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SUBIECTE PENTRU PROBA ORALĂ

INSTRUCȚIUNI

1. Proba orală la limba engleză constă dintr-un set de trei tipuri de itemi/ subiecte:

SUBIECTUL I

Un text necunoscut/ nestudiat anterior – indiferent de profil (numărul de ore studiate pe săptămână).

SUBIECTUL II

Va conține un set de șase propoziții de tip comunicativ. În cazul profilurilor 5 -7 și 3 - 4 ore pe săptămână se vor face seturi de câte șase propoziții ce pot fi alese din cadrul aceluiași tip (a, b, c sau d) sau se pot combina (e.g: tipul a cu b, sau a cu d, etc.). Pentru 1-2 ore și minorități seturile de exerciții sunt deja făcute.

SUBIECTUL III

Va consta dintr-un monolog pe baza uneia dintre temele date.

2. Gruparea pe seturi a subiectelor va permite realizarea unui număr extrem de mare de bilete de examen prin **combinarea oricărui text (Subiectul I) cu oricare set de exerciții (Subiectul II) și, respectiv, cu oricare temă liberă (Subiectul III).**

Se recomandă comisiilor de examen să nu întocmească bilete acolo unde numărul textelor de la Subiectul I este mai mare sau cel puțin egal cu jumătate plus unu din numărul candidaților. Seturile de subiecte (I, II și III) se vor pune separat pe masa de examen. Candidații vor alege câte un bilet din fiecare set de subiecte.

În cazul în care un candidat dorește să schimbe unul din subiecte, acesta **va trebui să returneze tot setul ales inițial și să aleagă un nou set de subiecte (I, II, III)** – pentru că ele formează un tot/ un bilet. Schimbarea setului se va penaliza conform regulamentului.

Acolo unde numărul textelor de la Subiectul I este mai mic decât jumătate plus unu din numărul candidaților, comisia va întocmi bilete prin combinarea subiectelor – după cum s-a explicat anterior.

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LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
(5 - 7 ore pe săptămână)

EXERCIȚII PENTRU SUBIECTUL II

a. Choose the most appropriate words underlined:

1. The steak is tasting/ tastes quite worse now. You've put too much pepper.
2. Quick, here comes a police car! What will we say/ are we going to say about the broken window?
3. We would always go/ we were always going fishing at sunny summer weekends.
4. Don't let me down! I've counted/ I've been counting on you.
5. I suppose Bob should have lost/ might have lost his way.
6. I'm still on a diet, but I didn't refuse the stew as Andra must have felt/ would have felt hurt.
7. I tried doing/ to do the crossword puzzle, but I simply couldn't.
8. They have postponed to tell/ telling their families that they are already engaged.
9. Have you considered to take/ taking any driving lessons?
10. They wouldn't have let me enter the pub because I was below/ under age.
11. If you keep drinking like this, you'll put your career in earnest/ in jeopardy.
12. I think it is you at/ with fault in this case, not he.
13. That must be the end of the first part of the show. What happens/ is happening now?
14. Helen's flight is bound to be late although it's due at 6.00/ it arrives at 6.00.
15. 'Do come to dinner, Tom!' ~ 'OK, I'm going to bring/ I'll bring some cakes.
16. I don't feel like visiting my parents-in-law so I won't go/ I'm not going.
17. Have you spoken to the principal beforehand/ already?
18. Let's pay him a visit! He might have finished/ will have finished his work by now.
19. At last you're here! You may have got lost/ might have got lost.
20. I can't possibly/ couldn't possibly have accepted his offer. He was so disappointed!
21. Would you rather/ Would you have preferred I cooked the dinner if you are still busy?
22. Try as I could/ Try as I might, I didn't find any trace of Tom.
23. I shall definitely/ I will definitely give up smoking this year.
24. He would probably have made/ done an excellent prime minister.
25. Isn't it/ Isn't there anything for me to do here?
26. There are/ It is five kilometres from my house to the city centre.
27. After the interval Pavarotti went on to sing/ singing an aria from *Tosca*.
28. I tried taking/ to take some aspirin, but the pain wouldn't go.
29. I meant doing/ to do some cooking, but I simply didn't have the time.
30. Sue had/ got her fingers trapped in the bicycle chain.
31. They expected/ waited to receive the washing machine today.
32. She told me that Tony must have been/ may have been surprised at such an offer.
33. The crowd was/ were growing restless as the day got hotter.
34. A majority of people wants/ want a new government.
35. Nobody has called today, has he?/ have they?
36. The completion of the road/ The road's completion was ahead of schedule.
37. I enjoy listening to the modern music/ modern music.
38. The teachers/ teachers, especially in our country, are never paid properly.
39. Tom's mother goes to the hospital/ hospital to visit him every day.
40. Liz will organise the party - or at least she promised so/ she promised she would.
41. 'Do I have to change trains in London?' ~ 'No, you can go direct/ directly.
42. As/ when the cheese matures, its flavour improves.
43. I came to see you not in order to complain/ in order not to complain, but in order to apologise.
44. 'Extraordinary although/ though it may seem, London has less rain than Rome.
45. The door was wide/ widely open so I just went in.

b. Rephrase each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same:

1. Your dog keeps chasing my cats! I'll see to it!
Your dog is
2. They said they would rather Dan wouldn't smoke in the office.
Dan
3. It's time they did something about the missing documents.
It's time
4. There was a rumour that the girl's murderer was living somewhere in South America.
The girl's murderer
5. Apparently no passenger on the ship was injured.
No passenger
6. Most of them suspect that the diamond ring was stolen by one of the guests.
One of the guests
7. There has been a suggestion that I should take another job.
It
8. What would you do if there were another earthquake?
Supposing
9. If James hadn't worked so hard on the broken car, our plans for the coming holiday would have failed.
But for
10. Dick is in hospital because a stray dog bit him.
If a stray dog
11. When I have finished redecorating the house, I'll throw a big party.
After the house
12. Marina is a top model now because a famous French designer saw her act in a school play.
If a famous
13. Although I tried, I couldn't find the missing money.
Try
14. If you somehow happen to see Harry, ask him to bring my computer back.
If you
15. 'No, you really must stay for the supper, Sandra', they said.
They insisted
16. If I take the job, which is going to happen, I'll have to move house.
Taking the job
17. How often is it necessary to feed your goldfish?
How often does
18. "No, I didn't lie, and I didn't hide her glasses", Barney said.
Barney denied
19. I felt it had been a mistake to write and send her that love letter.
I regretted ever
20. The Manager is not to be disturbed, he is just speaking on the phone.
On no account
21. It doesn't matter what may happen, I'll sell the house.
Be
22. I really don't consider you to be my enemy.
Far
23. However friendly he seems, he's not to be trusted.
Friendly
24. If you didn't contribute generously, we couldn't continue our research.
If it
25. It was good of you to vote for me. I greatly appreciated it.
I greatly appreciated

26. I'm on duty from 6.00 pm till midnight.
My job involves
27. This is the worst coffee I have ever drunk.
Never
28. The train journey from Brighton to Leeds took only 90 minutes.
It was
29. If I have plenty of warning I'll willingly baby-sit for you.
Provided you
30. As he grew older, he became more and more absent-minded.
The
31. I think about resigning almost every day.
Hardly
32. You will not be made redundant unless you have a poor work record.
As long
33. Only those applicants attending the interview will be considered for the job.
Unless
34. If we hope to maintain the yearly profit, there is no alternative but to reduce the workforce.
Only by
35. There are rumours that the company is about to close down.
The company
36. I'm not angry with Sue at all, I actually find the situation quite amusing.
Far
37. The potters finally managed to buy their own studio only after years of savings.
Only
38. Steve hasn't had his hair cut for over six months. He looks like an ape.
It is
39. I only went to visit the art exhibition because my brother recommended it.
Had it not
40. It's extremely important that Rachel avoid upsetting Roger.
On no account
41. Roy agreed to do the work on condition that he was paid at once.
Roy said, 'As
42. Dr Rhine can treat only patients whose headaches are caused by dental problems.
Only
43. 'You needn't have waited up for me. I'm quite capable of letting myself in.'
He told us
44. 'If I could help you, I would. I'm not in a position to do so at the moment.'
He said
45. 'I may be able to give you a lift but I won't know until tomorrow.'
She explained

c. Rephrase each sentence so that it contains the word in capitals, and so the meaning stays the same:

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|---|------------|
| 1. Have you decided to enter the folk music competition? | GO |
| 2. The room smelled strongly of burnt onion. | GAVE |
| 3. I can't bear your constantly smoking in our bedroom! | WITH |
| 4. Did you really mean what you said about buying me a car? | EARNEST |
| 5. The principal said he was resolute to expel Bob next time. | THREATENED |
| 6. It was a foolish thing to answer him back. | THING |
| 7. Then I realized that he had really cheated on me. | WHEN |
| 8. All citizens demanded more action from the police. | SHOULD |
| 9. I wish you wouldn't shout like that. | DO |

10. I tried hard but I couldn't find his address.	MIGHT
11. I didn't worry at all about my driving test.	LEAST
12. According to reports, the Prime Minister has recovered.	REPORTED
13. It makes no difference if we go to the seaside.	MAY
14. It would be better if you left your children at home this time.	RATHER
15. It was only when I got home that I realized something was wrong.	DID I
16. Two years had passed before we heard from him.	NOT UNTIL
17. It was impossible for me to tell Sam the truth.	POSSIBLY
18. I should really finish doing my homework before mother comes back.	TIME
19. I really regret not going to university.	ONLY
20. Without your encouragement, I would have given it up.	IT
21. We should lay the table before dad's boss shows up.	HAD
22. Ellie was forced to accept a lower position in the company.	CHOICE
23. Her requests to have the flooring renewed were not listened to.	DEAF
24. Shouldn't you smoke fewer cigarettes a day?	CUT
25. He seemed to me a highly efficient manager.	STRUCK
26. You may choose to take early retirement.	OPTION
27. Women in this factory work under the same conditions as men.	TERMS
28. I'm sorry, I thought you were somebody else.	TOOK
29. Surely it was dangerous for you to hitch-hike all the way alone.	RISK
30. He is said to be a very hard bargainer.	REPUTATION
31. They continued to suggest that I was lying.	PERSISTED
32. What really depresses me is this continual wet weather.	GETS
33. She passed the word around that she was looking for a flat.	KNOWN
34. The book contains a complete guide of the process.	STEP
35. People shouldn't be allowed to smoke in public places.	PROHIBITED
36. I don't feel like going to the movies tonight after all.	MOOD
37. It was Armand who pointed out Ron's beautiful voice to the director.	DREW
38. If he listened to my advice, he wouldn't keep getting into trouble.	WERE
39. If the traffic hadn't been so heavy, we'd have arrived in time.	IT
40. I was really surprised to see Sally dressed as Madonna at the party.	ABACK
41. The keys couldn't be found anywhere.	NOWHERE
42. Any correspondence from the London office must be a priority.	DEALT
43. This dispute is likely to lead to a strike.	RESULT
44. All citizens demanded more action from the police.	SHOULD
45. I had no sooner saw her than I fell in love with her.	HARDLY
46. After reading each sentence, they were asked a question about it.	ONCE

d. Complete each sentence with a suitable word or phrase:

1. I'll lend you my computer as you bring it back before father returns from work.
2. Suppose inviting you. What would you have done?
3. You as if you didn't know who won the match.
4. Come, the problem is still serious for all of us.
5. I might try, I couldn't get in touch with them.
6. How long was it that you and Terry decided to get married?
7. You known that it was going to be difficult!
8. The driving test was not difficult at all. In fact, it easier!
9. No sooner they fell in love with each other.
10. It Britney that you saw, she has been in hospital for over a month.

11. Seldom greet anyone in our block.
12. I can hardly wait for the weekend! I'm really to see you again.
13. Tania, do you going to the mountains at Christmas?
14. We've run out of sugar, so you'll have to make without.
15. Do you off the TV set before we left home?
16. I'm not used spoken like that! Mind your words!
17. I pleaded father to lend me the money, but he wouldn't.
18. Despite the evidence he was confronted with, he still denied into his neighbour's apartment .
19. The bridge is still being repaired so we'll have to make
20. Oh, there's *The Times*! I for it everywhere.
21. The success of the agricultural show very much on the weather in recent years.
22. Given a bit of luck, we
23. She pleasure at the unexpected compliment.
24. It's no force the lid off. You'll only break the bottle.
25. You look absolutely frozen. You ages for the bus.
26. How could he my telephone number? It wasn't even in the directory.
27. I'm just not prepared to your inefficiency any longer. You're fired!
28. Strange she's never been away from her native village.
29. I'm sure, she her way. Otherwise she'd have been here by now.
30. Only if you enclose a stamped addressed envelope, you our catalogue.
31. I can't see quite what you're Can't you be a bit more specific?
32. Well, thank you for calling. I'll look forward from you again in the near future.
33. She congratulated me to represent the university in the national championship.
34. He clearly wasn't used orders from a woman.
35. I blame myself for the fire brigade sooner.
36. It's no use persuade me. My mind is made up!
37. The shoes seemed such a bargain that I buying them.
38. Now I'm living on my own, I really having someone to chat to.
39. I've going to the dentist for as long as I could but now I've no choice.
40. He tells the story of that medieval battle as vividly as if
41. You I came with you to the hospital, you?
42. She could have become a famous actress provided
43. You took quite a risk coming here. Supposing
44. I really think he faced up to his responsibilities.
45. All the shirts you've sent your father him perfectly so far.

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TEME PENTRU SUBIECTUL III

1

Most school leavers choose to go on with their studies. Others would rather take a job than go to university. What about you? Motivate.

2

There are many things your parents have given you so far for which you must be grateful. Mention at least three of them - which you consider the most important. Motivate your choice and also mention if there is anything you wish they had done but they did not.

3

Supposing you were a teacher (or a parent), what would you teach a child to value most in life? Motivate your choice.

4

Learning often comes the hard way. Comment upon the statement and give arguments in favour or against it.

5

The number of Romanians - especially young ones - who dream of emigrating is still great ten years after the Revolution. Do you share their dream? Why / Why not? Give at least three major reasons to support your point of view.

6

Most people act or behave according to a set of values they appreciate most. Mention at least three such values which have top priority and guide you in life.

7

Comment upon the following: *One's own experience is the best school even if its fees are extremely high: as a rule, they are paid through suffering.* Give arguments to support your opinions.

8

A study made in California, following 7,000 subjects over a period of nine years, found that the stronger the social ties to others - family members, friends, colleagues -, the healthier and happier they were and, consequently, the lower the death rate. Express your opinions about the result of this study.

9

***A house divided against itself cannot stand.* Comment upon that and support your opinions with arguments.**

10

Every country has a cultural and historical heritage which, among other things, contains a wealth of legends and myths about its past. Speak about a legend or myth - Romanian or foreign - which you know or love best.

11

Speak about the role played by mass media in a democratic society. In your opinion, which of them has the greatest impact on the public? Motivate.

12

It is scientifically proven that most of us - if not all of us - are weather-conditioned. How do weather changes influence your feelings and moods?

13

Many young people, teenagers mainly, in different parts of the world seem to like the same things and share a similar life-style - 'the typical teenager' is a well-known phrase. Express your views on the subject.

14

Choose one of the teachers you have had so far and explain what makes him/ her stand out among the others. Point out his/ her professional qualities, character traits, moral and spiritual features, anything special about him/ her.

15

Quite often we notice that there is a great discrepancy between what many people really think and what they actually say or do. State your views on duplicity and point out what consequences such behaviour may have.

16

Bring back one of your dearest memories triggered by a special moment or experience you once lived and which has left an unforgettable mark on your life. Be as convincing as if you were now reliving those past moments.

17

Countries all over the world, Romania including, have a majority and different ethnic minorities. What should characterise the relationships among all nationalities living in a country - in fact, citizens with the same rights and responsibilities? Take Romania and other countries as examples to support your views on the matter.

18

When in Rome, do as the Romans do. What could that mean? Decide upon its most appropriate meaning and argue in favour or against it.

19

Comment upon this: *Sometimes silence may be synonymous with death while the word uttered at the right moment may be synonymous with life.* (N.Titulescu) Give arguments and examples to support your opinions.

20

If Television has destroyed the art of conversation, the Internet is helping to re-establish it. Argue in favour or against the statement.

21

Talk about your favourite radio or television news announcer and compare him/ her with other announcers. Make his/ her physical, professional, moral and spiritual portrait.

22

Speak about the value or values you mostly appreciate in the study of literature. Mention what you have learnt during your literature classes or from what you have read by yourself.

23

Speak about your idea of success in life. You may refer to a successful character in one of the literary fragments you have studied or to a person you know.

24

Children begin by loving their parents. After a time they judge them. Rarely, if ever, do they forgive them. (O. Wilde) Do you agree with this quotation? Why (not)? Give arguments and examples.

25

Unhappiness is best defined as the difference between our talents and our expectations. Have you ever felt unhappy? Speak about a situation when you felt very unhappy and try to explain the reasons why.

26

Speak about your favourite holiday spot and explain what makes it so special to you. Describe the place, the scenery, the people, the general atmosphere.

27

An English friend of yours comes to live in this country. Speak about what he/she may find different in people's attitudes, behaviour, mentality - or in other aspects of daily life. Choose those things which you consider most significant and which your friend should get to know .

28

Speak about an imaginary ideal town of the future. How will it be different from the town of today? What will people, housing, transport and leisure facilities be like?

29

Spare the rod and spoil the child. Many parents believe that strict discipline is a key factor in bringing up children, while psychologists argue that punishment does not lead to respect. Speak with reference to a literary fragment you have studied or to your own experience.

30

Globalization! Such a controversial issue!...The smaller the world becomes, the more we have in common and the less we have which is unique. Everywhere traditions are being destroyed by the Coca-Cola and MTV culture. Do you see yourself as a Romanian, a European or a citizen of the world? Give arguments to support your views on the topic.

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EXERCIȚII PENTRU SUBIECTUL II

a. Choose the most appropriate words underlined:

1. The car raised / rose a cloud of dust as it rushed past.
2. You will / shall not go until I know the truth.
3. There is a necessity / shortage of doctors.
4. She's running / sitting for Parliament in the next election.
5. A number of shoppers has / have complained about the price increases.
6. It's / There's no need to explain how it works.
7. I hate that / hate it that you can swim so well and I can't.
8. Either Tom or his friends is / are going to clean the car.
9. We went back to Braşov to see the house where we would / used to live in the 1980's.
10. He has lived next door for years, yet / however we hardly ever see him.
11. I've given myself up to finish the book by / until the end of September.
12. In all medical operations, besides / except emergencies, the patient needs to give his consent.
13. He had not / Had he not resigned, we would have been forced to sack him.
14. I'll look after the children while you will be making / are making dinner.
15. We should use little / the little time we have available to talk to her.
16. Who did you say / did you say that was coming to see me this morning?
17. As we missed the last bus, it / there was no alternative but to take a taxi.
18. He threatened / warned the children to stay away.
19. Although he was young, he became / got regarded as a leader.
20. There was an interesting résumé / review of the film in the paper this morning.
21. She looks up to / down on us because she went to an expensive school.
22. I regret telling / to tell you that the meeting has been cancelled.
23. Barely / Little had he walked into the house when the telephone rang.
24. They pulled the sledge behind themselves / them through the snow.
25. I'd advise you to take / you taking more exercise.
26. It was the most educated / educational experience I've ever had.
27. Add salt and pepper to / with taste.
28. What is your country's economic politics / policy?
29. This information are / is useful to me.
30. They could not decide if or not / whether or not it was worth going to that show.
31. Sorry we're late, we took / had taken the wrong turning.
32. She noticed him ran / run away from the house.
33. I caught a glance / glimpse of the car before it disappeared around the bend.
34. He's sometimes bad-tempered but he's a good fellow at heart / by heart.
35. Would you please keep yourself / refrain from smoking while the lecture is in progress?
36. She is so naive / ingenious that she believes everything she is told.
37. I remembered him to borrow / borrowing the book.
38. Why are you talking with / in such a loud voice?
39. Did you take place in / go in for the examination last year?
40. There is / are a number of people who should be asked.
41. If you look carefully, you are going to / will find writing scratched on the glass.
42. She's such an irritating woman. I don't know how you can stand up with / put up with her.
43. "Do I have to change trains in Leeds?" "No, you can go direct / directly."
44. As the sleeping peels had no effect, I tried to think / thinking about waves breaking on the shore.
45. The caller asked to be put on / through to the manager.

b. Rephrase each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same:

1. They believe inflation is caused by big wage increases.
Inflation
2. The pressure of being in the public eye has proved too much for him.
He
3. No sooner had he bought the car than it broke down.
Scarcely
4. All this violence on TV makes me sick and tired.
I am fed
5. Tom was surprised to see all his friends in the restaurant.
To his
6. "I wouldn't drive so fast if I were you", Lisa said to Roger.
Lisa warned Roger
7. There is not much difference between you and me.
You and me
8. They reported having seen him in London.
He
9. Local authorities began to invest heavily in new computer systems at the beginning of the 1990's.
New computer systems
10. I'm sure Jack left his job for a good reason.
Jack
11. The publicity for the film was so awful that I decided not to see it.
I was
12. The younger generation used to show respect to the older generation.
The older generation
13. Your anxiety is hard to control when your children are late home.
It's difficult
14. I was surprised to see her appear so suddenly.
Her
15. I don't see him anymore, which is a pity.
I wish
16. He isn't working here now because he didn't listen to her advice.
If he
17. Because of your dog, the postman can't deliver our letters.
Your dog
18. I organised my papers in front of me. Then I started.
When
19. She wasn't unhappy at home. She wanted to be more independent.
She left home
20. The phone stopped ringing the moment I got near it.
No sooner
21. She regrets not going to bed early last night.
She wishes
22. But for her map of the town, Helen would have got lost.
If
23. The man left with my money before I realised what was happening.
By the time
24. The President is not to attend the meeting. His representatives are not to attend the meeting.
Neither
25. Tom loves meat pie and peas.
Meat pie and peas
26. She agreed to go out to dinner with him because she assumed he was not married.

- Had she
27. They are taking food and medical supplies to the affected areas.
Food and medical supplies
 28. "Is it a beetle or a spider?"
She wanted
 29. Not only John but also Bob wants to go to the concert.
John
 30. I can get this dress, or I can get that dress.
Either
 31. "Let's name the baby after his grandfather."
She suggested
 32. I do not intend to discuss this matter any further.
I have
 33. "Could you tell me the time of the last train to London?"
When
 34. Next Saturday is their tenth wedding anniversary.
They will
 35. I am absolutely sure that he didn't say that.
He
 36. By this time tomorrow the President will have made the announcement.
The announcement
 37. I was annoyed by his refusal to listen to us.
What
 38. There are fifteen students in the class.
The number
 39. John hasn't saved enough money to go abroad yet.
John will go abroad
 40. Let me finish speaking first and then you can ask questions.
Don't start
 41. "Could I wait for your parents here?" the stranger asked the little boy.
The stranger
 42. Someone was making the coffee when I walked into the kitchen.
The coffee
 43. Both my mother and my sister are here.
Not only
 44. You'd better return this book to the library before Friday.
This book
 45. We'll talk to the manager and then leave.
After

c. Rephrase each sentence so that it contains the word in capitals, and so the meaning stays the same:

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| 1. She is reputed to be extremely wealthy. | BUILT |
| 2. The manager does not confirm the story; the manager does not deny the story. | NEITHER |
| 3. The final date of the competition is still undecided, according to the committee. | ON |
| 4. If it hadn't been for the storm, I would have been home before eight. | BUT |
| 5. His last film wasn't exactly a success. | FIRE |
| 6. We should be going home now. | WENT |
| 7. She didn't turn off the light when she left the house. | WITHOUT |
| 8. We all thought that their new house was terrific. | WORLD |

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| 9. I didn't pay attention to the man standing there. | LITTLE |
| 10. Do you mind my smoking at table? | ALL |
| 11. Few people can understand these new theories. | DIFFICULT |
| 12. He didn't apply for the vacant job and later he regretted it. | ONLY |
| 13. The fund-raisers have not decided where to send the money. | DECISION |
| 14. His accent proclaimed his Australian origin. | WAS |
| 15. A hairdo costs such a lot nowadays. | CUT |
| 16. The protection of animals is pointless unless we take steps to protect people as well. | WORTH |
| 17. He didn't annoy me by what he said; he annoyed me by what he meant. | RATHER |
| 18. The news of the radiation leak caused public alarm. | BY |
| 19. Don't talk about that embarrassing topic. | UP |
| 20. She could hardly say a word. | LOSS |
| 21. They have discovered the truth about the missing painting. | LIGHT |
| 22. Unfortunately she will not be able to come to the wedding. | REGRETS |
| 23. I think we ought to have our house redecorated. | NEEDS |
| 24. She seldom scrubs the doorstep. | ONLY |
| 25. He has an inclination to see everything in political terms. | TOWARDS |
| 26. His parents have made the importance of hard work clear to him. | ON |
| 27. We are all worried about the consequences of your decision. | SHARE |
| 28. A competent teacher is always in complete control. | TOP |
| 29. The party was awful and we regretted going there. | WISH |
| 30. Do you think the rumours are true? | ANY |
| 31. Although they tried as hard as they could, the door wouldn't open. | MIGHT |
| 32. You had better leave it to us. | WISER |
| 33. I use this medicine to get rid of headaches. | GETTING |
| 34. According to the forecast, it is likely to rain a lot these days. | OPINION |
| 35. Silvia's mother went out that evening so Silvia had to cook for herself. | IF |
| 36. She was hurt when she found that her young man had forgotten her birthday. | WHICH |
| 37. Whatever he does, he does badly. | NOTHING |
| 38. She can't accept the fact that she should spend less on trifles. | EXPENSES |
| 39. It was almost unnecessary for me to add that he would be missed. | NEED |
| 40. The Princess's skin was beautifully white. | AS |
| 41. As for restaurants, this town is not that good. | COMES |
| 42. "Please don't drive so fast." | WISH |
| 43. Having so much work to do, I won't have time to go out with you. | ALL |
| 44. His knee injury began at the US Open earlier this year. | SINCE |
| 45. She probably wishes she had never taken that job. | MUST |

d. Complete each sentence with a suitable word or phrase:

1. He that. We all know he was a loyal friend.
2. I didn't know who was telling the truth. I felt totally
3. Very few people all their hopes and dreams in life.
4. the heavy snow-falls we were able to drive home in less than an hour.
5. The law stipulates that new cars with seatbelts.
6. The parcel had been delayed because there had been a postal workers.
7. I still won't be able to get there in time I catch an earlier train.
8. The restaurant catered vegetarians.

9. Since I didn't have to be at work until ten o'clock this morning, I on my sister.
10. We for an hour when Tom eventually appeared.
11. him off at the airport, she went back to work.
12. She takes her misfortunes too much.
13. They are staying with us a place of their own.
14. If he does that, he will lay himself a charge of fraud.
15. had the archaeologists discovered the secret chamber in the tomb.
16. The choir, members are all over 60, are touring France next month.
17. I don't hold giving children pocket money.
18. The book is on the top shelf, out
19. As she wanted to move away she sold the house for than it was worth.
20. She never thought that one day she would appear in films watching them.
21. I'm not going to allow anyone to the nose.
22. He never takes of what he is told.
23. Let's stop talking and to business.
24. One cannot admire her even if one may not like her.
25. Most of our meetings were devoted to the housing problem.
26. to the report he's not coming back.
27. My watch has broken. I'll have to repaired.
28. I was expecting the book to, but in fact it was really sad.
29. He repaid their with insults.
30. to disturb her, I put the paper on the desk and left.
31. The weather was last summer that we went to the beach most weekends.
32. Although the film was made in France, the characters were French.
33. Her suspicious behaviour at her guilt.
34. Don't put that T-shirt in with the rest of the washing – it's not
35. To this day she has never understood why
36. An employer is sure to ask his secretary how many
37. I don't like this place. Isn't there we can have lunch?
38. The theory of evolution makes us realise how
39. Don't wipe on my nice clean tablecloth.
40. He elbowed through the queue.
41. My mother could never understand why
42. Will you please the invitations to the party?
43. Who understands music could say that his playing was good?
44. By the time we arrived, most of the people
45. They speak French as if

LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
(3-4 ore pe săptămână)

TEME PENTRU SUBIECTUL III

1.

In the year 2000 at least 100 million people were estimated to communicate directly through the Internet. What do / would you use the Internet for? What effects will the Internet have on our lives?

2.

When speaking about cultural stereotypes, reserve, restraint, distance refer to important characteristics attributed to the British. Which, in your opinion, would be three stereotypical features attributed to the Romanians? Give arguments.

3.

It is said that modern communication technology can affect the traditional system of education. What is your opinion about that?

4.

Do you consider that “stereotypical teenage behaviour” is something induced or something shared freely? Explain and bring arguments.

5.

Talk about an experience you lived as a member of a group of people. Refer to the relationships within the group.

6.

Some people consider the Internet as addictive as gambling or alcohol. Others think that it is the best way to interpersonal communication. What do you think? Bring arguments to support your opinion.

7.

Traditional worship has declined in popularity. Yet the desire to believe in something or someone is still very strong. What do you believe in? Expand.

8.

The first tourist to the Moon has completed his journey. Give your opinion about this new human adventure and its consequences.

9.

Are you happy about the way responsibilities are shared in your family? If not, can you identify the causes? Expand.

10.

Talk about an experience in your school life which taught you something important, like patience, honesty, loyalty. Expand.

11.

Things go wrong because people build walls instead of bridges. Comment on this quotation referring to both given and chosen relationships.

12.

One hundred years ago the idea of a man walking on the Moon might have been considered pure madness. Now people have started buying lots on the Moon and one day we may hear about people living there. Comment upon these ideas.

13.

What would you feel if a black cat crossed your way just before you went to an exam? Are you superstitious? Explain and bring arguments.

14.

If you have a good education, the world is your oyster. Explain and expand.

15.

Healthy eating habits can take you to a healthy old age. Are you on the healthy track? Explain and bring arguments.

16.

Most people lie for social reasons. Others simply avoid telling what they think. Why, in your opinion, does this happen? Explain and bring arguments.

17.

Unwanted noise is a serious public health problem. Give reasons and examples to support your ideas.

18.

The long-term aim of space companies is to make people emigrate to the Moon. Give your opinion as to why they may want this and what you think about this.

19.

They say that *Education is a progressive discovery of your own ignorance*. What do you think about this? Explain and bring arguments.

20.

Talk about the ethics of advertising. Sustain your opinion with examples and arguments.

21.

Violent movies have a negative impact on the viewing public. What do you think. Explain and bring arguments.

22.

Popular or commercial books and TV soap operas are greatly enjoyed by a large segment of the public. Give reasons and examples.

23.

Name three major problems that humanity faces nowadays. Talk about them and say how they affect you and others.

24.

Talking about the 20th century, which would be its most representative features you could think of. Motivate your choice.

25.

Juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, and drugs are major problems that today's society must deal with before they are allowed to increase. What is your opinion about them?

26.

When people stop believing in God they don't start to believe in nothing, said G. K. Chesterton. Give your opinion and bring arguments.

27.

Things that happen in real life are often more surprising or stranger than things that happen in stories. Enlarge upon this idea and refer to examples from your own life experience or from real stories that you have heard.

28.

All children are potential victims, dependent on the world's goodwill. (Sally Kempton)
Explain and bring arguments to support your ideas.

29.

Homelessness is a big problem nowadays especially in large cities. Give your opinion about this. Mention some of its causes and possible solutions.

30.

People are now likely to make choices rather than follow stereotypes. Argue for or against and give examples.

LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
(1 - 2 ore pe săptămână)

EXERCİȚII PENTRU SUBIECTUL II

1

Rephrase the following sentences so as the meaning stays the same:

1. She didn't seem very enthusiastic about the idea.
She showed ...
2. The news was so wonderful that we decided to have a celebration.
It was ...
3. I enjoy playing golf much more than watching it.
I prefer ...
4. We haven't had snow in this part of the country for over a year.
It's ...
5. In your position I should complain to the manager.
If ...
6. I shouldn't have told them about it last night.
I wish ...

2

Rephrase the following sentences so as the meaning stays the same:

1. "What's your name, and where do you come from?" he inquired.
He asked her ...
2. It is possible for him to be late.
He ...
3. Because the weather was fine we went on a trip.
The weather ...
4. They didn't invite her because they were still angry with her.
If they ...
5. "We believe you should start learning."
It's high time ...
6. Perhaps Ann was not informed about what had happened.
Ann ...

3

Rephrase the following sentences so as the meaning stays the same:

1. "Where is the lawyer, I must talk to him".
He insisted ...
2. They had given me a bunch of flowers and an album.
A bunch of flowers ...
3. Mary doesn't think that he is such a bad guy after all.
He ...
4. His car was not repaired, so he had an accident.
If his car ...
5. The students are going to ask the visitor some questions about his country.
The visitor ...
6. Perhaps he is watching TV, let's call him.
He ...

4

Rephrase the following sentences so as the meaning stays the same:

1. I have been working on the project for more than a month.
It ...
2. George asked her: "Will you come to the cinema with us?"
George invited ...
3. Probably it was already late.
It ...
4. Jane lost her bag because she was in a big hurry.
If ...
5. As Peter won the match he was very happy.
Peter ...
6. If you behave like that, people will avoid you.
The more ...

5

Rephrase the following sentences so as the meaning stays the same:

1. Someone broke into my flat while I was away.
My flat ...
2. If you keep eating so many sweets you will get fat.
The more ...
3. Perhaps John is busy today, he has to write an essay by tomorrow.
John ...
4. It is necessary for us to leave at once, or we'll miss the train.
We ...
5. "What has happened this morning?"
They inquired ...
6. I couldn't enter the house because I had lost my key.
If ...

6

Rephrase the following sentences so as the meaning stays the same:

1. You are asking these questions because you didn't listen to me.
If ...
2. I will certainly be promoted in a month's time.
There is no doubt ...
3. It wasn't easy for me to make such a decision.
This was ...
4. They sent us all the documents in time.
We ...
5. Perhaps he was seriously ill if he neither came nor called.
He ...
6. "What are you going to do?" they asked him.
He ...

7

Rephrase the following sentences so as the meaning stays the same:

1. The loss of his job turned out to be a good thing.
It ...
2. Mother has knitted me a very nice dress.
A very nice ...
3. But for her constant help, I wouldn't have succeeded.
If it ...
4. You are making too much noise!
I'd rather ...
5. I didn't know you were in town. I'd have given you a call.
I wish ...
6. Neither Tom nor Mary failed the exam.
Tom didn't fail ...

8

Rephrase the following sentences so as the meaning stays the same:

1. I couldn't lend him the money because I didn't have enough.
I was not in the position ...
2. You will not learn anything new from this course, believe me.
While ...
3. The theft was certainly committed by professional thieves.
There is no doubt ...
4. I accepted the job because I didn't have any other alternative.
Not ...
5. They have already sent for a doctor.
A doctor ...
6. It is a pity nobody thought of inviting them, too.
I wish ...

9

Use modal verbs: *can, can't, may, might, must, and should*, to rephrase the following sentences:

1. I hate him! He is so rude sometimes.
2. It would be possible to be snowing in the mountains.
3. I wouldn't smoke so much if I were you.
4. Perhaps this is the key. The other two don't fit.
5. He is so late! Maybe something has happened to him.
6. It is impossible for her to be here on time.

10

Complete each sentence with a suitable word or phrase:

1. But for Helen, I passed my exams.
2. You the truth, but I still don't believe you.
3. Tom sometimes behaves as if he crazy.
4. I didn't know you in Bucharest. When did you come?
5. The accident happened because carelessness.
6. I'd rather the children television all day!

11

Change the following sentences from active to passive voice:

1. You must finish your papers in a week.
2. Rembrandt couldn't have painted this.
3. I don't know who stole my bike.
4. Who has written this poem? It's really good.
5. They had already laid the table before we got there.
6. They bought Mary a new dress for the party.

12

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. The line (be) very bad. I can't hear what you (say).
2. Jane (not be) happy until she (be promoted) to the Chief Accountant's job.
3. Mary (live) in France when she (meet) the man who later (become) her husband.
4. Jake (graduate) in 1995 and (spend) two years applying for jobs before he (be offered) the one he (want).
5. 'Who (sleep) in my bed?' Jane asked, looking at the rumpled sheets.
6. I (can) not accept Jane's invitation to her birthday party because I (go) to my brother's wedding that weekend.

13

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. I (look) for a builder to do some repair work on my house. You (know) anyone who (be suitable) for the job?
2. By the time Anthony (finish) his work on the project, he (be) exhausted.
3. I (try) to get you on the phone for over a week. Where you (be)?
4. Mary (have) a nervous breakdown last year. No one (be) surprised. She (work) much too hard for months.
5. Although I (know) John and Jane for many years now, I never (understand) what (attract) them to each other.
6. It (be) a fabulous day. The sun (shine), the birds (sing), the countryside (look) lovely.

14

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. Anna (make) a lot of progress learning French mainly because she now (spend) two hours a day studying.
2. Tony always (criticise) his family - they never (do) the right thing as far as he is concerned.
3. If you (have) no objections, we (go ahead) with the project as planned.
4. Before Alice (sign) the contract, she (need) to make sure that every detail (be) correct.
5. Tom (look) for the right person to be his wife for five years before he (meet) and (fall) in love with Sally.
6. Try as we might, it (be) impossible to manoeuvre our sailing boat out of harbour. The wind (blow) too hard.

15

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. John (receive) treatment for two years before he finally (be told) he (be cured).
2. When Terry (hear) the job he (want) (be) his, he immediately (invite) his colleagues out for a celebration.
3. Before she (begin) her university course, Lesley (read) all the books on the first year reading list.
4. The garden (look) absolutely lovely last summer, mainly because of the hard work we (put in) during the spring.
5. Martha (think) of going on a trip to Italy next summer and (try) to persuade some of her friends to join her.
6. Marianna (keep) complaining about her boyfriend for ages. I (not be) surprised that he (leave) her. What she (do) now, on her own?

16

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. You must (be) very pleased when you (hear) you won the prize. What you (do) to celebrate?
2. I (spend) ages (make) preparations for the dinner party but I (not need) (bother). In the end Philip (not come).
3. I (realise) I (not understand) the question when the interpreter (repeat) it slowly in my own language.
4. If John (ask) where I (go), tell him I (be) back as soon as I possibly (can). He (not need) worry, it (not be) later than Wednesday.
5. I (tell) John the whole story about my early life, but the fact that he (be) so unsympathetic about the first details I revealed, (make) me decide not to.
6. 'How many times John (telephone)?' ~ 'I (not know), but I wish he (stop)! It's such a bore when he keeps on (phone).'

17

Add the appropriate *question tags* to the sentences below:

1. You used to work in Belgium, ...?
2. They ought to have been here by now, ...?
3. It might have been a ghost you saw, ...?
4. There was nothing they could do at the time, ...?
5. Don't spend all your money on sweets, ...?
6. I'm not sure that that's the right answer, ...?

18

Add the appropriate *question tags* to the sentences below:

1. You'd better get the work done by noon, ...?
2. It will be the minister who makes the final decision, ...?
3. I don't think he could have known what was going to happen, ...?
4. I'm going to play Othello in our next production, ...?
5. Do have another cake, ...?
6. Nobody believes that you are already engaged, ...?

19

Add the appropriate *question tags* to the sentences below:

1. You needn't have brought me flowers again, ...?
2. He'd rather they left him alone, ...?
3. There's something wrong with him, ...?
4. I'm afraid you really have to go now, ...?
5. He'd have saved some money if he'd been thriftier, ...?
6. Let him wash the dishes at least now and then, ...?

20

Add the appropriate *question tags* to the sentences below:

1. Somebody who's my enemy has told you all these lies, ...?
2. You ought to have given them a hand, ...?
3. Let Mary and me do the cleaning if you are so busy, ...?
4. I think Mary hardly knew what to do under the circumstances, ...?
5. He'd have come if you'd invited him, ...?
6. In no way did she accept their proposal, ...?

21

Turn the following sentences into the *passive voice*:

1. It was a shock for everyone when they announced the terrible news.
2. You must wash this silk blouse by hand.
3. They say that James is the most gifted physicist in the department.
4. They are producing tracksuits at the rate of 500 a day but they are selling badly.
5. The museum might lose its annual government subsidy.
6. Robbers had opened the tomb long before archaeologists found it.

22

Turn the following sentences into the *passive voice*:

1. I remember my beloved grandfather taking me to the zoo every week in my childhood.
2. I'm sure that it's high time we told Tom the truth about his adoption.
3. It was Newton who discovered the law of gravity.
4. If they had found the murderer, they would have sentenced him to prison.
5. Previous climbers had cut steps in the ice and fixed a rope.
6. Leonardo couldn't have painted this because people didn't wear such clothes then.

23

Choose the right alternative in the sentences below:

1. We don't allow to talk / talking in the private area.
2. She needs to do / doing more work if she wants to pass the exam.
3. Where can my glasses be? I remember to have / having them this morning.
4. After having won the National Junior Championship, he went on to win / winning the Senior Championship.
5. What do you mean by not to come / coming alone?
6. If you go on to behave / behaving so badly you will lose all your friends.

24

Choose the right alternative in the sentences below:

1. I love to live / living in the country, I'd hate to live / living in a big city.
2. He keeps on to ring / ringing me at late hours, I'm just fed up with it.
3. We regret to inform / informing you that tonight's performance has been cancelled.
4. Everyone is really looking forward to meet / meeting the new manager.
5. To garden / gardening has been her constant hobby.
6. The suspect refused to admit / admitting that he had committed the robbery.

25

Rephrase the sentences below using a *gerund construction* after the word given.

Use appropriate *prepositions* where necessary:

1. I don't like when Peter comes late.
I don't like ...
2. I woke up when the dog started to bark.
I was woken up ...
3. Tom has just won the prize. He's delighted.
Tom's delighted ...
4. Helen's mother was annoyed when Helen answered her back.
Helen's mother ...
5. Paul, I've just heard you've been promoted. Congratulations!
Paul, congratulations ...
6. In this company it's John who hires and fires staff.
John is responsible ...

26

Rephrase the sentences below. Start with the words given.

1. I don't believe my neighbour could steal my chickens.
I don't believe my neighbour is capable ...
2. 'Sorry I'm late', said Tom.
Tom apologised ...
3. I don't mind living alone. I've been doing it for years.
I'm used ...
4. We think it was one of the night watchmen who stole the painting.
We suspect ...
5. Collin would rather play tennis than go fishing.
Collin is fonder ...
6. I wish you hadn't drunk so much last night.
I'm annoyed ...

27

Complete the sentences below with a *passive infinitive* or *gerund*, adding a *preposition* where necessary:

1. After (examine) by a specialist, he agreed (operate on).
2. These manuscripts are (keep) safely after thoroughly (examine).
3. He was very anxious (interview).
4. I'm looking forward to (introduce) the prince.
5. He lived in fear (get) the sack.
6. The water-level is (check) every day as long as the drought continues.

28

Rephrase the sentences below. Start with the words given:

1. It was raining so we didn't go on the trip.
If it ...
2. Tom left the milk out of the fridge and it went off.
The milk ...
3. Alice didn't get promoted as she deserved so she resigned.
If Alice ...
4. Chris had to walk home because he didn't have enough money for a taxi.
Chris ...
5. Robert works far too hard and is in danger of giving himself a heart attack.
Unless ...
6. I may feel hungry later, in which case, I'll eat some soup.
If I ...

29

Rephrase the sentences below. Use the words in capitals and do not change them in any way:

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|---|------------|
| 1. If Tom didn't invite you to his wedding, what would you say? | SUPPOSE |
| 2. He may stay in the spare room if he pays his share. | AS LONG AS |
| 3. She spent the whole day lying in the sun. Now she is complaining about being sunburnt. | UNLESS |
| 4. I wouldn't have managed if you hadn't helped me. | BUT FOR |
| 5. I can't offer you any biscuits. The children ate them all this morning. | IF |
| 6. There is a shortage of teachers. They are not paid well. | PROVIDING |

30

Change the following statements into *reported speech*:

1. 'I haven't eaten anything since yesterday', said Michael.
2. 'We won't be able to finish the project until next week', said the engineer.
3. 'It is essential that you pay the extra duty now', said the customs officer.
4. 'We regret to inform you that the interview took place this morning', said the principal.
5. 'Everything was arranged yesterday morning', said Jane.
6. 'I want to finish this job today', said the painter.

31

Change the following sentences from *direct* into *indirect speech*. Use appropriate introductory verbs:

1. 'The information Mr. Okinawa asked for cannot be provided', said the manager.
2. 'The new theatre will have been finished by the end of this year', the mayor said.
3. 'How did the lion escape from the cage?', said the policeman.
4. 'Don't forget your compass', said Rebecca.
5. 'It's your fault we are late', said Elisabeth.
6. 'Congratulations on winning the first prize', said Frank.

32

Change the sentences below into *reported speech*. Use *deny, apologise, refuse, inform, suggest, claim* as introductory verbs:

1. 'I will not accept new responsibilities without a pay raise'.
2. 'I'm sorry I didn't finish the report on time', said Nigel.
3. 'You will leave the hotel at seven a.m.', said the courier.
4. 'I did not take part in the fight', said Harry.
5. 'What about going to the movies tonight?', said Flora.
6. 'The new camera will be the best on the market', said the salesman.

33

Rephrase the sentences below. Start with the words given:

1. Jim usually drinks a lot of beer but he didn't on Saturday night.
Jim didn't ...
2. This is the nicest place I have ever been to.
Never ...
3. Canada is a much less densely populated country than Britain.
Britain ...
4. It was such cold and rainy weather that nobody would go out.
So ...
5. I'd have preferred you not to invite so many people.
I'd rather ...
6. He must never be told the truth under any circumstances.
Under no circumstances ...

34

Rephrase the sentences below. Start with the words given:

1. I didn't believe Jane's explanation for one moment.
Not for ...
2. I had hardly got on the train when it started.
No sooner ...
3. They advanced farther into the forest. They became more and more scared.
The farther ...
4. You will be admitted to the interview only if you send a CV.
Only if ...
5. I really regret being so rude to you at Tom's party!
If only ...
6. Without his sister's love and devotion he wouldn't have recovered so quickly.
If it ...

35

Complete the sentences with the correct *preposition*:

1. All the conspirators were condemned ... death.
2. The patient would not consent ... the operation.
3. I totally disagree ... your suggestions.
4. Jane and Janet share a great interest ... archaeology.
5. Albert has suffered ... asthma for a number of years.
6. Mary is so jealous ... other girls that he can't stand that any more.

36

Replace the underlined words with their opposites:

1. Jane gave up smoking last summer.
2. Quite unusually Andy fell asleep very early.
3. Hurry up, the plane will be landing in ten minutes.
4. Henry put on his jacket and started work.
5. Sam and Marion left the party a little after midnight.
6. Many beautiful houses were built in the fifties.

37

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. What you (mean)? The accident (not be) my fault! If it (be), surely I (not call) the police.
2. If only it (not rain), then I (be able) to plant the seedlings today.
3. Tim (not regret) (spend) money on (modernise) the house if he (get) his money back when he (sell) it.
4. Helena (think) (set up) her own business. What advice you (give) her?
5. 'How you (feel) when you (receive) the offer?' ~ 'Like everyone, I (be) delighted. You (not be)?'
6. 'How many times Stephen (telephone)?' ~ 'I (not know), but I wish he (stop). It's such a bore when he keeps on (phone)'.

38

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. I (try) (get) John on the phone for the past week. I think he must (go) abroad. You (have) any idea when he (be) back?
2. I (not need) (tell) Alison the bad news. She already (hear). Tim (tell) her the previous evening.
3. I (not realise) that Shane (pass) the exam the last time it was conducted. If I (know), I (not insist) on her filling in another form.
4. 'What you (do) if the police (realise) you (give) them false information?' ~ 'I just (say) I (be) mistaken'.
5. I wish I (speak) Spanish. If I (can), I (understand) the film we (see) last night much better.
6. The police (question) the suspect for several hours, but so far they (not get) any new information from him.

39

Choose the right alternative:

1. The board consists / consist of ten members. I think it was time to be restricted to eight.
2. The press is / are kindly requested to wait half an hour.
3. The audience was / were clapping their hands enthusiastically.
4. A flock of sheep has / have invaded our orchard.
5. Our school is / are going on a trip next weekend.
6. There is / it is a mob in front of our government building.

Choose the right alternative:

1. His knowledge of English is / are much better than hers.
2. Statistics says / say that mathematics is / are given top priority in most schools.
3. Youth today is / are no longer interested in reading books. It / they only loves / love computers.
4. The accoustics of the National Opera House is / are still good.
5. Your cattle is / are grazing in my garden, don't you see?
6. Where is / are the scissors? I need it / them.

LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
(1 - 2 ore pe săptămână)

TEME PENTRU SUBIECTUL III

1

Make a full description of a remarkable character - main or secondary - in one of the books you have read so far. Motivate your choice.

2

Describe the character of a film you greatly liked when seeing it. Point out the character's physical, moral and spiritual features that made him/ her rise above the others.

3

Among the many films you have seen so far there is one which you probably liked most. Speak about it and do not forget to motivate your choice.

4

Describe the town/ village where you live or another place in which you would like to live.

5

Narrate the plot of a book - a short story, a novel or a play - turned into a film. Which is the better, the book or the film? Motivate.

6

Childhood remains one of the most wonderful periods in a man's life. Speak about it by referring either to a literary text you have studied or to your life experience.

7

Narrate the plot of a movie, a serial or an episode in a series you saw on TV. Motivate your choice.

8

Speak about the importance of music in man's everyday life. You may give yourself as an example.

9

Speak about a famous cinema or theatre actor / actress, Romanian or foreign, you like best. Motivate your choice.

10

Many people consider that television - part of it, at least - influences people, teenagers especially, in a negative way. What do you think? Support your opinions with arguments.

11

A friend in need is a friend indeed. Comment upon the proverb by referring to a literary text or to your own life experience.

12

Television offers a large choice of programmes. Speak about your favourite one / ones and motivate your choice.

13

Most people have one or more hobbies which help them spend their free time in a pleasant and useful way. Speak about yours and imagine what your life would be like without it/ them.

14

Do you practise any sport or game, or do you just like watching them? Speak about your favourite sportsperson. Give reasons why you like him/ her best?

15

What do you think about the future of transport considering that people can already travel by land, by sea or by air?

16

Most people consider that top models make money too easily compared to the work they do. What do you think? Give reasons to support your opinions.

17

Speak about the role and the importance of mass media in a democratic country. Which of the media has the greatest impact on the public and why? Give arguments.

18

The omnipresence of advertisements and commercials on radio and television, in newspapers and magazines, on streets and roads, EVERYWHERE, has turned our life into a nightmare! They are so stupid and sell nothing but lies! What do you think about that?

19

Some people keep up with the latest fashion, whether it suits them or not, others are very selective about it, while many others simply ignore it. Which group do you fall in?

20

With so much work during the week, we can hardly wait for the weekend to come so that we enjoy the things we like most. What do you usually do at weekends?

21

Narrate the plot of a play you saw on TV or at the theatre which you greatly enjoyed. Motivate your choice.

22

Describe the special place where you spent or would like to spend a winter holiday/ a summer holiday.

23

What is your opinion about supermarkets compared to markets or shops? Where would you rather go shopping? Give arguments.

24

Describe a person or personality you admire most and explain why. Has she/ he ever influenced you in any way?

25

Compared to other countries, most of the Romanians' mentality (mainly some teachers' and parents' idea of *wasting* time) about practising sports has not changed much. Mention at least three reasons why this mentality should change.

26

Which of the media has the greatest impact upon the young generation? Give arguments to support your ideas.

27

Enlarge upon the following statement: *Pop singers and film stars must be inspiring for the young*. Give arguments and examples to support your views on that.

28

Describe what your town/ a town you love looks like by day or by night.

29

Describe the last week you spent at school with your teachers and mates. Point out the special moments you lived together and the feelings you had in those days.

30

Look back at the twentieth century and think what it was like. Choose three major things which, in your opinion, were crucial for the future of mankind.

LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
(minorități)

EXERCIȚII PENTRU SUBIECTUL II

1

Fill in the blanks with the missing **prepositions**:

- a) He wouldn't consent ... doing such a stupid thing.
- b) Don't worry ... me. I'll be all right.
- c) ... understanding your problem, I don't know what I can do to help.
- d) You must concentrate ... what you are doing.
- e) She put her hands ... her eyes and began to cry.
- f) They are ... the best hockey players in the world.

2

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs **do** or **make**:

- a) Have you ... all your exercises?
- b) He ... a very good impression on most people.
- c) We'll have to ... a decision soon.
- d) When I saw her she was ... her hair.
- e) What you are saying doesn't ... any sense.
- f) There's no more bread in the house. We'll have to ... without.

3

Put the verbs in brackets into the **correct tense**.

- a) Her health (improve) since she (stop) smoking.
- b) I (visit) Brașov in 1998, but I (not be) there since.
- c) Since he (buy) that car, he (become) very lazy.
- d) They (not write) to me since they (leave) for England.
- e) She (break) the key when she (lock) the door.
- f) We (go) on holiday after we (take) our examinations.

4

Put the verbs in brackets into the **correct tense**.

- a) The children (sit down) before the teacher (begin to speak).
- b) The passengers (get off) the bus after it (stop).
- c) When I (get) to the baker's they (close).
- d) My brother (already, have) breakfast when I (get) up.
- e) We (not eat) until our parents (come) home.
- f) They (be) out for an hour when it (start) to rain.

5

Put the verbs in brackets into the **correct tense**.

- a) They (have) no trouble with their English lessons until now.
- b) I (speak) to her a few days ago.
- c) My brother (be) to the circus twice so far.
- d) I (never see) him before.
- e) We (go) to a picnic last week.
- f) She (meet) him last month.

6

Put the verbs in brackets into the **correct tense**:

- a) If he (not be) here by eight o'clock, I shall go home.
- b) I (buy) it if the price is right.
- c) If I (be) you, I wouldn't do that.
- d) If she weren't coming, I (not go) either.
- e) If he (not be) busy, he would have watched the match.
- f) If you had asked me, I (tell) you.

7

Put in the missing **prepositions** and **conjunctions**:

- a) Come along. You'll be late for school ... you hurry!
- b) You can't be angry ... him ... you love him.
- c) We spent our holiday ... the mountains ... the exams were over.
- d) I shall come ... your office tomorrow ... you call me.
- e) Some protested ... dogfights ... others encouraged them.
- f) She looked ... me and smiled ... I didn't know her.

8

Fill in the blanks with **since** or **for**:

- a) We've been here ... an hour, ... three o'clock.
- b) I haven't spoken French ... 1990, that is ... eleven years.
- c) I haven't seen you ... ages! To be more exact, ... my birthday.
- d) My family has been living in this block ... 1981, more exactly ... we sold our old house.
- e) They haven't written to us ... some time now; ... the beginning of February.
- f) She has known me ... I graduated, which means ... quite a long time.

9

Turn the following sentences into the **Passive**:

- a) They don't close the library before six o'clock.
- b) Every student must attend the conference.
- c) She hasn't invited them to her wedding.
- d) We knew him to be a good student.
- e) We shall discuss this matter later.
- f) They had not reported the accident by then.

10

Use the verbs in brackets in the **correct tense of the Passive Voice**:

- a) When a student gets many bad marks, his parents (call) at school.
- b) He (appoint) captain of the team next week.
- c) The window (just, break) by the wind.
- d) We didn't come to your party because we (not invite).
- e) I (fine) because I crossed the street in the wrong place.
- f) This teacher can (rely on) in every situation.

11

Put the verbs in brackets in the **correct tense**:

- a) Look, a man (run) after the bus. He (want) to catch it.
- b) I (look) for the book everywhere but it (not be) here.
- c) How long ago (meet) them?
- d) It (rain) this morning when I (get) up.
- e) When the bell (ring) the lesson (be over).
- f) What (do) with the letter after you (finish) it?

12

Put the verbs in brackets in the **correct tense**:

- a) It (rain) when you (come) back.
- b) This time next week we (swim) in the sea.
- c) He (study) for his exams when you (phone) him.
- d) She (tell) me her name after I (ask) her twice.
- e) If he (not know) the answer why you (not help) him?
- f) You (help) me if I (not know) the answer?

13

Fill in the gaps with **a, an, the** only where necessary.

- a) ... cigarette is made of ... tobacco and ... paper.
- b) You can write on ... paper or on ... blackboard.
- c) ... children love ... fruit.
- d) ... butcher opposite ... bookshop always sells ... good meat.
- e) "... apple ... day keeps ... doctor away", says ... proverb.
- f) Here are ... books! ... blue one is ... most interesting.

14

Use the words in brackets in the **correct form**:

- a) He is (clever) than I thought he was.
- b) They are (bad) than you think they are.
- c) Who is your (good) friend?
- d) The film I saw yesterday was (interesting) film I've ever seen.
- e) Is it (comfortable) to travel by car than by train?
- f) Which is (fast), the train or the car?

15

Put the verbs in brackets into the **correct form**:

- a) I (wonder) why she (go) to Paris.
- b) She (say) she (go) to London.
- c) He (not remember) what they (tell) him.
- d) You (have) this ache for a long time?
- e) When we (be) at the seaside we (lie) in the sun all day long.
- f) If he (not answer) the phone, what we (do)?

16

Insert the words in brackets in the **correct place**:

- a) When do you do your homework? (usually)
- b) Do you go out with your friends? (often)
- c) Who do you study with? (generally)
- d) We ask strangers to take us to the movies. (never)
- e) Have you heard him telling jokes? (ever)
- f) I help my mother in the kitchen. (occasionally)

17

Add a **question-word** to the following questions:

- a) ... is your name?
- b) ... is that pretty girl?
- c) ... trees grow in Egypt?
- d) ... friend are you?
- e) With ... do you study English?
- f) Here are the books! ... is yours?

18

Remake these sentences using **too** or **enough**:

e.g. She is very clever. She can solve that problem.
She is clever enough to solve that problem.

- a) I am very tired; I can sleep all night.
- b) It's very far; we can't walk.
- c) I have money; I can pay the bill.
- d) He's very stupid; he can't understand.
- e) The story is short; we can read it in one lesson.
- f) It is very hot; I can't go out.

19

Join these sentences using **because** or **after**. Make all the necessary changes:

- a) He came back. He forgot to take his key.
- b) He went out again. He finished his dinner.
- c) They left in a hurry. They were late.
- d) She was late for school. She didn't hear the alarm clock.
- e) The students passed their exams. They studied hard for one year.
- f) He bought the ticket for the concert. He queued up for one hour.

20

Answer these questions using the prompts in brackets:

- a) What's wrong with you? You look pale. (work since 10 a.m.; not eat yet)
- b) What have you done with my car? (take; mechanic)
- c) Where is your brother? (leave for Sinaia)
- d) Have you found my glasses? (no; look for them everywhere)
- e) Have you seen mother? (kitchen; cook for an hour)
- f) What's happened to you? (just, have an accident)

21

Replace the adjectives in italics with their **opposites**. Make all the necessary changes:

- a) Some people have *more* money than others.
- b) Which is *the nearest* planet to the Earth?
- c) She has *more* friends than I.
- d) Who is the *most* important person in your life?
- e) Which is the *best* book you have ever read?
- f) Is he your *younger* brother?

22

Complete the sentences with **can** or **be able to** in the right tense:

- a) I have a computer that ... fit into my pocket.
- b) Although it snowed a lot, we ... drive home in less than an hour.
- c) They don't seem ... come to a decision.
- d) She said that she ... finish the work in time.
- e) We ... meet outside the cinema, if that's okay with you.
- f) When the new road is built, I ... drive to work in less than an hour.

23

Complete the sentences below using **appropriate reporting verbs**:

- a) "Is the window open?" Mother
- b) "Do you think it will rain?" Grandpa
- c) "Can you tell me the time?" The teacher
- d) "How long have you been learning English?" My classmate
- e) "Would you like a cup of tea?" Mother
- f) "You are late again!" The teacher

24

Complete the following sentences using **appropriate reporting verbs**:

- a) "Have a good time!" He
- b) "I haven't done my homework." He
- c) "I wasn't at home today." Grandma
- d) "I'm sorry I am late." She
- e) "I'm going to visit you today." She
- f) "We have been living here for three years." Our neighbours

25

Complete the sentences below using **appropriate reporting verbs**:

- a) "You'd better give up smoking!" The doctor
- b) "You'll have to leave earlier." They
- c) "If I can, I'll come and see you." My friend
- d) "Let's go for a walk!" My friend
- e) "You must work harder!" The teacher
- f) "If I have time, I may phone you from the airport." Father

LIMBA ENGLEZĂ - Minorități

TEME PENTRU SUBIECTUL III

1.

You are invited to a friend's birthday party. What present would you buy. Motivate your choice.

2.

Talk about a nice day you spent with your family. Say where you went, what you did there, and what made it special.

3.

Talk about a happy memory from your schooldays. Say with whom you were and what happened there.

4.

Talk about a nice day you spent with your friends. Say where you went, with whom you went there, and what made it special.

5.

Talk about yourself, your likes, dislikes, interests, anything worth mentioning.

6.

They say that *we are what we eat*. Do you agree? Speak about your eating habits.

7.

Are you the kind of person you thought you would become one day? Do you like the person you are now? If not, what are you going to do to change that?

8.

Adults have their own rules about what you should or shouldn't do. What do you think about these rules?

9.

Talk about a trip you took recently. Say where you went, what you went by, who went with you, and if you liked it.

10.

Birds of a feather flock together. What does this proverb mean to you? Comment on it and express your opinion about it.

11.

They say that *lifestyle generally changes*. Are you going to change your lifestyle by making positive health changes. Give arguments and examples.

12.

At weekends some people like to go and spend their time in the open air: in a park, in the woods, etc. Talk about this and say if you like to do that, too.

13.

Describe the place, the people you saw there, and the general atmosphere of a show you once saw and liked.

14.

Is it better to live in a small town / village than in a large town / city? Give at least three reasons to support your choice.

15.

Youngsters today read much less than they used to, due to television and computers. In your opinion, is it good or bad? Give arguments.

16.

Do you agree with those who say that *vegetarians are much healthier than meateaters*? Why / why not? Explain and give reasons.

17.

Romania is a country worth visiting. Talk about the places you would recommend a foreigner to visit and say why.

18.

Talk about one of the most important moments in Romania's history that a foreigner might find interesting. Motivate your choice.

19.

A post office is always a busy place. Describe one, and say what you and other people generally do there.

20.

Retell the content of a letter you wrote to one of your friends. Give as many details as possible.