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Subject I

Read the beginning of a story written by Ray Bradbury. Write a 250 word-narrative essay to continue Eckels' adventure back in time. Give your own title to your story.

“The sign on the wall seemed to quaver under a film of sliding warm water. Eckels felt his eyelids blink over his stare, and the sign burned in this momentary darkness:

time safari, inc.

safaris to any year in the past.

you name the animal.

we take you there.

you shoot it.

The muscles around his mouth formed a smile as he put his hand slowly out upon the air, and in that hand waved a check for ten thousand dollars to the man behind the desk.

‘Does this safari guarantee I come back alive?’

‘We guarantee nothing,’ said the official, ‘except the dinosaurs.’ He turned. ‘This is Mr.~ Travis, your Safari Guide in the Past. He’ll tell you what and where to shoot. If he says no shooting, no shooting. If you disobey instructions, there’s a stiff penalty of another ten thousand dollars, plus possible government action, on your return.’”

50p

Subject II

You want to invite a friend from abroad to visit you in your country. Write a letter to her about what she can see in your country and why she would enjoy her visit. Use between 120 and 150 words and sign your letter Marta/Matei.

25p

Subject III

A. Fill in the gaps with an appropriate form of the verb in brackets (10 p):

Laura looked up her boyfriend's phone number in the telephone directory because she _____¹ (forget) it. She was quite surprised when his phone _____² (answer) by a woman. „Er, hello ... Is John there ?”. „Yes, but he _____³ (have) a shower at the moment.” So Laura asked the woman to tell him that his girlfriend _____⁴ (phone). Half an hour passed and she _____⁵ (begin) to get impatient. She said to herself, “If he _____⁶ (not/ring) in two minutes, I _____⁷ (phone) him back.” Two minutes later she phoned him back. This time a man

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answered. "John Jacobs _____⁸ (speak)." "You aren't my boyfriend!" exclaimed Laura. I _____ (know)", he replied. "That's what I _____¹⁰ (try) to tell my wife for the past half hour!"

B. Fill in the correct word derived from the words in bold (5p):

1. There is not much _____ of me winning the lottery.
LIKELY
2. He had the _____ of attending lessons either in the morning or in the evening.
OPT
3. My parents always _____ of my boyfriend until they met Godfrey.
APPROVE
4. Her biggest _____ is that she gives up too easily.
WEAK
5. It is not _____ to drink alcohol whilst taking antibiotics.
ADVICE

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)

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**
.....

25p

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