

CONCURS ‘MICH BALCESTI’ LIMBA ENGLEZĂ, 16 IANUARIE 2026
CLASA a VIII-a

SUBIECTUL I:

READING COMPREHENSION (30 points)

Read the article about **two sisters**. Are the sentences **Right**, **Wrong** or **Doesn't say**?
Choose the correct answer.

A TRIP TO REMEMBER

Two years ago, my sister Anna and I decided to go on holiday together to Italy. We both love history and good food, so it seemed like the perfect destination. We booked everything online, including flights and accommodation, and travelled in early June to avoid the crowds.

We stayed in Rome for four days. During that time, we visited famous places such as the Colosseum, the Vatican and the Trevi Fountain. We walked a lot, but we didn't mind because the weather was warm and sunny. Anna enjoyed the museums most, while I preferred walking around small streets and cafés.

After Rome, we took a train to Florence. The journey was comfortable and quite short. Florence was less crowded, and we had more time to relax. One evening, we attended a classical music concert in an old church, which was an unforgettable experience.

The hotels were simple but clean, and the staff were very friendly. Although the trip was not cheap, we both agreed it was worth every euro. Now we often talk about that holiday and hope to travel together again in the future.

1. Anna and her sister chose Italy because of their interests.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say
2. They travelled during the busiest tourist season.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say
3. They stayed longer in Rome than in Florence.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say
4. Both sisters liked museums the most.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say
5. The train journey to Florence was uncomfortable.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say
6. They went to a concert in Florence.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say
7. Their hotels were luxurious.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say
8. The staff at the hotels were unfriendly.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say
9. The trip was inexpensive.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

10. They would like to travel together again.
A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

SUBIECTUL II. Use of English (30p)

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

Tourism in Wales

It is estimated that in north Wales 30 per cent of all jobs can be directly attributed to tourism, but the fact visitors spend their money in a (1) of ways has a beneficial effect on other things too. Many village shops would have to close if they were not supported by (2) from tourists, and the money spent on local souvenirs can (3) local industries from going out of business.

(4), tourism also has disadvantages. For example, many of the roads in the Snowdonia area are extremely (5) and tourist cars cause traffic jams. Some farmers and local merchants (6) that they make it difficult for them to do their work as car parks full up during (7) periods and many visitors cause obstructions by parking across gateways. In addition, in the summer, thousands of people use the (8) of footpaths across Snowdon and its foothills. Often the grassy (9) is worn away, leaving rough stone or mud. This makes the path hard to see, and it can be dangerous to walk on. Repairing the paths can be very expensive, particularly higher up where (10) is difficult.

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| 1. | A. selection | B. choice | C. variety | D. difference |
| 2. | A. fortune | B. income | C. wages | D. wealth |
| 3. | A. prevent | B. damage | C. avoid | D. hurt |
| 4. | A. luckily | B. finally | C. generally | D. unfortunately |
| 5. | A. thin | B. narrow | C. slim | D. slender |
| 6. | A. decide | B. explain | C. complain | D. choose |
| 7. | A. busy | B. important | C. economic | D. tiring |
| 8. | A. connection | B. organization | C. union | D. network |
| 9. | A. level | B. surface | C. height | D. exterior |
| 10. | A. admission | B. entry | C. permission | D. access |

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

1. We won the match because we _____ (practice) hard the week before.
2. You look worried. _____ (you, think) about what happened last night?
3. When you rang, I _____ (do) my geography homework.
4. Igor _____ (not play) cricket for long, but he's already quite good at it.
5. I _____ (live) in Germany for five years now. I _____ (move) here in 2009.
6. If we _____ (go) to Greece next summer, we will visit the islands.

7. The school I go to _____(build) in 1973.
8. I would buy that car if you _____(lend) me some money.
9. My dad _____(always, forget) my mom's birthday! It really annoys her.
10. Fresh fruits and vegetables _____(usually keep) in dry places.
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SUBIECTUL III. Writing (30 points)

Write a **story** in 150-180 words ending with the sentence "*He smiled, but his eyes held a secret that no one would ever find out.*"

Don't count the given ending!

Nota : Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.

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