



**CONCURS ‘MICH BALCESTI’ LIMBA ENGLEZĂ, 7 DECEMBRIE 2023
CLASA a VIII-a**

SUBIECTUL I:

READING COMPREHENSION (30 points)

Read the article about two sisters. Are the sentences ‘Right’ or ‘Wrong’? If there is not enough information to answer ‘Right’ or ‘Wrong’, choose ‘Doesn’t say’

Last year, my husband Mike and I decided to visit New Zealand. We wanted to tour the country, but we both hate long car journeys. The travel agent suggested a 13- day coach trip. It was a good price, so we booked it with our plane tickets. We made a good choice. The coach journeys passed quickly and our driver told us about each place. We learned a lot from him. We flew from London to Christchurch and had a free day there before the coach trip started. We weren’t at all tired, so we walked round the city from morning till night. It has good museums, many restaurants and lovely shops. The best place we visited on the trip was Queenstown. You can choose to do almost anything, from sailing to climbing. We had three days there, but it wasn’t enough. All the hotels were good. My favourite one was the Puka Park Lodge. It was on a hill above a beach and there were trees everywhere. We woke up and listened to the birds singing. Now, when we are eating breakfast at home and we hear and hear the noise of the traffic, we think of those beautiful mornings in New Zealand.

1. Jenny and Mike prefer travelling by car.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
2. They paid for the coach tour when they got to New Zealand.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
3. Their coach was a fast one.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
4. There wasn’t anything to do in New Zealand.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
5. The driver gave them useful information.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
6. After the plane journey, they needed to sleep.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
7. They wanted to stay longer in Queenstown.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
8. They went swimming at the Puka Park Lodge.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
9. Their house is near a busy road.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say
10. They would like to go to New Zealand again.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn’t say

SUBIECTUL II. Use of English (30p)

a. 1. Choose the correct letter (A, B, C or D) to complete the sentences. (10 x 1p=10 p)

In 1).....months, David Jones, 44, from Sussex, hopes to break 2)..... world record. He’s planning to spend 121 days in a room with 3)..... of the world’s most poisonous snakes, 4)..... will include deadly black mambas.



The four-month challenge will begin on April 24th. The current record is held by South African Martin Smith, 5)..... is also known as Mad Martin. In Oct 2008, he 6).....113 days in a room with snakes without being bitten.

Mr Jones, 7).....wife is terrified of snakes, 8).....been interested in them. He decided this was the challenge that he wanted to do. He 9).....doing it to raise money for charity. 10)..... last person who tried to break the record in 2009 was bitten by one of the snakes, which almost caused him to lose a leg.

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| 1) A a few | B a little | C some | D much |
| 2) A — | B a | C the | D some |
| 3) A enough | B many | C all | D much |
| 4) A who | B that | C where | D which |
| 5) A that | B which | C who | D whose |
| 6) A 's spent | B 's been spending | C spent | D 'll spend |
| 7) A whose | B which | C who | D that |
| 8) A always was | B has always | C is always | D was always |
| 9) A have been | B has | C was | D is |
| 10) A The | B A | C One | D — |

b. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense: (2x10= 20 points)

Dear Bert,

I 1)..... (write) to tell you what a great time we 2)..... (have) at the Sour Grapes concert last weekend. It's a pity you 3).....(not/come).

The concert 4).....(take) place in the football stadium near the university. There were about 80,000 people there. While we 5).....(wait) to get in, we 6).....(see) the members of the group arrive in a big black limo. They had bodyguards with them. Anyway, we 7).....(find) our seats and waited impatiently for the concert to begin. The Sour Grapes 8).....(recently/ to record) an album which 9)..... (become) very successful.

The concert lasted for two hours and it was great. I 10).....(send) you photos with me from the concert tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Roger

SUBIECTUL III. Writing (30 points)

Write a story beginning with the sentence : “Snowflakes were falling like tears from Heavenly eyes...” (about 120-150 words)

Nota : Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.

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SUBIECTUL I

READING COMPREHENSION (10 x 3=30p)

1. B 2. B 3. C 4. B 5. A 6. B 7. C 8. B 9. A 10. C

SUBIECTUL II

Use of English (30p)

a..Choose the correct letter (A, B or C) to complete the sentences. (10 x 1p=10 p)

- 1.A 2C 3B 4D 5C 6C 7A 8B 9C 10 A

b.. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense: (2x10= 20 points)

1. AM WRITING
2. HAD
3. DIDN'T COME/COULDN'T COME
4. TOOK
5. WERE WAITING
6. SAW
7. FOUND
8. HAVE RECENTLY RECORDED
9. HAS BECOME
10. AM SENDING/AM GOING TO SEND/WILL SEND

SUBIECTUL III

Writing (30 points)

- Task achievement (5p)
- Content and organisation (10p)
- Coherence and cohesion (5p)
- Grammar and vocabulary accuracy (5p)
- Overall effect (5p)