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CLASA A IX-A

Varianta a III-a

Subject I

Read the text below and write a 200-word narrative essay to finish the story.

She was about to explore another life with Frank. Frank was very kind, manly, open-hearted. She was to go away with him by the night-boat to be his wife and to live with him in Buenos Ayres where he had a home waiting for her. How well she remembered the first time she had seen him; he was lodging in a house on the main road where she used to visit. It seemed a few weeks ago. He was standing at the gate, his peaked cap pushed back on his head and his hair tumbled forward over a face of bronze. Then they had come to know each other. He used to meet her outside the Stores every evening and see her home. He took her to see The Bohemian Girl and she felt elated as she sat in an unaccustomed part of the theatre with him. He was awfully fond of music and sang a little. People knew that they were courting and, when he sang about the lass that loves a sailor, she always felt pleasantly confused. He used to call her Poppens out of fun. First of all it had been an excitement for her to have a fellow and then she had begun to like him. He had tales of distant countries. He had started as a deck boy at a pound a month on a ship of the Allan Line going out to Canada. He told her the names of the ships had been on and the names of the different services. He had sailed through the capital Straits of Magellan and he told her stories of the terrible Patagonians. He had fallen on his feet in Buenos Ayres, he said, and had come over to the old country just for a holiday. Of course, her father had found out the affair and had forbidden her to have anything to say to him. (from James Joyce, "Eveline")

50p

Subject II

Last week your friends threw a surprise party to celebrate your birthday. Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about the party. Use 120-150 words.

25p

Subject III

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

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.

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B. Fill in the correct word derived from the words in bold:

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 while taking antibiotics.
ADVICE

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (10p)

1. He isn't old enough to enter the competition.
too
He is.....the competition.
2. Mary would rather not go out tonight.
feel
Mary.....out tonight.
3. She has difficulty making friends at school.
easy
It isn't.....friends at school.
4. The two pictures look exactly the same to me.
tell
I.....between the two pictures.
5. Ann described the plot of the film in detail.
description
Annthe plot of the film.

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