



Etapa locală a olimpiadelor naționale școlare - 2023

Probă scrisă

Limba engleză

CLASA a VIII-a

- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**
- **Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**
- **Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 2 ore.**

SUBIECTUL I – USE OF ENGLISH (50 points)

I.1. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms. 20 points

This really was the holiday of a lifetime! We (1)_____ (see) the advertisement in a travel brochure about six months ago and thought it (2)_____ (look) interesting. We (3)_____ (be/never) on a cruise before and the idea of travelling to the Caribbean was extremely appealing. It seemed quite a long journey though as we (4)_____ (have) to fly to Florida first to board the cruise ship in Fort Lauderdale. We decided to go ahead as the price (5)_____ (be) very reasonable.

A couple of days later, after studying the ship's itinerary to see which ports we (6)_____ (visit), we made our reservation online. When the day of our departure (7)_____ (arrive), we were very excited. It was the first time we (8)_____ (fly/ever) on a charter flight to our destination and the airline was very efficient. Once we (9)_____ (board) the plane, the fun really started: amazing service, great accommodation and even better excursions. It was an amazing experience and one that I (10)_____ (recommend)!

I.2. Read the following text and decide which answer (A, B or C) best fits in each gap. 20 points

Did you know that we can all (1)...from pomegranates? If you often (2)....of a stomach ache or you (3)...from high blood pressure, then read on. Pomegranate juice is by (4)...one of the most therapeutic juices and many people today enjoy its natural (5)...properties.

Firstly, pomegranate juice is full (6)...vitamins A, C and E and in the Middle East people have been using it for medicinal purposes for years. If you are trying to (7)...from a stomach ulcer, then pomegranate juice could help.

(8)... you get indigestion regularly, pomegranate juice could be the answer to your problems. Just try mixing one teaspoon of honey into a glass of juice and see how fast it helps! Pomegranate juice is also rich (9)...iron, which is key when it comes to fighting viruses.

These are just some reasons (10)...pomegranates are the latest sensation. So why not give them a try?

1. a. increase b. benefit c. improve	2. a. have b. suffer c. complain
3. a. suffer b. fight c. hurt	4. a. far b. much c. close
5. a. help b. magic c. healing	6. a. off b. with c. of



7. a. cure b. recover c. treat	8. a. when b. unless c. if
9.a. in b. with c. of	10.a. when b. how c. why

I.3. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence. 10 points

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| 1. I'm not sure I've got theto sing in public. | CONFIDENT |
| 2. Adolescence is said to be the mosttime in someone's life. | CONFUSE |
| 3. This is so.....! I have lost my wallet so now I can't pay for my meal. | EMBARRASS |
| 4. The price of petrol hasin the past few months. | RISE |
| 5. The of the train is exactly 100 metres. | LONG |

SUBIECTUL al II-lea – READING COMPREHENSION (25 points)

Read the text below and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

On 26th May 1828, the people of Nuremberg in Germany found a teenage boy who was wandering alone through the streets. When they came across him, he had no possessions except for two old letters. Because of his behavior and appearance, they took him to the police station. Kaspar Hauser spent the next two months in prison, where he hardly spoke and refused all food except for bread and water. Some people assumed that Kaspar had grown up alone in the forest, like a wild animal. But gradually, a different picture emerged.

Kaspar said he had spent his whole childhood in a small dark cell. He had never seen the world outside or left his cell. He had never met or spoken to another human being. The cell was empty apart from a small bed and one toy- a wooden horse. He claimed that he had found bread and water in his cell every morning. According to Kaspar's account, a mysterious man had begun to call on him shortly before his release. The man never showed his face.

Kaspar became well-known throughout Germany and in other countries too, and people found his story fascinating. Some suggested that Kaspar was the son of a rich and powerful man - a prince perhaps - who wanted to keep his identity secret. One day in 1829, Kaspar was found with a knife wound to his head. He claimed that a man with a hood over his face had attacked him-the same man who had brought him to Nuremberg. It wasn't a serious injury, and Kaspar got over it. But in 1833, Hauser came home with a deep knife wound in his chest, saying someone had attacked him in a garden. Three days later, Kaspar died from the wound. Just before he died, Kaspar told the police that his attacker had given him a bag, so the police went to the garden and looked for it. They found it, with a note inside. The note was in mirror writing and said in German: "I want to tell you about myself. I come from the Bavarian border, on the river."

Over the years, books have been written about Kaspar's stories and various historians have looked into them. Most have concluded that the stories were untrue and that Kaspar Hauser was a liar who killed himself (possibly by mistake). But for some people, Kaspar Hauser's life and death remain one of the most mysterious stories in history.

1. Why did people in Nuremberg take Kaspar Hauser to the police station?

- A. Because he was carrying two letters.
- B. Because he said he wanted to be a soldier.
- C. Because he was acting strangely.
- D. Because he had no possessions.

2. Before Kaspar told his story, some people believed that he had grown up



- A. in prison.
B. with his father, in a forest.
C. without any people around him.
D. in a normal home.
3. According to his story, Kaspar spent the first years of his life
A. in a dark cell with a mysterious man.
B. in a dark cell with absolutely nothing in it.
C. in the garden of a mysterious stranger.
D. alone and always indoors.
4. What do some people suggest?
A. Kaspar was from another country.
B. Kaspar was really an artist.
C. Kaspar was the son of a schoolteacher.
D. Kaspar was from a wealthy family.
5. Most historians today believe that Kaspar Hauser
A. was the son of a Bavarian prince.
B. was one of the most mysterious people in history.
C. invented the story of his life.
D. did not really die from the knife wound.

SUBIECTUL al III-lea –WRITING (25 points)

Write a narrative essay ending with the following sentence:

Jonathan couldn't believe that all those things happened. Was it a dream?

Write your story in 150-180 words and give it an appropriate title. Pay attention to the following:

- you don't need to write long descriptions;
- use dialogues only if they are relevant to your characters or events;
- you should use this plan:
 1. **Introduction** (paragraph 1 – set the scene)
 2. **Main Body** (paragraph(s) 2/3 – develop the story)
 3. **Conclusion** (paragraph 4 – end the story).

Don't count the given ending.