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Clasa a XI-a

Varianta 1

Subject I (50 points)

In about 350 words, write an argumentative essay starting from the following statement:

“Success is somebody else’s failure.” Do not use any title.

Subject II (25 points)

A letter from a reader has recently been published in a newspaper you read, complaining that the newspaper is always full of bad news and never highlights the positive aspects of life. The newspaper has invited readers to write an article entitled *Reasons to Be Cheerful*.

Write an article under that title, showing that you believe in the good things in life, both for you personally and for people in general, and giving your reasons for choosing them.

Write your article in approximately 200 - 220 words.

Subject III (25 points)

A. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given without changing it. (10 points)

1. Because of its price, the book may never become a bestseller. PREVENT
The price of the book maya bestseller.
2. It is essential that this door is kept unlocked. SHOULD
On no.....locked.
3. It’s ages since the vending machines in the canteen worked. OUT
The vending machines.....ages.
4. Nadia's friend arrived just as she was about to leave the restaurant. POINT
Nadia was just.....the restaurant when her friend arrived.
5. Jane said that she would no longer tolerate her colleagues being rude. PUT
“I’m not willing from my colleagues any longer”, said Jane.

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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Culture shock is a feeling of 1).....experienced by someone
visiting a new country and being confronted with an 2)..... FAMILIAR
culture. It is experienced by many of the thousands of students who leave
home to study English in an English-speaking country.

These students have to cope with changes in weather, food, language
and behaviour. 3)..... have found that there are several stages of RESEARCH
culture shock and that adjusting to life in a new country is an ongoing
and gradual process.

Initially, students may feel excited and delight at the new culture.
They take to their language studies with enthusiasm and make significant
progress. Once the 4).....of being in a foreign place wears off, feelings NOVEL
of 5)....., depression and homesickness may arise, and homesick ANXIOUS
students may call home repeatedly.

C. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Are you looking forward to another busy week? You should be according 1) some experts. They argue that the stress encountered in 2) daily lives is not only good for us, but essential to survival. They say that the response to stress, which creates a chemical called adrenalin, helps the mind and body to act quickly 3) emergencies. Animals and human beings use it to meet the hostile conditions 4) exist on the planet. The pressures of everyday life are undeniable, but many experts consider the current strategies we use to deal with them to 5) inadequate and often dangerous. They believe that 6) of trying to manage our response to stress by 7)..... of drugs or relaxation techniques, we must actually exploit stress. Apparently, research shows that people 8) create conditions of stress for themselves by doing exciting and risky sports or looking for challenges, cope much better with life's problems. Activities of this type 9) been shown to create

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a lot of emotion; people may actually cry or feel extremely uncomfortable. But there is a point 10) which they realise they have succeeded and know that it was a positive experience. This is because we learn through challenge and difficulty. That's how we get our wisdom.

TOTAL

100 p

Notă: toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru 3 ore. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.