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CLASA A IX-A

Subject I (50 points)

Write a narrative essay beginning or ending with the following words: *Although she was afraid, Julia knew she had to make the call.* Do not exceed 250 words.

Subject II (25 points)

You are on holiday and you have discovered a wonderful place and a wonderful person. You want to stay in this place for the rest of your holiday, but you already promised to spend a week with an English-speaking friend of yours. Write a letter to your friend describing the place you have discovered and the person you have met, and trying to persuade your friend to come and join you. Write your letter in 120 - 150 words.

Subject III (25 points)

A. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

(10 points)

I don't normally go to the cinema. Not because I don't like it but because it's just a habit I have never got into. However, on this occasion I 1) _____ (decide) to go because my friends 2) _____ (go/constantly) on about this film all week and eventually 3) _____ (wear) me down. It starred some ephemeral Hollywood actor whom I 4) _____ (hear of/vaguely) but I couldn't put a face to. We got to the cinema early to find people 5) _____ (already/wait) outside, which suggested that my friends weren't the only ones who thought it was worth seeing, although I could still think of several other things I would rather have been doing at the moment. In the end, the film 6) _____ (turn out) to be not half as bad as expected, though I 7) _____ (prefer) something with a bit more action. The plot centred on two men who were planning to carry out some immensely complicated robbery, though what they 8) _____ (not know) was that at the time their plans 9) _____ (closely/monitor) by the police. Somewhat unpredictably, however, they got away with it because they 10) _____ (change) their plans at the last minute. It was okay but I don't think of going again.

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

(5 points)

Nowadays in schools there is a worrying trend against playing 1) ____ games. COMPETE
Teachers worry that such activities encourage an unpleasant 2) ____ between RIVAL
children, and make some kids feel 3) ____ and humiliated. Personally, I USE
believe that a need to compete is a strong instinct, just look at the number of
4) ____ who want to demonstrate their intelligence on quiz shows, or even CONTEST
talent competitions. What's more, most of us aren't hopeless at everything so
the 5) ____ and approval we receive can strengthen rather than damage RECOGNISE
friendships.

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.

1. If you change your minds, let me know. SHOULD
_____ mind, let me know.
2. It's time for us to decide. MADE
It's time we _____.
3. Is it likely that this invention will become popular with the public? CATCH
Is this invention likely _____ with the public?
4. The only thing I did at the weekend was housework. APART
I did _____ housework at the weekend.
5. I haven't got my wallet - it must be at home. LEFT
I haven't got my wallet - I _____ at home.

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