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OLIMPIADA NAȚIONALĂ DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
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CLASA A X-A

Varianta a II-a

Subiectul I:

Read the following excerpt and write a 250-word description of the mayor featured in the text:

After eight, the dentist stopped for a while to look at the sky through the window, and he saw two pensive buzzards who were drying themselves in the sun on the ridgepole of the house next door. He went on working with the idea that before lunch it would rain again. The shrill voice of his eleven year-old son interrupted his concentration.

"Papa."

"What?"

"The Mayor wants to know if you'll pull his tooth."

"Tell him I'm not here."

He was polishing a gold tooth. He held it at arm's length, and examined it with his eyes half closed. His son shouted again from the little waiting room.

"He says you are, too, because he can hear you."

The dentist kept examining the tooth. Only when he had put it on the table with the finished work did he say:

"So much the better."

He operated the drill again. He took several pieces of a bridge out of a cardboard box where he kept the things he still had to do and began to polish the gold.

"Papa."

"What?"

He still hadn't changed his expression.

"He says if you don't take out his tooth, he'll shoot you."

(Gabriel Garcia Marquez, "One of These Days")

50p

Subject II

Write a letter to the Library Director informing him/her of the reasons why you find it difficult to study in the school library and urging him/her to take action. Use 150-180 words.

25p

Subject III (25 points)

- A. For questions 1 – 15, read the text below and think of a word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning. (10 points)**

Many stolen paintings have a strange history. But (0) one of the strangest was that of a painting by the famous 16th century painter Bruegel, stolen from the Courtauld Institute in London. It had fallen (1).....the hands of four thieves in London, (2).....were trying to (3).....a quick profit. Until they showed the painting to an art expert, (4)....., they had no idea how much it was worth. One of (5)..... said : "We got this old chap to come in and (6)a look at the painting. He was talking about something, then turned (7)....., saw the painting and fainted. So I thought it was probably valuable."

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Two months later, the gang telephoned (8) art expert. This expert told them that the painting was worth £ 2-3 million. They immediately hung up. They then tried to sell the painting back to the gallery from (9).....it had been stolen. The gallery contacted the police and a meeting (10)..... arranged.

B. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given without changing it. (10 points)

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| 1. We haven't got any milk left.
We've milk. | RUN |
| 2. I don't know why my neighbour thinks she's so superior to everyone else.
I don't know why my neighbour everyone else | DOWN |
| 3. It is a pity she didn't come with us.
She didn't come with us,..... pity | WHICH |
| 4. Doug ate double the amount that Jack did.
Jack ateas Doug. | MUCH |
| 5. I can't stand people laughing at me.
I can'tat. | LAUGHED |

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

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| 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 |
| 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 |

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