

OLIMPIADA NAȚIONALĂ DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ – ETAPA LOCALĂ

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CLASA a XI-a - SECȚIUNEA B

BAREM ȘI SOLUȚII

Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu. Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.

SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks that follow. (20 points)

A. 4 x 2p = 8 points

Suggested answers:

1. Andrew Oswald's research suggests that our levels of happiness are largely unaffected by our wealth, indicating that there is no strong connection between increased affluence and greater happiness.
2. People continue to work long hours because they believe it is necessary to achieve financial success, even though the additional money doesn't necessarily improve their overall happiness.
3. The concentration of wealth in the hands of a small elite has led many people to feel that they are not truly wealthier, despite being in the top income brackets themselves, because the majority of the wealth is held by a very small group of people.
4. According to Oswald, the shift from comparing wealth to past generations to comparing wealth to peers has made people feel less satisfied, as they focus on how they measure up to their neighbors, friends, and colleagues rather than a generational standard.

5. 3 x 2p = 6 points

1. c 2. b 3. a

C. 3 x 2p = 6 points

Suggested answers:

1. does not affect our reported levels
2. are more affluent than we have ever
3. does the way we spend our money reveal our

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each gap (10 points)

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| 1. portrayals | 5. sensitive | 9. limited |
| 2. heavily | 6. encourage | 10. animated |
| 3. personality | 7. understanding | |
| 4. athletes | 8. inaccurate | |

III. Translate the following text into English. (10 points)

Suggested answer:

One evening, at last, I managed to write a poem, and I went to read it to her. She listened and burst into laughter. She roared with laughter, and was not in the least ashamed of it. All right, the poem was bad, but this was unimportant; what mattered was that I had written it. I threw it angrily into the waste paper basket, and I left her swearing. "There you are," I said, "why did you have to read it to her?" "How was I to know she would do that? Any commonsensical person would have told me that the poem was good, and I must go on, since later on, after I had written some better poems, I would have realized, of course, that the poem I had read to her had been bad."

- grammar structures - 4 points
- vocabulary - 4 points
- fluency - 2 points

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (60 points)

I. For each question decide which answer (A, B, C or D) fits best according to the text. (5 x 2p = 10 points)

1. B, 2. A, 3. B, 4. D, 5. C

II. WRITING – ARTICLE (50 points) - According to the marking scheme