

Etapă județeană / a sectoarelor municipiului București a olimpiadelor naționale școlare-2026

Probă scrisă

Limba engleză

CLASA a IX-a - SECȚIUNEA A

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Se acordă zece puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.

SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets in the correct form 10 points

The evening 1) ____ (**fall**) slowly over the town when he realised that he 2) ____ (**wait**) there for far too long. He 3) ____ (**hope**) that something 4) ____ (**change**), but nothing ever 5) ____ (**happen**). If he 6) ____ (**know**) how the night would end, he 7) ____ (**leave**) earlier. Now he stood still, wondering whether he 8) ____ (**make**) the right choice, or whether everything 9) ____ (**be**) a mistake that could never 10) ____ (**undo**).

II. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in each sentence. 10 points

The decision seemed almost (1) _____ (**LOGIC**) at first, taken in a moment of emotional (2) _____ (**IMPULSE**) rather than calm reflection. Yet, as time passed, its (3) _____ (**AMBIGUITY**) nature became clearer. What initially appeared to be a sign of weakness gradually revealed an unexpected inner (4) _____ (**STRONG**). Silence, once perceived as (5) _____ (**THREAT**), turned into a form of quiet resistance. In this state of uneasy waiting, even the smallest (6) _____ (**MEAN**) gesture gained significance, while doubt itself became strangely (7) _____ (**PRODUCT**). The room, filled with dim light and heavy thoughts, reflected the (8) _____ (**INTENSE**) of the moment, a fragile balance between fear and hope, between (9) _____ (**ACT**) and restraint. In the end, what remained was not regret, but a deep sense of (10) _____ (**ACCEPT**).

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. 10 points

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| 1. I didn't tell her the truth, and now I regret it deeply.
I _____ her the truth. | WISH |
| 2. He interrupted what he was saying when he suddenly saw her.
He _____ when he saw her. | STOPPED |
| 3. It is generally believed that the novel drew inspiration from real events.
The novel _____ inspired by real events. | HAVE |
| 4. He was too tired to finish writing the report.
He _____ the report because he was too tired. | CARRY |
| 5. My sister is an actress and a dancer as well.
My sister is an actress _____ a dancer. | ADDITION |

IV. Translate the following text into English. 10 points

Era un început de primăvară și totul părea că respiră altfel. Lumina cădea blând peste oraș, iar pe aleile parcului, copacii încă golași prindeau viață încet, ca și cum ar fi ezitat să creadă în renaștere. Ioana își plimba degetele peste cotorul unei cărți vechi și zâmbea fără motiv. Era liniște, dar o liniște plină de sens – ca și cum universul ar fi făcut o pauză, doar pentru ca ea să-și aducă aminte cine este.

(Cătălina Stamate, *O sută de zile cu tine*)

SUBIECTUL B – INTEGRATED SKILLS (50 points)

I. Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer from the sentences A-H. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use. Write your answers on your answer sheet. 10 points

Community Sports Festival

Staying active is important for both physical and mental health, and the Community Sports Festival aims to promote exactly that. Held every summer in a local park, the event brings together people of all ages and fitness levels. **1)** _____. Families, students and even seniors are encouraged to take part.

The festival offers a wide range of activities, from football and basketball to yoga and dance classes. Professional trainers and volunteers guide participants through each session. **2)** _____. This makes the event accessible even to those who have never tried sports before.

Besides physical activities, there are also information stands focused on healthy lifestyles. Visitors can learn about balanced diets, stress management and the importance of regular exercise. **3)** _____. Many people say they leave the festival feeling motivated to change their daily routines.

Children are a major focus of the festival as well. Special games and competitions are organized just for them, combining fun with movement. **4)** _____. Parents appreciate that their children are learning healthy habits in an enjoyable way.

The organizers hope the festival will have a lasting impact on the community. **5)** _____. Their goal is to create a more active, connected and healthier population.

- A** They hope participants will continue exercising even after the event ends.
- B** Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience or ability.
- C** Experts are available to answer questions and give practical advice.
- D** This helps children associate sport with enjoyment rather than pressure.
- E** All activities require expensive equipment and professional skills.
- F** Clear instructions and a friendly atmosphere help people feel confident.
- G** The steps that should be taken are not clear yet.
- H** You cannot be wrong whatever you choose.

II. You have seen the following announcement on a website and decided to write a letter. 40 points

Join the Community Sports Festival Team!

Are you interested in sports and healthy living? Do you enjoy working with people and being part of a team? We are looking for motivated high school students to help organize activities, welcome participants and support trainers during the Community Sports Festival.

If this sounds like you, don't hesitate to apply!

Starting from the text above, write your letter to the event coordinator.

In your letter:

- Say why you are interested in this opportunity
- Describe any relevant experience you have
- Explain what personal qualities make you a suitable candidate

Write your letter in 180–200 words.