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CLASA A IX-A

Varianta I

Subject I

Write a narrative essay to continue the story below. Complete the task in about 250 words.

"Leave him alone" I yelled as I walked out of the orphanage gate and saw several of the Spring Park School bullies pushing the deaf kid around. I did not know the boy at all but I knew that we were about the same age, because of his size. He lived in the old white house across the street from the orphanage where I lived. I had seen him on his front porch several times doing absolutely nothing, except just sitting there making funny like hand movements.

In the summer time we didn't get much to eat for Sunday supper, except watermelon and then we had to eat it outside behind the dining room so we would not make a mess on the tables inside. About the only time that I would see him was through the high chain-link fence that surrounded the orphanage when we ate our watermelon outside.

The deaf kid started making all kinds of hand signals, real fast like. "You are a stupid idiot" said the bigger of the two bullies as he pushed the boy down on the ground. The other bully ran around behind the boy and kicked him as hard as he could in the back. The deaf boy's body started shaking all over and he curled up in a ball trying to shield and hide his face. He looked like he was trying to cry, or something but he just couldn't make any sounds, I don't think.

I ran as fast as I could back through the orphanage gate and into the thick azalea bushes. I uncovered my home-made bow which... (**The Whale Sound** by Roger Dean Kiser)

50p

Subject II

You and two other classmates won, as a prize in contest, a whole week in Brighton, UK. Here, you stay with a nice family with two children. Write a letter to your best friend from home to tell him/her about this new experience. Use 120-150 words. Sign your letter as Andrei/Andreea.

25p

Subject III (25 points)

A. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. (10 points)

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The journey **1(take)** Joanna through Europe and Africa, where in a remote corner of Tanzania she **2 (meet)** Eric Baldwin, an American who **3 (teach)** in a school there for a couple of years. Eric was like no other man that Joanna **4(ever /meet)**, and she **5(fall)** madly in love with him. After two weeks, Joanna **6(continue)** her journey to India, but then she **7(decide)** to go back to Africa. There she found out that he **8(have)** an accident and was now in a hospital in Germany. Once again she decided that she **9(follow)** him. They got married in Germany and they settled in Tanzania where they **10(live)** ever since.

B. Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each blank space. (5 points)

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| 1. London isone of the most beautiful cities in the world. | DOUBT |
| 2. My job is very boring because the work is | REPEAT |
| 3. This skirt is too short. I need to it. | LONG |
| 4. The child was sent home because his behaviour was..... | ACCEPT |
| 5. John is a very person, and generous too. | RELY |

C. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word given in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same. The word can't be changed in any way. (10 points)

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| 1. I last visited Paris two years ago.
..... | FOR |
| 2. Maybe Allan left the bag on the bus.
..... | MIGHT |
| 3. Is she familiar with the local customs yet?
..... | USED |
| 4. It's been over a week since I last saw him.
..... | AGO |
| 5. Jane is usually very polite so I'm surprised that she was rude.
..... | LIKE |

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