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CLASA A X-A, SECȚIUNEA A

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Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.

Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.

Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.

VARIANTA 1

Subiectul A-Use of English 40 points

I. Read the following text and put the verbs in capitals into the correct tense. 10 points

An elite force of detectives 1 ...HAVE a dramatic effect on the crime rate in the Swedish town of Upsalla . But the hundred men of the crack squad are no ordinary crime busters –they are only ten years old. The youngsters work under Goran Harde , a policeman who 2...RUN a detective training course for the past five years. The scheme 3...GROW in popularity since it 4... BE LAUNCHED in 2015.

Recently, when a woman went missing from an old people's home, Harde 5... CALL the local school and 6.... ASK them to 'let out his detectives'. After half an hour the detectives announced their boss that they 7... FIND her sitting in a cafe.

When a bike is reported stolen, Harde sends out his team.' They're so good at it that they will find the bike unless the perpetrator 8.... RIDE it out of town', Harde said proudly.

Following a recent robbery in Upsalla, the police saw the get-away car in Harde's district. Harde 9... GIVE the car number to his children and asked them to look for it. He was sure that by the end of the day his detectives 10... FIND it.

10x1 point=10 points

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

1 The enemy plane came ..... close. (THREATEN)

2 I was overwhelmed by a feeling of..... as I was wheeled into the operating theatre.( HELP)

3 The ..... of the island followed nuclear tests in the area. (ABANDON)

4 The charity enjoys the.... of many prominent local business people. (PATRON)

5 I am most grateful to the children and their parents who so .... participated in this study. (WILL)

6 The..... of the bay is approximately 200 miles. (LONG)

7 The article was about the different .... of Spanish spoken in South America. (VARY)

8 They give an..... optimistic assessment of their own skills and abilities. (REAL)

9 I need someone ..... to take care of the children while I'm at work. (DEPEND)

10 His.... old dog accompanied him everywhere he went. (FAITH)

10x1 point=10 points

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

Many people enjoy lying in bed in the morning, but can you 1... having to spend 90 days in bed? Could you 2.... the frustration of not being 3... to get up ? That was the 4.... that faced 14 volunteers when they 5... on a bed-rest experiment being 6... by the European Space Agency.

The study had a serious purpose: to 7... the changes that take place in the human body during long-duration spaceflight. Lying in a horizontal position was the best way of simulating weightlessness. The aim was to discover what effect 8...of weightlessness will have on the health of astronauts spending several months on the International Space Station.

The volunteers ate their meals, took showers and underwent medical tests without ever sitting up. That's even 9... than it sounds, especially when you 10... that no visitors were permitted .

1 A suppose B consider C imagine D think

2 A stand B maintain C hold D support

3 A enabled B allowed C granted D approved

4 A business B work C occupation D task

5 A came by B started out C took off D set up

6 A produced B carried C conducted D applied

7 A investigate B search C inquire D question

8 A times B periods C stages D terms

9 A stronger B firmer C greater D tougher

10 A reckon B realise C regard D remark

**10x1 point=10 points**

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

What could the Britain's Got Talent star, Susan Boyle, have in common with one of America's .....1 notorious serial killers? More than you might think.

Eight weeks ago Boyle was completely unknown. ....2 after her appearance on Britain's Got Talent she was catapulted to fame and splashed across all the front pages.

....3 is interesting about Susan Boyle from a sociological point of ....4 is that her rapid rise to fame marks a significant milestone in the evolution .....5 contemporary celebrity. Reality TV stars tend....6 become very famous for five minutes ..... 7 plunging back into obscurity, but Boyle's "career" is an order of magnitude above our average Big Brother favourite. No other celebrity ...8 travelled the road from nowhere to global fame ... 9 fast. Her celebrity is born of a synergy between the old and the "new" media. Her debut TV appearance turned her ....10 an overnight YouTube sensation .

**10x1 point=10 points**

**Subject B –integrated skills 60 points**

**I Read the text and the questions below it and decide which answer A,B,C or D fits best according to the text.**

**Man claims he was misled over nutritional content of meals**

If Caesar Barber dreamed of winning fame, he probably didn't think it would be due to his obesity. However, since the 120 kg maintenance worker filed a lawsuit against McDonald's, Wendy's, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Burger King last month - seeking damages for selling him food that made him obese - Barber's 15 minutes of fame are proving as painful as the two heart attacks he has already had.

"Does anyone really believe that Mr Barber was too dumb to know that eating saturated fat was less healthy than having, say, a fruit dish or a chef salad?" said Steve Dasbach, who is the executive director of the Libertarian party. Barber says that he was in the dark about the nutritional content of the fast food he was eating up to five times a week from the 1950s onwards. Incredibly, he didn't give up burgers and salty fries after he had his first heart attack in 1996. He is now a diabetic with high blood pressure.

In his lawsuit - the first of its kind in the United States - he contends that deceptive advertising misled him about the nutritional value of the food, until a doctor pointed it out. "Those people in the advertisements don't tell you what's in the food," he says. "Now I'm obese. The fast-food industry has ruined my life. They said 100% beef. I thought that meant it was good for you."

Attacks on Barber's character and perceived IQ became a sport in the US media. Barber wasn't stupid, columnists and radio hosts joked, just out to make money by failing to take responsibility for his diet. More than 75 million Americans eat fast food every day. But who, the journalists asked, doesn't know that too much will make you overweight?

"Mr Barber honestly didn't know what the dangers were when he started eating fast food in the 50s," says his lawyer, Samuel Hirsch. "The fast-food chains made no effort then, and little today, to inform consumers about the dangerously high fat, cholesterol or salt content of their food." Hirsch says that his client, who has now gone into hiding, is not trying to make money but to get the chains to inform customers that their food is guilty of expanding their waistlines.

Barber and his lawyer are following hard on the heels of a series of lawsuit wins over some tobacco companies for the addictive nature of nicotine and subsequent diagnosis of cancer. It actually seems that Hirsch believes that there might be similarities between tobacco and fast food products as he claims that both nicotine and fast food products create a craving.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine applauded the lawsuit. The committee's research coordinator, Brie Turner-McGrivey, says that whether Barber wins or loses, the hype surrounding the case has been good for doctors, spotlighting America's obesity epidemic and the role that fast food plays in it.

1 Why is Caesar Barber famous?

- A. Because he is a top lawyer.
- B. Because he has been eating fast food for more than 40 years.
- C. Because he has serious health problems due to eating fast food.
- D. Because he sued fast food chains for making him obese.

2 What does Caesar Barber say about fast food?

- A. He started to eat fast food before 1950.
- B. He didn't know what the content of fast food was.
- C. In the 50s fast food wasn't fattening.
- D. He used to eat fast food five days a week.

3 How did the American media react to this lawsuit?

- A. Some media started a sports campaign against eating hamburgers.
- B. The media suggested that Caesar Barber should go on a diet.

- C. Barber was offered to host his own radio show.
- D. The media made fun of Caesar Barber.

4 Caesar Barber's lawyer argues that

- A. Caesar Barber is in hiding because he is worried about his life.
- B. Caesar Barber is trying to force fast food chains to better inform their customers.
- C. fast food chains are expanding too quickly.
- D. he is only trying to make money just like other lawyers

5 What is meant by the expression "hard on the heels"?

- A. in a very difficult way
- B. with a lot of problems
- C. very persistently
- D. immediately after

**5x2p=10 points**

II You were at a fastfood restaurant yesterday. All of a sudden ***the famous Mr Barber*** entered the restaurant and sat down at your table. Write a narrative-descriptive essay about what happened next. Give your story a suitable title.(200-220 words)

**50 points**