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CLASA a IX-a

Subject I (50 points)

Write a narrative essay about an account that showed how appearances can be deceiving. Do not exceed more than 250 words.

Subject II (25 points)

An English friend of yours is interested in cultural traditions. Write a letter inviting your friend to visit you at the time when a famous festival is being celebrated. You should include information on what the festival celebrates, when it takes place, and why it might interest your friend, and give you an account of what people do in the course of the celebration. Write your **letter** in approximatively 180 words.

Subject III (25 points)

A. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

(10 points)

A new addiction **1)** (recently/emerge) – to soap operas- and the world's first clinic to treat people obsessed with the soaps **2)** (open) next week. Victims **3)**..... (come) from every walk of life – from company directors to cleaners. Symptoms of addiction **4)**..... (include) refusing to miss an episode and watching recorded episodes again and again. One victim **5)**.....(explain) how he **6)**.....(become) addicted five years ago. His obsession **7)**.....(be) so bad that he **8)**.....(be) unable to keep a steady relationship. "When my friends **9)**.....(come around), I was more interested in the soaps. It was almost as if the people on TV **10)**.....(become) my friends instead".

B. Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to form another word that fits in each blank space.

(5 points)

1. I'm afraid he is the most unpleasant, most person I know.
2. They packed their and left.
3. They were poor but their small house was always clean and tidy.
4. They sat down to dinner round a large table.
5. The boy was so that he broke almost everything he touched.

agree
belong
surprise
circle
care

C. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word given in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same. The word can't be changed in any way.

(10 points)

1. It's a two-hour drive to the seaside.
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2. I'd prefer you to see it personally.
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3. It's pointless to argue about it any more.
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4. "I'm sorry I spoilt your plans," he said
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5. He found the film boring.

TAKES
RATHER
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TOTAL

100 PUNCTE

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