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**VARIANTA 1**

NOTA

**Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**

**Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**

**Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.**

**I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.**

Thanks for your email. I'm glad to hear you 1) .....(FEEL) better now. Actually, I 2)....(HAVE) the flu myself a few weeks ago. I missed two days of classes and an important football match for the school team. Before that, I 3).... (NOT MISS) a day of school for two years. Anyway, I passed my driving test ! I 4)....(TAKE) lessons for six months, so I'm glad I finally have my licence. I was happy to hear you're going to Paris this summer. 5)... (YOU BOOK) the tickets yet? It's an amazing city, so I'm sure you 6) ....( HAVE) a great time. You're so lucky ! By next month, it 7) ... (BE) .five years since I've been abroad, so I think I deserve a foreign holiday, too ! As you know, my family and I usually 8).....(GO) on holiday in England. Well , that's all my news. It 9) .....(RAIN) here at the moment, so I think I 10).....(STAY) in and watch a film this evening. Hope to hear from you soon

**10x1point=10 points**

**II Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence.**

Londoners 1) ...(FREQUENT) complain about the public transport in their city. They say it is not very 2)....(RELY) , but in fact, London has one of the best public transport systems in the world. The London Underground, also known as 'the Tube', is 3)....(NORMAL) the fastest way to get around London. There are twelve lines, each bearing a 4)....(HISTORY) name and a unique colour. The Tube carries more than three million 5).... (TRAVEL) each day, and runs from 5:30 am to 1 :00 am.

It is 6)....(CREDIBLE) easy to get around London using the Tube. Stations are clearly signposted and maps are 7)..... (FREE) available at ticket windows. A word of advice though; it is best to avoid the rush hour, 9).... (USUAL) in the middle of summer. There is no air conditioning on the Tube so travel during peak hours can get very crowded and 10)....(COMFORT) .

**10x1point=10 points**

**III Read the following text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits in each gap. 10 points**

It took a few days after the cheque had arrived for me to 1... that our life would never be the same again- it was a dream 2... true. Like everyone else, I had often 3.... what it would be like not having to worry about paying the bills and just 4 ... ends meet. My husband Colin, always 5..... to say there would come a day when we could 6... the lights on without worrying how much it was going to cost us. Colin had been out of work for the last 7... of years and we had begun to wonder whether things would 8... get better. He had become depressed and irritable. Suddenly, we were 9... plans to move into a big, new house in one of the most fashionable suburbs of town. We knew we would lose touch with the neighbours with whom we had shared so much 10... the years, but both of us felt we needed more space and a proper garden.

1 A notice B realize C find D convince

2 A made B come C being D become

3 A planned B predicted C imagined D enjoyed

4 A having B doing C putting D making

5 A would B had C used D repeated

6 A let B leave C remember D see

7 A dozen B few C several D couple

8 A hardly B sometimes C ever D rather

9 A making B drawing C looking D having

10 A in B over C at D for

**10x1p=10 points**

**IV Read the text below and think of a word which best fits in each gap. Use only one word in each gap**

She was horrified (1)..... she found out that her 12-year-old daughter had (2)..... arrested for stealing some make-up from a high street chemist. This happened (3)..... she had been dared (4)..... some older children she looks up to. At (5)..... she went along with what they wanted her to do. (6)....., once she was in the shop she was (7)..... frightened that she started crying, (8)..... is what attracted the attention of the shop assistant. The police were called and she (9)..... given a telling-off at the police station. Since this terrifying experience, she has been afraid to go out on her (10)..... .

**10x1p=10p**

**Subiectul B –integrated skills                      60 points**

I Read the text below . For questions 1 to 5, choose the correct answer A, B , C or D.

In the Himalayas there's an old Sherpa saying that, "There is a Yeti in the back of everyone's mind; only the blessed are not haunted by it." Many cultures have legends about solitary man-beasts, and recorded sightings in North America and Asia date back to the early 1800s. Despite numerous sightings, photos and footprints of often questionable origin, there has never been conclusive proof that these creatures exist. No droppings, no bones, no hair and no bodies found - alive or dead.

And this week, geneticists at the University of Alberta are putting the legend to the test as they scrutinise hair alleged to have come from Bigfoot. The results are due on Thursday. The hair was collected by residents in Teslin, Yukon, who claim to have found it in a massive footprint left behind by a 3m-tall human-like creature which walked through their gardens earlier this month.

Wildlife geneticist Dave Coltman expects that the hair will have come from a known mammal such as a bear or bison, but says he is curious enough to test this theory. "If Bigfoot is indeed a primate, then we would expect the sample to be closer to humans or chimpanzees or gorillas. That would be kind of cool, wouldn't it?"

Regardless of his findings, the myth of Bigfoot does not need hard facts to persist. The creatures are real enough to those who say they have spotted them, but opinion is divided on the nature of the beast. Some say it is flesh-and-blood; others, including various Native American tribes, believe it to be a spirit being which appears to humans in times of crisis. Ralph Gray Wolf, an Athapaskan Indian from Alaska, has told reporters that Sasquatch makes appearances to help troubled communities "get more in tune with Mother Earth", bringing a message that there is a need to change.

Nor are such creatures confined to the vast, isolated tracts of land in North America and Asia - in the UK, such legends date back centuries. Two years ago, investigators and the media descended on Bolam Lake, near Newcastle, following a spate of sightings of a tall, shadowy figure over the previous 18 months. In their week in the wooded, lakeside park, six of the party spotted the so-called Beast of Bolam. Richard Freeman, of the Centre for Fortean Zoology centre, says one of his colleagues was among the witnesses.

"What they saw was not Bigfoot, or Sasquatch as I prefer to call him; it was an enormous shadowy figure in the trees, more like a ghost than flesh-and-blood. In a park not far from a city centre, you're not going to get a nine-foot ape-like creature - England doesn't have the habitat to support it." His theory is that sightings such as this - and Scotland's Big Grey Man of Ben MacDhui and the Grey King in Wales - are of a paranormal being. "I don't mean that these are the ghosts of some creature which has died; I think it is more complex than that."

In his time as a professional monster hunter, Mr Freeman has travelled the world gathering tales of weird and wonderful creatures - and in every culture, the same types crop up time and again. He calls it the "international monster template", which is made up of dragons and other huge reptiles; large ape-like creatures, such as Sasquatch and the trolls of Medieval Europe; little people, such as fairies and goblins; giant birds; and phantom dogs and cats. "I believe these are equivalents of the creatures which inhabited the plains of Africa millions of years ago, which our ancestors would have had to deal with. We now have a fossil memory of these creatures. Under certain conditions, the human mind creates 3D images of these equivalents."

1. What is the best meaning of the word "questionable" in the first paragraph?  
A invisible  
B doubtful  
C dishonest  
D invented
2. What would Dave Coltman find "cool"?  
A if Bigfoot turned out to be a gorilla  
B if the residents had found real hair  
C if Bigfoot was genetically close to humans  
D if the hair turned out to be human
3. What is the meaning of the first sentence of the fourth paragraph, starting "Regardless of his findings..."?  
A the Bigfoot legend exists due to so many sightings  
B it is inevitable that Bigfoot will eventually be found  
C the Bigfoot legend persists despite a lack of real evidence  
D you cannot call it a "myth" anymore
4. Why does Richard Freeman say about the possibility of a UK-based Bigfoot?  
A Bigfoot couldn't survive hidden in the UK  
B the UK is too cold for Bigfoot  
C Bigfoot can't live near cities  
D the witnesses were possibly drunk
5. What is Mr Freeman's theory about why these creatures are seen around the world?  
A the animals have survived from Africa  
B we are seeing 3D images of animals that live far away  
C we are mistaking dreams for reality  
D our brains are programmed to see such creatures

**5x2p=10p**

**II Write a narrative essay about a close encounter you had with Bigfoot. Give your story a suitable title.**

**(180-200 words) 50 points**