

INSPECTORATUL SCOLAR AL MUNICIPIULUI BUCURESTI
EXAMEN DE VERIFICARE A CUNOSTINTELOR DE LIMBA ENGLEZA
PENTRU ADMITEREA IN CLASA a IX-a - PROBA SCRISA
VARIANTA 1

I. Five sentences have been removed from the following passage. Choose from the sentences (A – F) the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. (5 points)

They are six billion people in the world and they live in all different corners of it. They live on the snow and ice of the Poles and in the tropical jungles on the equator. They have climbed the highest mountains and walked on the sea bed. Some of them have even left the earth and visited the moon. The human species is the most numerous and the most powerful of all the animals on earth. (...1) In many ways, animals can do things better than we can. Dogs can smell and hear better than we can. (...2) Birds can fly thousands of miles away and return to the same place every year. (...3) No other animal builds cathedrals, plays football, tells jokes, gets married, has prisons, writes symphonies, elects presidents, or goes to the moon. There is one thing above all that makes people and animals different. (...4) We are the great communicators! And we can communicate so many things in so many ways- with our faces, our hands, our bodies, and our voices. Most important of all, we can record what we say and think in writing, so that we can communicate through time. (...5) We are the only species that can change the world, and we are the only species that can choose either to look after it or to destroy it.

- A. We have a sense of past and future, not just present.
- B. People love to talk-talk-talk.
- C. So, why should we bother about the other species?
- D. How did this happen?
- E. Cats can see in the dark.
- F. But we *are* different.

II. Use the word given to complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (10 points)

1. You won't arrive on time if you don't leave early. (**unless**) → You won't arrive on time _____ early.
2. They are sending an ambulance to the scene of the crash. (**being**) → An ambulance _____ the scene of the crash.
3. "Don't touch the wire!" Mum said to me.. (**warned**) → Mum _____ the wire.
4. I'm sure he is watching television, let's call him. (**be**) → He _____ television, let's call him.
5. The puppy is not old enough to be taken away from its mother. (**young**) → The puppy is _____ away from its mother.
6. His speech was not as interesting as the other ones. (**the**) → His speech _____ of all.
7. "You broke the window," he said to Colin. (**accused**) → He _____ the window.
8. We arrived at the station too late to catch the train. (**already**) → The train _____ when we arrived at the station.
9. "I've never thought of bungee jumping before," she said. (**never**) → She said that _____ bungee jumping before.
10. "Where have you spent your winter holiday?" she asked. (**know**) → She wanted to _____ my winter holiday.

III. Fill in ONE suitable word in each blank. There is one example: (0) (10 points)

Humans **0 - have** much in common with other _____(1) forms on Earth. _____(2) the very first life forms appeared, all living forms have _____(3) desperately struggling to survive the harsh and changing conditions of our planet.. This has meant adapting to new situations and, in many cases, has led to _____(4) evolution or extinction. We are _____(5) alone in making use of the world around us or in being particularly skilful. Where we do differ _____(6) other life forms, however, _____(7) in our ability to record, and learn from, our collective history. In this, it _____(8) that we are unique. It must also be recognised, however, that we are the only ones who _____(9) managed to create the means to destroy the planet we live _____(10).

IV. Read the text below and choose which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. There is an example (0) at the beginning. (15 points)

This year's Future Product of the Year Award **0- D** - a number of unusual entries, including the Inculpable Mousetrap and alarm-clock duvet and pillow. Stuart Penny and Gianni Tozzi, both 29, _____ (1) the Inculpable Mousetrap as an 'exercise in morality' and accept it is unlikely to _____ (2) commercial success. You _____ (3) the trap, wander off the pub and wait to _____ (4) what happens. If a mouse approaches the trap, a transmitter _____ (5) to it sends a signal to your mobile phone. You are then _____ (6) to decide whether to activate the trap or not. You send back your answer as a text message and the trap's metal bar slams down or _____ (7) open accordingly.

Rachel Wingfield's alarm-clock duvet and pillow could _____(8) the end for alarm clocks. They use pulsating light beams to wake sleepers and can be used individually or together. The sleeper _____(9) programmes the alarm clock on their mobile phone, plugs it into a socket on the duvet or pillow and is woken at the _____(10) time- with light. The whole effect is _____(11) to replicate the break of the _____(12). Wingfield says her trials proved that even the _____(13) of sleepers were woken by the glowing pillow. The duvet and pillow are woven through electro-luminescent cords. At the _____(14) time the mobile phone sends a tiny electric current through them. Rachel, 24, says: 'Alarm clocks needlessly wake _____(15) households. I wanted to design something targeted at the individual sleeper.

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| 0 | A attracted | B had attracted | C was attracting | D has attracted |
| 1. | A projected | B held | C conceived | D evaluated |
| 2. | A favour | B enjoy | C appreciate | D support |
| 3. | A fix | B put | C set | D shut |
| 4. | A see | B find | C tell | D catch |
| 5. | A enclosed | B attached | C collated | D united |
| 6. | A offered | B asked | C urged | D let |
| 7. | A stays | B holds | C rests | D lasts |
| 8. | A say | B speak | C write | D spell |
| 9. | A uniquely | B simply | C plainly | D purely |
| 10. | A correct | B accurate | C reasonable | D punctual |
| 11. | A pretended | B assumed | C supposed | D suggested |
| 12. | A light | B sunrise | C dawn | D fast |
| 13. | A heaviest | B hardest | C strongest | D profoundest |
| 14. | A said | B stated | C announced | D specified |
| 15. | A full | B total | C whole | D high |

V. Read the text below and look carefully at each line. If the line is correct, put a tick (✓). If it has a word that should not be there, write this word on the line, as in the examples. (10 points)

We have had been planning for a long time to go to	0 have
the Funfair for my brother's birthday, so on the big	00 ✓
day we all piled into the car and set off. The traffic	1
was so much bad that day that it took us nearly two hours	2
to get there. Then we discovered that half the people	3
in town had been had the same idea. The place was so packed	4
that you could no hardly move. My brother wanted to go	5
on the roller coaster, so we joined the queue – which it seemed	6
to be a mile long – and waited for our turn.	7
By far the time we got to the front of the queue,	8
a man announced that there was a technical problem and the ride was made closed.	9
With a sigh of relief we had went to enjoy other attractions at the Funfair.	10

VI. Read the text and use the words given in capitals to form words that fit in the numbered gaps. The words are given in the order in which you need to use them. There is an example at the beginning. (10 points)
 0 –STORM; 1 – HUNT; 2 – HAUNT; 3 – SLOW; 4 – MYSTERY; 5 – SEARCH; 6 – SILENT; 7 – FRIGHTEN; 8 – SAFE; 9 – SCARE; 10 – LOUD;

One cold and 0 stormy night, a group of ghost-1 _____ went on a trip to Dark Towers, which is a 2 _____ castle in a remote part of Scotland. They walked 3 _____ into the 4 _____ castle and began to look around. There were no lights, so they used torches as they 5 _____. The 6 _____ of the castle was very 7 _____, so they stayed together for 8 _____. Suddenly, they saw a figure on the stairs. It was a woman in a long dress who was crying quietly. It was so 9 _____ that the ghost-hunters all screamed 10 _____ and ran out of the castle. They never went back again.

SCRIETI RASPUNSURILE PE FOAIA DE RASPUNS (ANSWER SHEET). BARATI TOATE SPATIILE NECOMPLETATE. TIMP DE LUCRU: 60 DE MINUTE. SE ACORDA 10 PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.