

Olimpiada de limbă engleză – Faza județeană – 10 ianuarie 2010 – Clasa a VII-a începători (L 2)

I. Imagine yourself as a tourist travelling from the East to the West of America by train. Describe what you see, hear and feel (in no more than 75 words) – 30 points.

II. Ask an appropriate question for each response - 20 points:

- 1.Q:.....? – A: I would like a steak, please.
- 2.Q:.....last night? – A: I stayed at home and watched TV.
- 3.Q:.....? – A: She is reading a book at the moment.
- 4.Q:.....? – A: We are going to visit France.
- 5.Q:.....? – A: I usually get up at 7 o'clock.
- 6.Q:.....? – A: No, he is single.
- 7.Q:.....? – A: I have lived here for about two years.
- 8.Q:.....? – A: I was washing up when he arrived.
- 9.Q:.....? – A: I spoke to James.
- 10.Q:.....? – A: I am listening to a great jazz CD that James bought me for my birthday.

III. Fill in the blanks (with only ONE word each), so that the text should make sense – 20 points:

It...(1) dark outside. An icy wind blew through...(2) courtyards. The boy shivered, stumbling...(3) the mud. He walked round several blocks, looking up at the dark windows – so he ended up at the railway...(4). There he saw a young man standing...(5) the platform, with his head and ears huddled into his collar. He didn't...(6) intimidating, but he was a stranger, after...(7), so the boy decided...(8) leave without a word. He heard the trains in the distance and he watched the lights colouring the night – where was...(9) supposed to go now? Was...(10) a light for him, too?

IV. A. Read the text and choose the correct answer to the following questions – 10 points:

Railroads are a good way to transport large amounts of material at low cost. The first railroads were developed in Europe (especially in Great Britain) in the early 19th century. During the 1840s and 1850s, railroads became very important in North America. Most of these railroads were local lines, however, and did not go a long way. But gradually these local lines were linked together into larger systems. Chicago became an important city because it was at the junction of many railroad lines. During the middle of the 19th century, two companies began to build America's first transcontinental railroad.

In the 20th century the importance of railroads decreased, especially in the United States. Today the most successful passenger trains cover short-distance runs.

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| 1. When were the first railroads developed in Europe?
a) at the end of the 19 th century;
b) at the beginning of the 19 th century;
c) in 1900;
d) at the end of the 20 th century. | 3. What happened in the United States in the 20 th century?
a) trains have become more and more popular;
b) trains are used only on long distances;
c) trains aren't used anymore;
d) people travel by train mainly on short distances. |
| 2. Why did Chicago become an important city?
a) because it was built in an area with many natural riches;
b) because there were no other cities in the area;
c) because many trains stopped there;
d) because many engineers lived there. | 4. When was the first American transcontinental railroad built?
a) in the 19 th century;
b) in the 20 th century;
c) in the 18 th century;
d) in the 21 st century. |

B. Answer the following questions – 5 points:

1. Which means of transportation do you prefer and why?
2. Do you travel by train a lot? Why?/Why not?

V. There are ten grammar and spelling mistakes in this text. Write the words correctly on your answer sheets - 15 points.

Marygold was an beutiful girl – she had big brown eyes and golden curls – evrybody liked her. Except four her cousin, Christabel, hwo felt jealous. She envyed her good looks and her natural charm. One day, as they where leaving for Brighton to spend the hollydays there, Christabel left Marygold at the railway station, hoping she would get lost. But a guard found her and managed to get her too her parents before the train left the station.

Notă: Timp de lucru – 2 ore din momentul distribuirii subiectelor.