

**Etapa județeană / sectoarelor municipiului București a olimpiadelor naționale școlare - 2022****Probă scrisă
Limba engleză
CLASA a VIII-a**

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 2 ore.

SUBIECTUL I – USE OF ENGLISH (25 points)

I.1. Read the text that follows and choose the correct word to complete each gap. For each question, circle the correct answer A, B, C or D. (10 points)

The game of golf

It is not known where golf originally came from. Ball and stick sports existed all (1) _____ the ancient world and, to this day, historians (2) _____ over which of these types of sports actually count as early (3) _____ of modern-day golf.

At a quick glance, the rules of golf seem (4) _____ enough: the sport is played in an open outdoor area with eighteen holes, and players use a club to hit a ball into each of these holes in turn. (5) _____ the game itself actually begins, however, players find it is more (6) _____, with different rules applying depending on where the ball lands.

In addition to the peaceful nature of the sport, the fresh air and beautiful scenery make golf a relaxing (7) _____ for many people. However, hitting the ball accurately and with just (8) _____ power for it to cross but not to go (9) _____ the required distance takes both skill and concentration. For this reason, many people consider golf to be (10) _____ the most challenging and engaging sports around.

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| 1. | A. along | B. over | C. until | D. about |
| 2. | A. disagree | B. insist | C. discover | D. defend |
| 3. | A. shapes | B. forms | C. options | D. choices |
| 4. | A. easygoing | B. essential | C. efficient | D. simple |
| 5. | A. Then | B. Once | C. As | D. Since |
| 6. | A. crowded | B. convenient | C. complicated | D. satisfactory |
| 7. | A. occupation | B. service | C. hobby | D. session |
| 8. | A. some | B. little | C. about | D. enough |
| 9. | A. beyond | B. further | C. extra | D. far |
| 10. | A. of | B. between | C. among | D. within |

I.2 Fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms. (10 points)

- Every morning, Mike _____ (turn on) the TV for the latest news.
- She is very pale. It looks like she _____ (faint).
- They _____ (have) dinner when the storm started.
- Tonight we _____ (meet) our friends; it's all been arranged.
- This is the first time I _____ (ever/eat) seafood.
- By the time we got to the stadium, the match _____ (already/start).
- If Lisa _____ (not go) to bed so late, she wouldn't be tired all the time.
- Really? \$ 1000 for a dress? You _____ (joke)!
- My cousins _____ (live) in France since 2016.
- I was sure you _____ (do) great in your exams.

I.3 Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence.**(5 points)**

- We need to find a _____ to our economic problems.
- Young people need to _____ their general knowledge by reading more.

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3. My skin is very _____, so I shouldn't stay out in the sun all day. SENSE
4. Why are you driving so _____? You might have an accident. CARE
5. A small _____ between the two parties eventually turned into a huge scandal. AGREE

SUBIECTUL al II-lea – READING COMPREHENSION (25 points)
Read the text below and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

A hotel under the sea

Want to sleep under the sea? The company Planet Ocean has plans for an exciting underwater hotel, which they hope to build in locations all over the world.

The hotel won't be large, with only 12 guest rooms, plus a restaurant. Guests will get to the hotel in a lift – so no diving or getting wet! The hotel will float 10 metres under the ocean, although it will be attached to the sea bed to prevent it from moving too far. Because it won't be very deep under the water, the sun will shine down and provide light. Guests will get great close-up views of the fish and other sea creatures, which won't be bothered by the hotel and so won't make any effort to avoid it.

The hotel's design, with clear plastic walls, means guests will be able to see the sea and all the creatures that live there around, above and below them in their rooms. They will almost get the feeling that they are swimming in the ocean. The luxury rooms will have a shower, TV and even the internet. The restaurant will serve high-quality meals. As you might expect, Planet Ocean want to encourage people to eat less fish, so guests won't find any on the menu. What's more surprising is that the atmosphere will be silent, so guests will have to imagine the sound of the ocean around them.

The hotel won't be cheap to build and it won't be cheap to stay in. But the designers are especially proud of the fact that it will be environmentally friendly. It will use electricity, of course, but it will produce its own, and won't disturb ocean life at all. In fact, the designers hope some sea creatures will build their homes on parts of the building, which will bring real benefits to the underwater world.

Planet Ocean's future designs include a moving hotel. It perhaps sounds like this will work in the same way as a cruise ship, but this is not the case. In fact, rather than moving between continents and countries, it will stay within a single country's waters, but only occasionally change positions around its coast.

1. What do we learn about the hotel?
 - A. Guests will have to swim down to get to it.
 - B. Its lights will shine into the sea so guests can see the fish.
 - C. It will only have a small number of rooms.
 - D. Fish and other sea creatures will be scared of it.
2. What might guests find strange about staying at the hotel?
 - A. swimming from their rooms into the ocean
 - B. having ocean life in their room
 - C. enjoying a meal of freshly caught fish
 - D. being unable to hear the ocean
3. What is the best thing about the hotel, according to the designers?
 - A. It won't cost much to build.
 - B. It won't use much electricity.
 - C. It won't cause any damage to the environment.
 - D. Fish and other sea creatures won't come very close to it.
4. Planet Ocean's moving hotel will
 - A. rarely move from one site to another.
 - B. travel between various countries.
 - C. be similar to a type of cruise ship.
 - D. remain close to the coast of each continent.



5. What might a guest in this hotel say?
- A. It's very expensive, but the facilities are quite basic and the windows are too small to see outside.
 - B. It's great to stay in such a beautiful hotel that is also good for the planet.
 - C. Seeing the fish up close is amazing, but it's a shame that the hotel disturbs sea life.
 - D. It's a great idea, and I love the fact that it can move around and travel to different locations.

SUBIECTUL al III-lea –WRITING (50 points)

Write a story ending like this:

Although he knew that was the last time he would see her, he felt at peace because he had done everything in his power to help her.

Write your story in 150-180 words and give it an appropriate title. Pay attention to the following:

- you don't need to write long descriptions;
- use dialogues only if they are relevant to your characters or events;
- you should use this plan:

1. **Introduction** (paragraph 1 – set the scene)
2. **Main Body** (paragraph(s) 2/3 – develop the story)
3. **Conclusion** (paragraph 4 – end the story).

Don't count the given ending.