

Question 1 (50 points)

Write a descriptive essay about a busy railway station. (300 words)

Question 2 (25 points)

You see this advertisement in an English-language magazine.

FESTIVAL STAFF REQUIRED

We are looking for staff for an international art festival, taking place over a three-day period in the west of the country. We need young people with a good command of English who could work in the following areas:

public relations (press, participants)

catering (food and drink stalls and tents)

marketing (posters, flyers, promotional materials)

To apply, explain why you would like to work at the festival, give details of the role(s) you would prefer and why, and give reasons why you should be suitable.

*Write your **letter of application** . Use 150-180 words.*

Question 3

A. *Read the text below and use **ONE WORD only** in each gap: (10 points)*

The Red Sea coast of Egypt is surely one of the best places in the world to go underwater diving. Its hot climate and clear water make it the ideal place for beginners as(1)_____as for experienced divers, at any time of the year.

(2)_____ over fifty diving centres in the area, many different types of diving are possible. At centres for complete beginners there are training courses (3)_____ include simple dives with a qualified instructor. These dives (4)_____ them used to being underwater and teach some basic skills (5) _____as swimming and breathing below the surface.

More experienced divers can choose (6)_____a vast range of possible activities and many of these can be enjoyed(7)_____ as part of a group or, if they prefer, alone. Some like to explore the coast of the National Park, where the steep cliffs extend underwater to a depth (8)_____more than seventy metres. For dives of (9) _____kind it is advisable to be accompanied by a guide, on (10)_____of the strong currents which can suddenly change direction.

B. *Use the words in capitals at the end of the lines below to form words that fit the gap in the same line:
(5 points)*

During the 1950s, the popularity of skateboarding gained an (1)_____ **IMPRESS**
 following, not just in the USA, but (2) _____. However, by 1965, concerns **WORLD**
 about (3) _____ resulted in regulations being introduced to ban it in most **SAFE**
 public places in the USA. This(4) _____ killed the sport there for the next
EFFECT
 decade. Companies suddenly faced huge (5)_____ and went out of business. **LOSE**

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given in bold. You must use between two and five words, including the word given: (10 points)

1. This is a very dry part of the country. **HARDLY**
 In this part of the country _____ rains.
2. It was impossible for us to go to school because of the bus strike. **PREVENTED**
 The bus strike _____ to school.
3. The meeting probably won't last more than a few minutes. **UNLIKELY**
 The meeting _____ on for more than a few minutes.
4. It's possible that Linda didn't take the early train. **MIGHT**
 Linda _____ the early train.
5. Karen doesn't like to play the piano as much as I do. **KEEN**
 Karen _____ playing the piano than I am.

Notă: timp de lucru 3 ore. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.