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CLASA a VIII-a

Notă:

Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.

Timpul de lucru: 120 de minute.

Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.

SUBIECTUL I. USE OF ENGLISH

(50p)

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. (10 x 2p = 20p)

Sue and Mary are school mates. One day they meet by chance.

Sue: Where is Linda? I (1) ____ (not see) her lately.

Mary: She's not at school, she's at home. She (2) ____ (stay) in bed for a couple of weeks now. She had a terrible accident two weeks ago.

Sue: Why? What (3) ____ (happen) to her?

Mary: You know how much she (4) ____ (enjoy) playing volleyball! And, guess what? She (5) ____ (break) her leg while she (6) ____ (play) volleyball in that game against St. Nick's College.

Sue: God, that's too bad. I'm sorry to hear that. How (7) ____ she ____ (do) now?

Mary: Quite ok. Actually she has a cast on her leg because if she (8) ____ (not/move), she (9) ____ (get) better faster. I hope she (10) ____ (be) back in class next week.

2. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

(5 x 2p = 10p)

1. According to police reports, five men took part in the_____.

ROB

2. Steve is very _____. You can never count on him.

RELY

3. Don't worry, this dog is _____. It always barks, but never bites.

HARM

4. In the past, people seemed _____ of the dangers of global warming.

AWARE

5. His behaviour was quite _____. He said it wasn't his fault and blamed it on the hamster.

CHILD

3. Each of the following sentences contains a mistake. Find the mistakes and correct them. (10 x 2p = 20p)

1. He's gone to Scotland twice.

2. I drink fewer coffee than she does.

3. Lie your head on the pillow.

4. She felt more better after she had taken her medicine.

5. You must to remember that hard work is the key to success.

6. I always except good advice.

7. A friend of us is in trouble.

8. My wife does the homework because I hate cleaning.

9. The teacher gave us a lot of informations about our upcoming school trip.

10. I absolutely hate doing mistakes.

SUBIECTUL II. READING COMPREHENSION

(25p)

Read the text below and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). (5 x 5p = 25p)

How to Scam the Scammers

Nancy Dawson spends time communicating with scammers in order to catch them out. This is her story:

'I was already familiar with a particular scam called 'the puppy scam'. We'd learnt about scamming during internet safety classes at school, though I heard about the puppy scam elsewhere. It was mentioned in an online video about the different ways scammers get money out of people. I think my generation knows much more about scamming than older people. It's occasionally mentioned in the kinds of news articles my grandma reads, but people my age who see loads of scambaiting videos have a much better idea of how common scamming is and the tactics that are used.

Scambaiting involves engaging scammers in conversation. When they ask you to do something, you act a little stupid by asking lots of questions or making mistakes. It's frustrating for them, but they stay on the line patiently because they think they will get money out of you. I don't think you can be a scambaiter unless you are pretty sociable, as you have to talk to people for a long time. Most scambaiters put videos of their calls online, and the popular ones are very funny.

I scambait first and foremost because I want to help people recognise scams, and although most viewers of my videos are young, I'm sure the content they learn passes on to other family members. It'd be nice if I actually helped to get a scammer arrested, but there are just too many scammers for police to deal with. But as long as I am wasting a scammer's time, that person can't be scamming someone else. I also get a bit of income from the adverts that go out on my videos.

Some scambaiters go too far, though, when creating entertainment by punishing the scammers. I saw one video in which the scambaiter convinced a scammer that he had a well-paid job for him in Lagos. The guy used all his money to travel to the capital of Nigeria, and when he got there, there was nothing for him. For the scambaiter and the viewers, that was all a big joke. For that poor guy in Africa who was trying to earn a living by any means, it was a real situation and it could have been dangerous.

I'm aware that scambaiting doesn't promote good international relationships. The most popular of my videos are the ones that make the scammers look foolish, and I'm forever deleting racist comments. I know that a lot of scammers are really poor. They believe that all Westerners are rich and that scamming them does little harm. I've tried to convince scammers to get a more responsible job, but I haven't had any luck yet, as they have few employment opportunities. But I hope the conversations I have with them go some way in helping people understand the lives of people in poor countries and the things they have to do for cash.'

1. How did Nancy find out about the puppy scam?

- a. From an online source.
- b. From an internet safety class at school.
- c. From a video that was made by a scambaiter.
- d. From a news article her grandmother read.

2. According to Nancy, all scambaiters need to be...

- a. good actors
- b. patient
- c. not good at technology
- d. sociable

3. Which one is NOT a reason why Nancy scambaits?

- a. To help police catch scammers.
- b. To educate people.
- c. To waste scammers' time.
- d. To earn money.

4. What behaviour by a scambaiter did Nancy find particularly shocking?

- a. A scambaiter stole money that the scammer had earned from scamming.
- b. A scambaiter discovered a scammer's address and travelled there to film him.
- c. A scambaiter tricked the scammer into spending his money to get a fake job.
- d. A scambaiter got the scammer a job in order to trick him.

5. What is Nancy currently trying to do on her videos?

- a. Make scammers appear foolish.
- b. Educate viewers about the lives of scammers.
- c. To change scammers' perceptions of Westerners.
- d. Help scammers find other jobs.

SUBIECTUL III. WRITING

(25p)

Write a story with the following ending:

I swore I would never tell anyone what really happened... **(150-180 words)**