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CLASA a XII-a

Subject I (50 points)

Write a 400-word **reflective essay** starting from Emerson's quotation:
"For every grain of wit there is a grain of folly. For every thing you have missed, you have gained something else; and for everything you gain, you lose something."

Subject II (25 points)

Your company is trying to increase the number of female applicants. You have been asked to write a **report** for your company management describing the current role of women within the company and suggesting ways of attracting more applicants. Write your **report** in approximately 250 words.

Subject III (25 points)

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

From a close study of history you would never gain the impression that human behaviour is dictated by intelligence,(1) less by responsible morality. An observer from(2) planet, devoid(3) instincts himself and unaware of the way in(4) instincts, the aggressive instinct in(5), operate among us, would be at a complete(6) to explain history at.....(7). The phenomena of history do..... (8) have reasonable causes. It is a mere commonplace (9) say that they are caused by(10) common parlance so aptly called "human nature".

B. Find one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sentences. (5 points)

A.

1. She's a woman without fear with a.....of her own, who says what she thinks.
2. He didn'tthat other people thought odd.
3. If you want to carry on with what you were doing, please don'tme.

B.

1. We sat and talked by the.....of the fire.
2. They set out at first.....for the summit.
3. These discoveries may throw new.....on the origins of man.

C.

1. The..... thing about him is that he never eats in the evening.
2. She takes theday off work.
3. We've got a few.....jobs to do this weekend.

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D.

1. At the age of 17, he wentthe building trade as an apprentice.
2. Eight.....twenty-four is three.
3. I'm reallyfolk music.

E.

1. Barbara has found the box in athat stood under the window in Kate's room.
2. As the phrase suggests, a main.....of cables splits off into branches which supply individual subscribers.
3. The enormous tree.....provided a home for rich colony of bird and insect life.

C. For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. The word must not be altered in any way. (10 points)

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| 1. I'd be grateful if you would check these accounts for me.
..... | mind |
| 2. There'll be trouble if you do that again.
..... | better |
| 3. His arrival was completely unexpected.
..... | took |
| 4. He owed his rescue to a passer-by.
..... | indebted |
| 5. Only if you work hard now have you any chance of success.
..... | depends |

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