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Clasa a X-a, Secțiunea B**

SUBIECTUL I

(50 points)

The Gettysburg Address, reproduced below, was given by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, at the height of the Civil War fought to liberate African Americans. Write a 300-word description of the hill near Gettysburg while this speech was given before US troops and civilians alike, highlighting the environment and the audience's reactions.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

SUBIECTUL II

(50 points)

Below is the text of the Second Amendment to the US Constitution guaranteeing citizens' right to own fire weapons. Imagine you are a US citizen and write a letter your congressman complaining about the negative effects of this liberty and demanding the repeal of the Second Amendment. Use 180-200 words.

“A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

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