

**EVALUARE ÎN EDUCAȚIE**  
**Limba Engleză**  
**Etapa I – 13.11.2010**

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**9<sup>th</sup> grade**

Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 180 de minute

Punctaj total: 100 puncte, fără a se acorda 10 puncte din oficiu.

**1. WRITING (25 points)**

Write the middle paragraph of the following narrative, beginning with ‘Well, yesterday...’. (120-150 words)

*A Lesson to Learn*

*Well, yesterday.....*  
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*Yes, I learned a lesson from my little brother: Never be afraid to ask questions, and NEVER be afraid to wonder why.*

**2. READING COMPREHENSION – (1,5p x10 = 15p)**

**Read the selections and then choose the answer that is most likely true.**

1. Tom rarely rides to school each morning. He could take the school bus but prefers to walk the two miles from his home to school. He believes that the walk wakes him up and improves his learning throughout the day.
- A. Tom always rides the bus home at the end of the school day.
  - B. Tom never rides the bus to school.
  - C. Tom values learning.



**D.** Tom is usually late for school.

**2.** “Remember, Maria,” Mrs. White said, “you are allergic to chocolate. Please don’t eat any chocolate candy at the Halloween party!”

Three hours later, Maria was home from the party with a terrible stomach ache. “I promise you, Mom,” Maria groaned, “I’ll always do what you say from now on.”

- A.** Maria got into a fight at the party.
- B.** Maria ate chocolate at the party.
- C.** Maria ate no chocolate at the party.
- D.** Maria embarrassed herself by singing at the party.

**3.** In another week, we’ll be turning our clocks back one hour. Then it will be almost dark by the time most of us get home from school. It will seem as if we suddenly have less daylight each day. Of course, people aren’t actually changing the behaviour of the sun or the earth by messing with their clocks.

- A.** Our planet has to spin faster when we reset our clocks.
- B.** It’s clear that turning our clocks back will help prevent global warming.
- C.** If, according to our clocks, the sun sets an hour earlier, it will also rise an hour earlier.
- D.** The earth will actually rotate at a slower rate when we turn back the clocks.

**4.** Every time I give my cat a plate of tuna, he ignores it. Every time I give him a plate of salmon, he quickly eats it all. When I feed him beef, he eats a little bit of it, but doesn’t seem to love it.

- A.** My cat prefers salmon to tuna.
- B.** I give my cat more than two kinds of fish.
- C.** My cat likes tuna better than beef.
- D.** My cat won’t eat fish.

**5.** Diane is really an introvert. When I took her to Bill’s party, she sat in a corner without speaking to anyone. All she did was eat most of the snacks. The only reason she hangs out with me is because I never try to force her to be sociable. She would never forgive me if I introduced her to anyone.

An introvert is usually \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.** friendly
- B.** hungry
- C.** greedy
- D.** shy

**6.** Carla said, “Fran, why are you making such a big deal about Jason’s hair? Yes, he did dye it purple. It is rather unusual for a guy to have purple hair. On the other hand, it’s not exactly going to change the course of world history. It’s really quite a trivial matter.”

What does “trivial” mean?

- A.** strange
- B.** unimportant
- C.** disgusting
- D.** dangerous



7. Mr. Huge was very proud of his auto superstore. "We have such an extensive selection of cars," he said, "so everyone should find a vehicle that he or she will love!"

The word "extensive" means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. costing a lot of money
- B. large amount
- C. having no color
- D. not enough

8. Friendship is a priceless thing. If Louise put a price, or conditions, on her friendship, it's no longer priceless. In fact, it's not real friendship at all!

If something is priceless, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. it has a missing tag
- B. it has no value
- C. it has great value
- D. it is made out of gold

9. The news story was based on a letter that was a fabrication. Now the reporter who wrote the story is in big trouble. Will anyone believe him again?

A fabrication is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. made of cloth
- B. full of long words
- C. funny
- D. fake

10. The reporter insisted that the letter he used was authentic. He said that he had shown it to many experts before he used it in his story.

When something is authentic, it's \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. genuine
- B. carefully written
- C. imaginative
- D. very old

**3. USE OF ENGLISH ( 55 points )**

**A. OPEN CLOZE (1p x 10 = 10p)**

**Read the text below. Use one word to fill in the blanks :**

The invisibility cloak

Imagine what you could do with a machine that could make things disappear.

For inspiration, you could hit the books: in Greek mythology, the goddess Athena wore an invisibility cap during (1) ..... Trojan War. The same cap helped the half-god Perseus, (2) ..... wore it to hide from Medusa, a monster who could turn someone to stone just by looking (3) ..... them. In the books of J.R.R. Tolkien, Bilbo Baggins found a ring that could make (4) ..... invisible; he passed it on to his nephew Frodo.



And of course, there's poor Harry Potter, who used his invisibility cloak to spy (5) ..... classmates and teachers, hide from dragons or avoid certain spells cast on him (6) ..... his enemies.

Now that you've got some ideas, it's time for the hard part: building the cloak. To do that, you have to abandon (7) ..... fiction and turn to real science. Two starting questions: How do you use visible materials to build something that (8) ..... supposed to be invisible? How would you see it? "If I were doing it, I (9) ..... build my invisibility device to have a remote control on/off switch," says Steven Cummer, an engineer at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. "This way I could have all of the pieces 'off' when it was being assembled. And (10) ..... I lost track of it, I would have at least a chance of finding it by turning it off."

**B. MULTIPLE CHOICE (1p x 10 = 10p)**

**Choose the right answer.**

1. They got divorced and decided to separate the little daughter from the son. This separation made the children .....  
A. depressed  
B. depression  
C. depressing  
D. depress
  
2. Music and painting are ..... subjects this semester.  
A. optioning  
B. option  
C. optionally  
D. optional
  
3. She has her meals ..... by one of her friendly neighbours.  
A. preparing  
B. prepare  
C. prepared  
D. to prepare
  
4. These clothes need ..... immediately; otherwise, they will smell.  
A. be washed  
B. washing  
C. washed  
D. to wash
  
5. The poor man ..... like a slave and finally died of a serious disease.



- A. treated
- B. treats
- C. was treated
- D. is treated

6. In 1953 Watson and Crick discovered the shape of DNA.

The shape of DNA .....

- A. The shape of DNA has been discovered in 1953 by Watson and Crick.
- B. The shape of DNA was in 1953 discovered by Watson and Crick.
- C. The shape of DNA was discovered by Watson and Crick in 1953.
- D. The shape of DNA in 1953 was discovered by Watson and Crick.

7. The shape of the clouds is constantly changing.

There is .....

- A. There is a constant change in the shape of the clouds.
- B. There is a constant change of the shape in the clouds.
- C. There is constant change in the shaping of the clouds.
- D. There is constant change of the shape of the clouds.

8. I'll / late / choir practice!

- A. I'll go late for choir practice!
- B. I'll go late to choir practice!
- C. I'll be late to choir practice!
- D. I'll be late to choir practice!
- E. I'll be late for choir practice!

9. Young dancer / great talent.

- A. She has a young dancer of a great talent.
- B. She is a young dancer of great talent.
- C. She has young dancer in great talent.
- D. She is young dancer of great talent.

10. Kim / birthday cake / shape / moon.

- A. Kim has a birthday cake on the shape of a moon.
- B. Kim's birthday cake was on shape of a moon.
- C. Kim has birthday cake in shape of a moon.
- D. Kim's birthday cake was in the shape of a moon

### C. WORD FORMATION (1p x 10 = 10p)

Fill in the sentences with the correct words derived from the ones in bold

- 1. They spent the day (**LIE**) ..... on the bed and reading
- 2. The manager had been very (**HELP**) ....., so I wrote him a letter to thank him.
- 3. Did you hear the (**ANNOUNCE**) ..... about the delay?



- 4. There was a notice apologising for any (**CONVENIENT**) ..... suffered by the customers.
- 5. My friend didn't like it very much, but I found the party very (**ENJOY**) .....
- 6. He (**LIE**) ..... on the beach for an hour, then got bored and went for a walk.
- 7. The overnight train was cancelled due to engine (**FAIL**) .....
- 8. The most popular (**DAY**) ..... paper in Britain is The Sun.
- 9. Don't laugh at his stupid jokes! You'll only (**COURAGE**) ..... him to say them again.
- 10. The weather (**CAST**) ..... looks bad for a picnic-rainy and windy!

**D. ERROR CORRECTION (1,5p x 10 = 15p)**

**Identify the 10 mistakes in the text below and correct them.**

In some street there are two lanes for cars, but others are one-way streets. Streets goes across rivers on bridges which span them. Pedestrians walk on the pavement; whenever they want to cross they had better used zebra-crossings or they will got into trouble with the police. Drivers must stopped their cars at once whenever they seen people on pedestrian crossings, so as to gave them right of way. Traffic in cities is controled by means of traffic lights and by policeman in order to prevent traffic jams or congestion.

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**E. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZ (1p x 10 = 10p)**

**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BRITAIN?**

**Choose the right answer:**

- 1. What is the Queen's name?
  - a. Queen Helen I
  - b. Queen Elizabeth II
  - c. Queen Margaret IV
- 2. Where does the Changing of the Guard take place?
  - a. Buckingham Palace
  - b. Downing Street
  - c. Victoria and Albert Museum
- 3. What is a double-decker?
  - a. A bus
  - b. A chocolate bar
  - c. A taxi
- 4. Where can you buy stamps?
  - a. At the post office
  - b. At the butcher's
  - c. At the tobacconist's
- 5. Which band was John Lennon a member of in the 1960s?
  - a. The Beatles
  - b. The Police
  - c. The Rolling Stones
- 6. Where is a famous monster supposed to live?
  - a. The Lake District
  - b. Loch Ness
  - c. River Thames
- 7. In Britain, cars are driven on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the road.
  - a. left-hand
  - b. right-hand
  - c. wrong-hand
- 8. Chelsea is a popular \_\_\_\_\_ team.



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| <b>a.</b> cricket  | <b>b.</b> football        | <b>c.</b> rugby               |
| <b>9.</b> Which famous writer was born in Stratford-upon-Avon? |                           |                               |
| <b>a.</b> Geoffrey Chaucer                                     | <b>b.</b> Agatha Christie | <b>c.</b> William Shakespeare |
| <b>10.</b> Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote lots of _____.         |                           |                               |
| <b>a.</b> detective stories                                    | <b>b.</b> plays           | <b>c.</b> poems               |

**4. CREATIVE WRITING (5 points)**

A hated dictator was obsessed with his own importance. He ordered the production of a new postage stamp with his face on it. After it had been issued, there were complaints that the stamps would not stick on the envelopes properly. There was an inquiry to find out what was wrong with the stamps. It revealed that the stamps themselves were not to blame.

What was the problem with the stamp? Provide an ending so as to turn the text into a joke. Then justify your answer in no more than 5 lines.  
Mind that a stamp has two sides!

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