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**Olimpiada de limba engleză**

**Clasa a VIII-a**

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**Varianta I**

* **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii**
* **Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 2 ore**

***Subiectul I: (50 p)***

1. **Choose the right word:**

It was 5.30 on Thursday afternoon and it was raining heavily. Donald Bailey was driving (1) ........... a quiet country road on his way home from work. It was his daughter’s birthday and Donald (2) .............. to get home in time to see her (3) ............. out the candles on her cake. The party (4) ............. to start at 6 o’clock so Donald started to drive a little faster. The road was wet and (5) .............. . Suddenly, he saw a man on a bicycle in front of him. He turned the wheel quickly to (6) ............. him. Seconds later he crashed into a tree hitting his head on the (7) .......... . Everything went black. Later Donald woke up in hospital. His family were there, by his bed. There was a cake on a small table (8) ........... his bed and some colourful balloons (9) .......... on the floor. “We decided to have the party here, Dad,’’ said his daughter. He smiled happily. Everyone was relieved that Donald (10) ............ a lucky escape.

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| 1. A by | B along | C in | | D on | |
| 2. A wanted | B was wanting | C want | | D wants | |
| 3. A blue | B blew | C blow | | D blown | |
| 4. A is going | B goes | C go | | D was going | |
| 5. A slippery | B slinky | C sliding | | D slightly | |
| 6. A await | B avert | C avow | | D avoid | |
| 7.A windmill | B windpipe | | C windscreen | | D windbreak | |
| 8. A in | B by | | C next | | D of | |
| 9. A scheduled | B scented | | C scolded | | D scattered | |
| 10. A had had | B had | | C has | | D was having | |

(10p)

1. ***Read the text. Decide if the sentences are true or false and put a T (true) or an F (false) in the boxes below.***

Everybody knows that “The Simpsons” is one of the most popular

American sitcoms. Few people realize that it is in fact a picture of middle-class American lifestyle in cartoon form. The 30-minute episodes are placed in the imaginary town of Springfield and all the events, conflicts and characters make fun of some aspects of American culture and society.

The show was created in 1989 and it is the longest running sitcom in American TV history. “The Simpsons Movie” was released in 2007 and was a huge success. The Simpsons series was named the best TV series of the century

in 2000 and consequently the cartoon characters received their own star on

Hollywood’s Walk of Fame. Although it is an animated film, many human celebrities have appeared in various episodes: Bill Clinton, Tony Blair and Mel

Gibson.

There are five Simpson family members. Homer is the father, who works as a safety inspector at a nuclear power plant, likes beer and often finds himself in embarrassing situations. He is married to Marge, who is the typical American middle-class housewife. They have three children: Bart, who is always getting into trouble, Lisa, who is extremely intelligent and on her way to becoming a vegetarian and a Buddhist and Maggie, known as the baby with a pacifier. The Simpsons are the proud owners of a dog and a cat, Santa’s Little Helper and Snowball. Although the TV series spans over so many years, the characters do not show any signs of aging.

The show mocks at various aspects of present-day America. Since Homer works in a nuclear power plant, the environmental issue is brought up. Because Bart and Lisa are schoolchildren, flaws in the educational system are outlined. Family life, politics, religion and the entertainment industry are also subject to criticism.

Millions of people in over a hundred countries watch this show and Homer’s famous catch phrase “D’oh!” has become so popular that it is now listed as an accepted word in the English language in most dictionaries.

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| 1. “The Simpsons” is an animated TV series. 2. “The Simpsons” mirrors American realities. 3. All American culture is ridiculed in the series. 4. The full-length film was launched in 1989. 5. There is a Simpsons star on Hollywood’s Walk of Fame. 6. At least three famous people were guest starts in the series. 7. Marge Simpson is unemployed. 8. The Simpsons do not have any pets. 9. Since 2007, Homer has been growing old in the show. 10. “The Simpsons” series has had an impact on the English language. |  |
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1. ***Fill in the text with ONE appropriate word for each gap.***

A man goes out of prison after twenty years. He decides to go back to the neighbourhood where he lived. When he gets there he cannot recognize the place. Everything has changed a lot. The **(1)…** he used to visit have all disappeared. **(2)…** the pub has disappeared. He is very tired and would like to have something to eat. He goes into a small café and has a cup of coffee and a sandwich. When he takes out his **(3)…** he finds a shoemaker ticket in it. Then, he remembers that the last thing he had done before being arrested was to take a **(4)…** of shoes to the shoemaker's. He decides to go there and try to take them back. What a wonderful thing! The shoemaker is still at the same place. He gets into the shop and tells the shoemaker that about twenty years before he had left him a pair of shoes to have them repaired. The shoemaker has a look at the ticket and says: "O.K. Come back tomorrow. They will be **(5)…** then." Some things never change.

**1.** .................................**3.** .................................... **5.** ......................................

**2.** ................................**4.** .................................... (5p)

1. ***Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning to the first sentence.***

***Do not change the given words.***

1. “The first jump was the most thrilling experience of my life.”

Marina said that…………………………………………………… life .

1. Sarah is worried that they won’t give her a second chance.

Sarah is worried that she……………………………………… a second chance .

1. Scientists use animals for medical research.

Animals…………………………………………………………………research .

1. Andrew plays tennis very well.

Andrew is good……………………………………………tennis.

1. I was in the habit of going to church every Sunday when I was little.

I…………………………………….…………every Sunday when I was little.

(5p)

1. ***Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense***

Einstein's Chauffeur

After having proposed his famous theory, Albert Einstein would tour the various Universities in the United States, delivering lectures wherever he went. He was always accompanied by his faithful chauffeur, Harry, who would attend each of these lectures while seated in the back row.

One fine day, after Einstein \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1 (finish) a lecture and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2 (come) out of the lecture theatre into his vehicle, Harry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3 (address) him and said, "Professor Einstein, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4 (hear) your lecture on Relativity so many times, that if I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5 (be)ever given the opportunity, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6 (be able) to deliver it to perfection myself!" "Very well," replied Einstein, "We\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7 (go) to Dartmouth next week. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8 (not/know) me there. You can deliver the lecture as Einstein, and I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9 (take) your place as Harry!" And so it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 (go)to be... Harry\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 11 (deliver) the lecture to perfection, without a word out of place, while Einstein \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12 (sit) in the back row playing "chauffeur", and enjoying a snooze for a change. Just as Harry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 13 (descend) from the podium, however, one of the research assistants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 14 (stop) him, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15 (begin) to ask him a question on the theory of relativity.... one that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 16 (involve) a lot of complex calculations and equations. Harry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 17 (reply) to the assistant "The answer to this question \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 18 (be)very simple! In fact, it\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 19 (be) so simple, that I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20 (let)my chauffeur answer it!"

(20p)

***Subiectul II: (50 p)***

**Write a 180-word story ending with the following line: *And so, we’ll never know what really happened.* Give your story a title.**