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CLASA a X-a

Subject I (50 points)

Describe a fairground in your town a few days before Christmas. Highlight people's reactions, its special atmosphere as well as two rafters making people unable to move further. Do not exceed more than 300 words.

Subject II (25 points)

You see this advertisement in an international student magazine.

We are inviting applications from families who would like to offer accommodation to international students during their stay in your country. If you are interested, please write answering the following questions;

- What do you think are the advantages for a student of staying with a host family, compared with college accommodation?
- What qualities is it necessary for a successful host to have?
- Why would you like to host international students?

Mr. S. Martin
Hosts International Ltd.

Write your **letter of application** in 220 words in an appropriate style.

Subject III (25 points)

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

If you go to London, you **(0)** **are** quite likely to meet a 'cockney'. According **(1)**.... the traditional definition, a cockney is a person who **(2)** born in the part of London **(3)**.... the sound of the bells of the church of St Mary-le-Bow can **(4)**.... heard. Generally, though, the term is used to indicate any working-class person **(5)**.... lives in the east end of London.

Some cockneys have a way of speaking which is **(6)**.... as *rhyming slang*. In rhyming slang, **(7)**.....of using the normal word for something, cockneys use a word which is different but which has **(8)**.....similar sound to the word intended. There are hundreds of words in rhyming slang but **(9)**.... of the best known examples is the phrase *apples and pears*, **(10)**.... means *stairs* because *stairs* has the same sound as *pears*. Another example is *Hampstead Heath*, meaning *teeth*.

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B. Read the text below and use the word given in capital on the right to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order you need to use them. (5 points)

BREAD

I'm a great lover of bread. Whenever I smell freshly baked bread, it reminds me of my early (1) when I used to visit the little bakery that my grandfather owned. And, of course, there are (2) good medical reasons why we should not forget the (3) of eating plenty of bread. Bread contains nearly all the protein needed for children's (4) and for adults to stay fit and well. We can get a (5) of our daily protein requirements from just six slices of bread.

CHILD

**VARY
IMPORTANT
GROW
THREE**

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. (10 points)

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| 1. Matthew can't be sure that Alex will help him if something goes wrong.
Matthew can't him if something goes wrong. | rely |
| 2. By the time we arrived at the theatre, nearly all the seats had been taken.
There left by the time we arrived at the theatre. | hardly |
| 3. Pauline isn't trying to solve her financial problems at all.
Pauline is solve her financial problems. | effort |
| 4. I'd rather you made less noise – I'm trying to get some work done.
Would much noise – I'm trying to get some work done. | mind |
| 5. I shouldn't bother to clean the windows today because it's going to rain.
It the windows today because it's going to rain. | worth |

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