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### OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ ETAPA LOCALĂ - 15 FEBRUARIE 2020 CLASA A VIII-A

#### VARIANTA 1

1. Look at the sentences below about The ICEHOTEL. Then read the text to decide if each sentence is TRUE or FALSE. If it is true, mark it **T**. If it is not, mark it **F**. (25 points)
1. During the 1980s, few tourists used to go to the Arctic in summer.
2. People came in large numbers to Jukkasjärvi to see the Arctic Hall.
3. The artist encouraged people to sleep in the Arctic Hall.
4. Each winter, guests come and sleep in the hotel before it is finished.
5. Progress when building the hotel is influenced by the weather.
6. The temperature inside the hotel changes according to the temperature outside.
7. Some clothes are provided by the hotel.
8. Guests should buy boots which fit as tightly as possible.
9. Items ordered through the ICEHOTEL shop will be delivered to your home.
10. It is possible to take a train from the airport to the ICEHOTEL

#### THE ICEHOTEL

For many years the Arctic was a popular destination in the summer season to see the land of the midnight sun but in winter the few inhabitants had the snow and ice to themselves. By the end of the 1980s it was decided that the dark and cold winter should be seen as an advantage. In the winter of 1990 the French artist Jannot Derit was invited to have the opening of an exhibition in a specially built igloo (a building made of snow) in the little town of Jukkasjärvi on the frozen Torne River. The building, named Arctic Hall, attracted many interested visitors to the area. One night a group of foreign guests decided it would be a good idea to sleep in the Arctic Hall. The following morning the brave group were very pleased with their experience and the idea of an ice hotel was born. Today it is world famous.

As soon as winter begins, a team of snow builders, architects and artists from all over the world come to Jukkasjärvi and they make the hotel for that year. As one part is completed, it opens to visitors and overnight guests, while the other parts are still being built. The first part is completed in December and each week after that a new part opens, until January 7th when the hotel is completed. As the ICEHOTEL is built under the open sky, using the natural materials of the winter season, the finishing date depends on nature and therefore there are sometimes changes to the plan. In the spring, as the weather gets warmer, the hotel melts.

Inside the hotel, the temperature is never colder than  $-5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-8\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , however cold it may be outside. Winter outer clothes such as warm overalls, hats and gloves are included in the cost of guests' stay at the hotel. In addition to this, it is a good idea for guests to bring sweaters and a scarf as well as plenty of woollen socks and to choose footwear that is larger than normal to allow space for thick socks.

If you are planning to come to the hotel, you can buy warm sweaters, woollen socks and much more on the ICEHOTEL website. You can order these and the equipment you will need at the same time as you book your visit. The items will be delivered to your room when you check in.

The hotel is in the village of Jukkasjärvi, 200 km above the Arctic Circle but only 15 km from Kiruna airport and 17 km from Kiruna train station. Transport by bus can be arranged from the airport or train station to the ICEHOTEL.

II. Choose the most suitable word for each space:

### SHARKS

Sharks are some of the most frightening creatures in our oceans. They are well prepared for feeding under water because they can (1)..... very well, and they can also (2)..... movement through special lines on the sides of their bodies. These make sharks very (3) ..... for smaller sea creatures that become their food. Although sharks are similar (4)..... other fish in a number of ways, their bodies are different. For example, unlike other fish, most sharks (5)..... to swim all the time in order to breathe and stay alive, (6)..... they hardly sleep at all. Also, if sharks are turned over on their backs, they can stop moving (7)..... . This is a very useful technique for researchers (8)..... are often required to (9)..... sharks. It allows them to (10)..... out more about these fascinating creatures.

	A	B	C	D
1	watch	look	notice	see
2.	touch	feel	know	catch
3.	dangerous	difficult	serious	important
4.	with	from	to	of
5.	ought	need	must	should
6.	so	as	but	or
7.	perfectly	finally	fully	completely
8.	which	who	what	whose
9.	sort	care	deal	handle
10.	discover	search	find	study

(20 points)

III. Rewrite each sentence so that it means the same as the previous one. Use between three and five words, including the word given.

- It is unusual to find a mistake in one of Jenna's calculations. - **USUALLY**  
Jenna ..... mistakes in her calculations.
- What happened at the party wasn't our fault – **BLAME**  
You can't put ..... what happened at the party.
- Despite the heavy rain, the small plane took off. – **EVEN**  
The small plane took off ..... raining heavily.
- It was foolish of Chris to leave his wallet on the front seat of the car. - **SHOULD**  
Chris .....his wallet on the front seat of the car.
- Local farmers grew the huge vegetables on display at the show. - **GROWN**  
The huge vegetables on display at the show ..... local farmers.
- I'm sure Veronica regrets lying when her mother asked her about the broken vase. – **WISHES**.  
I'm sure Veronica now ..... told a lie when her mother asked her about the broken vase.
- I haven't been so shocked by a documentary for ages. - **MOST**  
It was one ..... documentaries I have ever seen.
- Can I have some pocket money? asked the boy. – **IF**  
The boy asked ..... some pocket money.
- They didn't sell many programmes at the match last Sunday. – **FEW**  
Very ..... at the match last Sunday.

10. Last Friday was the first time my car ever broke down, even though it is very old. – **NEVER**  
Until last Friday, my car .....down, even though it is very old.  
**(30 points)**

IV. In about 180 words, write a story ending with the sentence. “It had been a night to remember, but now I had to get home – easier said than done.” **(25 points)**

**Nota:** Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru: 2 ore.