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CLASA A X-A

Varianta a III-a

Subiectul I:

Write a 300-word essay describing a war scene as inspired by the text below:

It was dark outside, the quick new dark that leaps down without dusk on the day, but, because there were no lights in the streets, it seemed as set and as old as midnight. So you wondered that all the babies were still up. There were babies everywhere in the cafe, babies serious without solemnity and interested in a tolerant way in their surroundings.

At the table next to ours, there was a notably small one, maybe six months old. Its father, a little man in a big uniform that dragged his shoulders down, held it carefully on his knees. It was doing nothing whatever, yet he and his thin young wife sat watching it in a sort of ecstasy of admiration, while their coffee cooled in front of them. The baby was in Sunday white, its dress was patched so delicately that you would have thought the fabric whole had not the patches varied in their shades of whiteness. In its hair was a bow of new blue ribbon. The ribbon was of no use, there was not enough hair to require restraint. The bow was sheerly an adornment, a calculated bit of dash. " Oh, for God's sake, stop that!" ! said to myself. "Al I right, so it's got a piece of blue ribbon on its hair. All right, so its mother went without eating so it looked pretty when its father came home on leave. All right, so it's her business and none of yours. All right, so what have you got to cry about?"
(from "Soldiers of the Republic", by Dorothy Parker)

50p

Subject II

You stayed at a holiday resort recommended by your travel agent. However, you did not enjoy your stay due to a number of difficulties. Write a letter describing them and asking for action to be taken. Use 150-180 words.

25p

Subject III

A. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

..... (1) the coast of Scotland(2) thirty two kilometers
(3) the Outer Hebrides(4) a group of seven small(5)
called the Flannan Isles. Only (6) of the islands is inhabited, Eilean Mhor,
where a lighthouse was (7) in 1899. Three lighthouse keepers
(8) there and they are the (9) inhabitants save (10) rabbits and the
thousands of seabirds that make the island their home.

B. Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits the context: (5 points)

Nothing better **1)** ... childhood's lingering
fantasy than the treehouse: a private **2)** ...
in which to retreat from the constraints of
everyday life.

BODY
OBSERVE

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In some of Britain's most exclusive 3) ... ,
where swimming pools and conservatories are
commonplace, the most 4) ... are opting for
the only addition 5) ... to turn the neighbours
green – a luxury treehouse for adults.

NEIGHBOUR

STYLE
GUARANTEE

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning. Do not change the word given. (10 points)

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| 1. It was Susie's first visit to London.
Susie _____ to London before. | NEVER |
| 2. You need both luck and talent to succeed.
Success depends _____ as talent. | WELL |
| 3. I live in New York because it is a very exciting place.
I wouldn't live in New York _____ a very exciting place. | IF |
| 4. It was a mistake not to buy a better car.
If _____ a better car. | ONLY |
| 5. You missed the bus because you left home too late.
If you had left home _____ the bus. | CAUGHT |

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