

PROBA SCRISĂ LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

Bilingv – 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

Read the text below and, on your answer sheet, write the main ideas and comment on them. Write about 150 words / 15 lines.

It is often argued that no one on earth is equipped to judge the proper moment to end a life. But, in fact, people make those decisions every day. And commentator Philip Gerard found sometimes they live to regret their choices.

Just over a year ago, after fighting Parkinson's disease for almost ten years, my mother suffered a massive heart attack. She survived it only because she was already in hospital. She stopped breathing for at least eight minutes, possibly as long as half an hour, before she was revived by extraordinary means: defibrillator, adrenaline, the whole crash-cart, Code-Blue scene. My father got a phone call demanding that he make an immediate choice: Put my mother on a respirator or let her die right then. Under pressure and unprepared for the awful circumstances, my father made the instinctive human choice: Try to save her.

At the hospital, the doctors gave us their prognosis. For my mother to come out of her coma would be a miracle and a hideous one. The massive brain damage would leave her in a persistent vegetative state. Then, the family decided: unhook the machine and let her die. Impossible, the doctors said. Under state law, once my mother was hooked up to the machine, she could not be unhooked without a court order. She might live for as long as a decade. My father would have to petition the court to allow his wife of forty years to die.

After a week, I recall lying awake into the small hours of a snowy morning, listening to the hum of the monitors and the "suffing" of the respirator. I prayed for the courage to turn off the machine and let her die in peace. It would have been easy – just click off the toggle. No one would have known for hours. I didn't have the courage.

My mother lasted three months. In the end she was breathing through a tube permanently inserted in her throat. She weighed almost nothing. The doctors were keeping tissue alive, but the woman was long gone. The doctors weaned her off the respirator a little each day, forcing her to labor for every breath. They said she was in no pain, but her face contorted and her body convulsed. Then she died.

You can argue the fine medical ethics of the thing. All I can add is this: I'd whip any man who treated a dog so cruelly.

(Philip Gerard, *The Right To Die Vs. The Right To Life*)

SUBJECT 2

30 points

a. Use the word in bold type at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. **5 points**

1. He has an habit of cracking his fingers.
2. If you do the up, I'll tidy up the rooms.
3. Government are going through the financial records.
4. We need parental before allowing students to go on trips.
5. Your advice has been to us.

irritate
wash
investigate
approve
value

b. Complete the following making a sentence out of each.

10 points

1. If he happens, ..?
2. Whenever, ..
3. I now wish last week .
4. She finds it
5. They were supposed before the show started.

c. Look carefully at each line. Some lines are correct, but some have a word that should not be there. On your answer sheet, put a tick next to the numbers indicating each correct line. If a line contains a word that should not be there, write the word next to the number corresponding to each line.

15 points

The first traffic signal was late invented by an engineer and was installed in London in 1868. It looked like any railway signal of the time and was operated by gas. However, it exploded and often killed a policeman, and the accident discouraged further development until the cars became common.	1 ...
	2 ...
	3 ...
	4 ...
	5 ...
Modern traffic lights are of an American invention. Red-green systems were installed in Cleveland in 1914. Three-colour systems had operated by hand from a tower in the middle of the street were installed on in New York in 1918. The first lights of this type to appear in Britain were in London in 1925. Automatic signals were installed a year later.	6 ...
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	11 ...
In the past, the traffic lights were rare. In New York, some lights had a statue on top. In Los Angeles when lights that changed they used to ring such bells to wake the sleeping motorists. These lights have been often replaced by models that are universally adopted.	12 ...
	13 ...
	14 ...
	15 ...

SUBJECT 3

30 points

Write a five-paragraph opinion essay on the quotation:

An only child has more advantages than a child from a large family.

Support your opinions with relevant ideas and examples from your personal experience, reading or observation. Write about 300 words / 30 lines.