

MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI, CERCETĂRII, TINERETULUI ȘI SPORTULUI
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Clasa a X-a

Varianta 1

Subject I (50 points)

You are/were a member of an archaeological team which has discovered the legendary 'Atlantis'. Write a 300-word essay describing the sight and people's strong reactions and emotions towards the amazing discovery.

Subject II (25 points)

You have seen this announcement in an international magazine:

We need people to live in a remote mountain area for one month with only each other for support. Their experiences will be filmed and shown as part of a television series called "Survival".

Have you got the necessary skills? Tell us why you should be accepted to take part in the project, in a letter addressed to Mr. Simmons.

Write your **letter of application** using between 150 and 180 words. Sign it as Andreea/Andrei Popescu.

Subject III (25 points)

1. Complete the following text, using *one word only* to fill each gap: 5 points

Four Weddings and a Funeral, starring Hugh Grant and Andie McDowell, is an enjoyable film, even though there is hardly any plot to speak of. It deals with the adventures of a (1).....of friends who seem to spend most of their time dressing up to go to weddings, even though none of them appears to have a proper job. One wonders how they can (2).....to buy presents.

The film (3)..... of five loosely-related stories, as the title suggests. The first wedding takes place in an agreeable rural location, where the (4).....is held in a marquee on a day of unbroken sunshine. It is here that Charles meets Carrie (McDowell) for the first time.

At the second wedding, Charles bumps (5).....Carrie again, but this time she is with her fiancé, an arrogant older man (Corin Redgrave).

2. Read the text and then write the correct form of the word in CAPITALS to complete the gaps: 10 points

School Report

Margaret started English Literature this term, and I am afraid that her (1)... to the subject has not been entirely (2).... She has not shown much enthusiasm, and does not always pay (3)... in class. Her assignments are often (4)..., because she is so untidy, and because of her (5)... to check her work thoroughly.

1. INTRODUCE 2. SUCCESS 3. ATTEND 4. READ 5. FAIL

3. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word in bold, and so that the meaning stays the same. (10 points)

1 I'm sure we're not doing it the right way.

be

This _____ way you're supposed to do it.

2 I think you should try applying again in a few months' time.

were

If _____ try applying again in a few months' time.

3 Although I tried hard, I couldn't get the hang of using a computer.

might

Try _____ I couldn't get the hang of using a computer.

4 It seems that Hermann wasn't to be trusted, after all.

appears

Hermann _____ trustworthy after all.

5 Clearly the previous owners left it when they moved to their new house.

must

It _____ the previous owners when they moved to their new house.

TOTAL

100 PUNCTE

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