

MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI, CERCETĂRII, TINERETULUI ȘI SPORTULUI

Olimpiada națională de limba engleză, Iași, februarie 2011

Clasa a IX-a

Varianta 3

Subject I (50 points)

Write a 250-word narrative essay entitled "A Day in the Life of a Banknote".

Subject II (25 points)

You suddenly realise that you have forgotten to send birthday greetings to a close friend. Write a short letter apologising for and explaining your forgetfulness, giving reasons for it and explaining how you will try to make him/her forgive you. Use between 120 and 150 words.

Subject III (25 points)

A. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. (10 points)

Throughout history people (**1** – wear) clothing of one description or another. Apart from protection against the weather, clothes (**2** – often use) to show the wearer's status and wealth. Over the years, numerous fashions (**3** – come and go). While some of these (**4** – be) popular for relatively short periods, others have lasted longer. Until the first half of the 20th century, the ability to follow fashion (**5** – limit) to those who had the money. But following fashion also (**6** – require) large amounts of leisure time. Wealthy people took fashion very seriously and close attention had to (**7** – pay) to detail. More recently, fashionable clothes (**8** – come) within the reach of ordinary people. The traditional craft of dressmaking was both costly and slow. But today, large-scale manufacturing (**9** – make) it easier for people to keep up with the changes in fashion without (**10** – have) to spend a great deal of money.

B. Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each blank space. (5 points)

1. This company offers a of small group walking holidays. SELECT
2. There is something for everyone to enjoy here, of age. REGARD
3. An of this sport is often what brings people together. ENJOY
4. These people are trained. FULL
5. They are keen to that each participant makes the most of it. SURE

C. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word given in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same. The word can't be changed in any way. (10 points)

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| 1. The two boys were sitting by themselves in the classroom. | OWN |
| 2. "I have an interview tomorrow so I ought to leave soon," said Tom. | BETTER |
| 3. I had never met her husband before. | FIRST |
| 4. His mother didn't let him play until he had done his homework. | MADE |
| 5. Although the police chased them, the thieves didn't get caught. | EVEN |

TOTAL 100 PUNCTE

Notă :

- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**
- **Timp de lucru 3 ore.**
- **Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu**