgling a house. Seeing the (4) _____ bed, he decided to take a nap. It may COMFORT

ROB

seem (5) _____, but he was still asleep when the owners got home! They BELIEF

(6) _____ called the police, who came to arrest Sleeping Beauty right away! NERVOUS

Another (7) _____ story is that of a man who stole a HUMOUR

(8) _____ camera. He managed to steal the camera SECURE

(9) _____ but left the tape behind. Of course, it was used in court EQUIP

as (10) _____ because it showed him taking the camera! EVIDENT

IV. 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 two and five words, including the word given: (10 p)

1. This time I didn't manage to win the first prize. **SUCCEED**
I didn't _____ first prize
this time.

2. Last night the theatre was almost empty. **ANYBODY**
Last night _____
the theatre

3. My elder sister likes to look after small children. **CARE**
My elder sister
enjoys _____ small children.

4. It was raining heavily so I stayed at home. **IF**
I would have gone
out _____ raining heavily.

5. Amy asked what my reaction to her decision was. **FELT**
Amy asked _____ her
decision.

V. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense form: (10 p)

Dear Sam,

You (1).....(not / believe) what (2).....just (happen) to me! Last week I (3).....(invite) to a classmate's party. I (4).....(have) no idea she also(5)(invite) Tom Ribbon, the blue-eyed guy you (6).....(meet) when you (7).....(come) over last summer. We (8).....(dance) all night and guess what! He (9).....just (ring) and asked me out. I (10).....(see) him in an hour. I am so excited!

*VI. Write a **letter** to a friend telling him / her about a funny/ sad incident that happened to you. (50 p)*

You do not need to write addresses, but mind the lay-out of the letter. Do not use real names. (180 words)

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

I. – III. 10 items x 1 point = 10 points

I. 1. B taking;	II. 1. in ;	III. 1 criminals
2. B resulting;	2. up	2. ridiculous
3. D spend;	3. something	3. robber
4. A aware;	4. such	4. comfortable
5. D defend;	5. was	5. unbelievable
6. B popular;	6. which	6. nervously
7. A used;	7. it	7. humorous
8. D have;	8. few	8. security
9. C bound;	9. the	9. equipment
10. B keen;	10. rather	10. evidence

IV. 2 x 5 items = 10 p

1. succeed in // winning
2. there was hardly // anybody at
3. taking care // of
4. if it hadn't been
5. how I felt // about

V. 10 items x 1point = 10 points

1. won't believe;
2. has just happened;
3. was invited;
4. had;
5. had also invited
6. met;
7. came;
8. danced;
9. has just rung;
10. am seeing

VI – letter writing - 50 points

Task achievement 15 p

- Correct format
- Relevance of ideas to task
- Length constraint

Accuracy

10 p

- Correct use of grammar structures
- Wide range of grammar structures
- Correct spelling and punctuation

Register and vocabulary

10 p

Organization, cohesion, layout

10 p

- Appropriate register – informality
- Varied vocabulary

Correct layout, paragraphing
Clear organization of ideas

Overall effect 5 p

- Originality