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CLASA a XII-a

Question I

(50 points)

Write a 450-word reflective essay with the title: "The mass media have an adverse effect on moral standards."

Question II

(25 points)

You would like to start a radio station at the college where you are a student. You have decided to send a proposal to the principal, asking for permission and practical assistance. Your proposal should include the following:

- **why you think the radio station would be beneficial;**
- **what sort of programs you would begin with;**
- **what sort of support, practical and financial, you would need.**

Question III

(25 points)

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

Post in History

Although it may come as a surprise **1)**many people, postal services have existed in some parts of the world for thousands of years. **2)**is ample evidence that a postal service existed among the Assyrians and Babylonians. In China a regular postal service was established in the seventh century BC, and **3)**the centuries attained **4)**a high level of efficiency that some 2,000 years **5)**its institution it won the admiration of travelers **6)**Marco Polo. Efficient and highly developed postal services were also established in the Persian and Roman empires. In ancient times, **7)**services were mainly confined **8)**the use of representatives of the state; private citizens **9)**use of slaves, merchants and the like to send their messages and documents. However, in Medieval Europe, postal services **10)**mainly organised by the papacy.

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

1. The detective said that he hadn't ruled out a _____ between the two burglaries in the village.
A new high speed rail _____ will connect the Olympic Stadium with the city centre.
Graham found the name of the hotel by following a _____ on the tourist board website.
2. To get to the new place where the rock festival is being held, _____ north on the motorway and turn right at the second exit.

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In football, you can _____ the ball, but you can't touch it with your hand.

Phillip was invited to _____ the team's next expedition into the rainforest.

3. The new airport terminal has been in _____ for three months now. The building's main _____ will be to act as a meeting place for local teenagers. What's the _____ of asking for a pay rise if you know there's no chance of getting one?
4. It's only _____ that you miss your family when you first go to college in a new city. Some people have a _____ ability to understand the behaviour of animals. Helen has a very _____ manner and makes everyone feel at ease.
5. Ingrid decided to wait for a spell of _____ weather before attempting to climb the mountain. Although the two acts both performed well in the talent contest, the judges thought there was a _____ winner. The items you carry on board should be placed in a _____ plastic bag, so that everyone can see what's inside.

C. For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence, similar in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. The word must not be altered in any way. (10 points)

1. His efforts to find a solution didn't deserve such savage criticism.
CRITICISED
He shouldn't.....his efforts to find a solution.
2. Didn't you realise that he had invented that story about rescuing those people?
OCCUR
Didn't.....up that story about rescuing those people?
3. Trying to get Roger to come with us is an utter waste of time.
WHATSOEVER
Thereto get Roger to come with us.
4. We will only let you take the final exams if you pass this test.
ALLOWED
Failing this test will resulttake the final exams.

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5. Watch my children for me while I am away, won't you?

EYE

Can you.....I'm away?

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PUNCTE

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