

PROBA SCRISĂ LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

3 - 4 ore săptămânal – proba f

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Varianta 3

- ◆ Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu.
- ◆ Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.

SUBJECT 1

30 points

a. Read the text below and sum it up in about 50 words.

10 points

With the emergence of the technological age, it has become increasingly difficult to be a knowledgeable person: there is just too much information to know something about everything. So what should an educated person be in the twenty-first century? It isn't always clear whether one should try to become a specialist or a generalist in today's world. Some people have focused their education, developing skills in one area; specialists now flourish in every field of life. Inversely, others continue to believe that a well-rounded education offers the most in life; generalists typically follow a liberal arts education but may never become experts in any field.

In the 1960s, most American colleges and universities offered a generalist approach to education. In response to student protests, universities began offering many innovative courses. For example, they added Asian Studies and African Studies to their curricula in an effort to extend education beyond the mores* of Western society. Students began "doing their own thing," taking courses in just about every subject imaginable, from Transcendental Meditation to Swahili storytelling. Students believed these courses enriched their minds. But as university students began to focus on more and more of these less common subject areas, critics began to abound. They believed that much of education had become useless. Employers began to make derisive** comments about the quality of college graduates. As jacks-of-all-trades***, they could function in most areas of life but might never excel in any.

* (fml.) the traditional practices and moral values of a particular society or group of people

** showing that you think someone / something is unimportant or useless

*** someone who can do many types of work acceptably

b. Comment on the consequences that the emergence of the technological age has had on the process of education. Do not quote from the text. Use your own words. Write about 100 words/ 10 lines

20 points

SUBJECT 2

30 points

a. Each of the following sentences contains one error. Write the correct sentences on your answer sheet.

10 points

1. They don't know what means 'brim'.
2. She' s told us all what she knows.
3. There were less problems than we expected.
4. My sister uses to smoke occasionally.
5. I am having the time of my life lately!

b. Rephrase the second sentence beginning as shown and using the word in bold. Do not change the word given.

10 points

1. She has always found gardening easy.
She

good

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| 2. I would rather not read tonight.
I | feel |
| 3. She usually works late at night.
She | used |
| 4. A change of job would do him good.
If I | were |
| 5. It wasn't necessary for you to do it on your own.
You | have |

c. Match the sentences in column A with those in column B according to meaning. There is one extra sentence in column B that should not be used. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

10 points

A	B
1. 'Do you know who placed that ad in the newspaper?'	a. 'Unfortunately I'm not going to stay long.'
2. 'What about coming to the theatre with us?'	b. 'You can always count on him.'
3. 'I think the concert was great.'	c. 'That sounds terrific. Tell me more.'
4. 'My dream is to have a house of my own.'	d. 'Not in a million years!'
5. 'I wish I had some extra help with that.'	e. 'No, but I could find it out for you.'
6. 'I'll be leaving for Tokyo next week.'	f. 'I've heard better.'
7. 'It really isn't worth using up our savings.'	g. 'I'm in big trouble at school.'
8. 'What's the matter with you?'	h. 'I'd do anything to help you in return.'
9. 'Do you think they'll come and visit us?'	i. 'Shouldn't you get a job first?'
10. 'You must look me up if you come to London.'	j. 'Unfortunately I have a prior engagement.'
	k. 'You might be right actually.'

SUBJECT 3

30 points

Describe a character in a book or a film that has impressed you in a particular way. Write about 200 / 20 lines.