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**Olimpiada de limba engleză**

**Clasa a VII-a**

**Etapa locală – 24 ianuarie 2015**

**Varianta I**

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

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

1. ***Read the following text:***

**Marco Polo** was born in 1254 in the Venetian Republic. At the time, Venice was the centre of the Venetian Republic. Marco Polo was only 17 years old when he, his father, Niccolo and his uncle, Maffeo, decided to go to China. It was Pope Gregory X who sent them to visit Kublai Khan who was the emperor of China at that time. During their visit there, Marco Polo told Kublai Khan many stories about different lands and the emperor liked them so much that he gave Marco a job, sending him on different diplomatic missions. He was also made the governor of Yangzhou, an important trading city.

Later Marco Polo went back to the Venetian Republic and he talked about his experience in China. Only few people truly believed his stories. In 1298 he went to jail during a war between Genoa and Venice and while being there, he dictated all his stories about his experiences in China to another man in jail. The stories became a book, **‘The Travels of Marco Polo’** and each chapter covered a specific region of China, telling about the military, farming, religion and culture of that particular area.

Marco Polo got out of prison in 1299 and he went back to Venice to join his father and his uncle. In 1300 he got married and had three children. Marco Polo died in 1324 when he was almost 70 years old.

1. **Write if the following sentences are T (True) or F (False):**

**1.** Marco Polo was only 17 when he joined his father, Maffeo and his uncle, Niccolo in China.

**2.** Kubai Khan was the Emperor of China at that time.

**3.** Marco Polo told Kublai Khan a lot of stories about Venice.

**4.**‘The Travels of Marco Polo’ included stories about Marco Polo’s travels all around the world.

**5.** Marco Polo went back to Venice in 1298.

***(5 p)***

1. **Answer the questions.**
2. What was the name of the city Marco Polo was governor of?
3. Why did he go to prison?
4. What did he do in prison?
5. What did he do when he went out of prison?
6. How old was he when he died? ***(10 p)***

***2.* *Read the sentences below and decide which answer A, B or C best fits each blank. Circle the correct answer.***

**1.** I am really good at basketball, …………...?

**A.** am I not **B.** am I **C .** aren’t I

**2.** I …………... sick after eating that pizza.

**A.** felt **B.** fell **C.** filled

**3.** It’s cloudy. You …………...take your umbrella.

**A.** may **B.** might **C.** should

**4.** I love …………...football.

**A.** to play **B.** to playing **C.** playing

**5.** Why …………...to Jimmy’s party this weekend?

**A.** aren’t you going **B.** don’t you go **C.** you aren’t going

***(5 p)***

**3. *Fill in the correct word derived from the words in capital letters*.**

**1.** The book was a great……………………………………………………………. . **SUCCEED**

**2.** The wind was so …………………………………………. that it kept me awake. **NOISE**

**3.** What’s your favourite ………………………………………………..instrument? **MUSIC**

**4.** The storm was so heavy that it was …………………….……..…………. for the ambulance to reach the hospital. **POSSIBLE**

**5.** My father is an………………………………………………………………… . **ENGINE**

***(5 p)***

**4. *Put the verbs in brackets into the right tense:***

Last year my neighbours **1…**(**decide)** to buy a house. They **2…(live)** in a tiny flat at the time and my neighbour’s wife wanted a house with a big garden. After searching for a few weeks, they found exactly what they **3… (look)** for a two-bedroomed house with a big back garden. Unfortunately the owner asked much more than they were willing to pay, so they had to give up. Still, they liked the garden and the location, but they **4… (not manage)** to convince the owner, so they **5…** (**look)** for something similar ever since.

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

**2.** .................................... **4.** ......................................

***(5 p***)

***5.Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.***

1. It’s months since I last went to the cinema.

I……………………….to the cinema for months.

1. This is the first time my uncle Bob has been to my house.

My uncle Bob…………………..to my house before.

1. This dress is not big enough for me to wear.

This dress………………………..for me to wear.

1. Peter is taking a shower right now.

Peter is…………………………….right now.

1. Brian came back from a very interesting trip yesterday, so he is very excited.

Brian is very excited ……………………………………………yesterday.

***(10 p)***

***6.Complete each sentence with the following words*:** conscience, death, hand, heart, mood, tears, temper, thanks, trouble, voice.

a) The children were happy because their teacher was in a good ……………… .

b) …………………. to Mr. Dawson, our car was repaired in time for our holiday.

c) Ruth was helpful, and went to a lot of ………………… to make us comfortable.

d) Harry was leaning out of the window and shouting at the top of his ……………. .

e) When Alice heard the bad news, she burst into …………………. .

f) Neil is a very kind person. His ……………….. is in the right place.

g) If you do something bad, it will be on your ................................... for a long time.

h) I was really angry. I lost my .............................. and shouted at people.

i) We need some help. Could you give us a ............................... ?

j) The first time I saw a horror film, I was scared to .......................... .

***(10 p)***

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

1. **Write a 150 word story beginning with the sentence: “Although it was a snowy, cold day , the little men tried…”** **Give it a title.**