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Olimpiada națională de limba engleză, Iași, februarie 2011

Clasa a XII-a

Varianta 1

Subject I (50points)

Write a 450-word reflective essay on *Prejudice*. Consider the topic from at least three perspectives.

Subject II (25 points)

There have been a number of complaints recently from students living on your college campus. They complain of littering on the campus as well as graffiti on the buildings and other cases of vandalism. The students have held a meeting to discuss ways of improving the situation. You have been asked to write a **report** for the college principal outlining the problem and suggesting ways of improving the situation.

Write your **report** in approximately 300 words.

Subject III (25points)

A. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

I've always kept a sharp eye (1).....developments in building, so when it was time to plan my own home, I was determined to build the home of the future. It wasn't easy. There are rules and regulations everywhere that seem to block (2).....way and, to (3).....matters worse, not everyone agrees on the best way to go about it. It certainly gave me a window (4).....the world of architecture to hear my architect explain the problems he knew we were going to face. Perhaps I was crazy (that's a (5).....of opinion), but I knew what I wanted. It had to look great, but (6).....the surface I wanted it to be high-tech and environmentally friendly. I did a lot of research, and that certainly smoothed the (7).....for what was to come. I did some of the physical work myself, putting up walls and bending things (8).....shape, and I'd like to erect a monument (9).....the person who invented solar-powered heating. In the end, my architect's predictions of doom (10).....no foundation and it all took just eight months.

B. For questions 1-5 complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between 3 and 8 words including the word given. (10 points)

- Without your assistance I could never have done this job so well. ASSISTED
Had....., I could never have done this job so well.
- The manager praised one particular player. SINGLED
One particular playerpraise by the manager.
- He denied the accusation unconvincingly, which made me think he was guilty. LED
Hisbelieve that he was guilty.

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4. I had to go to an expert and ask her to advise me. SEEK
I was forcedexpert.
5. Presumably you're still interested in travelling this summer. LOST
I taketravelling this summer.

**C. Find one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sentences.
(5 points)**

1. Most of the movie is being ...on location in the Alps.
As soon as the door opened, the dog ...out and ran off across the fields.

The first arrow he ...missed the target completely.
2. They admitted the assignment was ..., but they managed to do it nevertheless.
I think that meat is rather ...so you'd probably do better to buy something more tender.

Chris must be pretty ...if he wants to pursue a career in the army.
3. Michael ...what he was doing and ran to help the accident victims.
He's been playing so badly lately that they've ...him from the team.

Sergei was disappointed with his course, so he ...out of university and found a job instead.
4. The electronic whiteboard is a wonderful new learning ...for use in the classroom.
Flights carrying ...donated by charity organizations are now arriving in the areas affected by draught every day.

My neighbour is 96, but is still able to walk without ...of a stick.
5. We are very pleased with Susan's effort – she ...herself very well to the task in hand.
Incidentally, the comment I have just made to Smith ...equally to everybody in this room.

I really hope my sister ...for that new job, she'd be so good at it.

Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru 3 ore. Nu se acorda puncte din oficiu.