



**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ – ETAPA LOCALĂ**  
**Clasa a VIII-a**  
**17 februarie 2024**

**SUBIECTUL I USE OF ENGLISH (50 POINTS)**

**I. Choose the correct item.**

1. **How long/How long ago/While** did Susie leave home?
2. He's **far/by far/much** the cleverest boy in the school.
3. I **had finished/was finishing/will have finished** my work by 4 o'clock, so I went home.
4. I **go/will go/am going** to the supermarket. Do you need anything?
5. Mark **works/is working/worked** a lot overtime these days. He must need the money.
6. The meeting **started/is starting/starts** at nine o'clock. Don't be late!
7. "How long **did you know/have you known/do you know** Tony?" "Since we were children".
8. My father **is used/got used/used to** be a teacher, but now he has retired.
9. You **must/needn't/could** wear a coat. It is very warm outside.
10. I'll call you as soon as I **has finished/will finish/finish**.

**II. Correct the mistakes. Rewrite the correct sentences. (10x 1p=10p).**

1. Anna says that lunch was ready.
2. The police is searching for the stolen painting.
3. Let me know if you need any farther help.
4. She laughed happy.
5. I am playing chess since I was eight years old.
6. I consider her to be my better student.
7. He was so tired that he felt asleep on the sofa.
8. Do you have some questions?
9. Are you knowing him?
10. He is living here for 20 years now.

**III. Complete the text. Write ONE word for each space. (10x2p=20 p)**

When going on holiday, it is always a good idea to take out travel insurance. This is just in (1)\_\_\_\_\_ something goes (2)\_\_\_\_\_ along the way. You could lose your luggage, you could (3) \_\_\_\_\_robbed, or even become ill and (4) \_\_\_\_\_expensive medical treatment. Without travel insurance you will not only have to pay for anything that goes wrong, (5)\_\_\_\_\_you will also have to sort everything out yourself. (6)\_\_\_\_\_millions of holiday makers, travel insurance is just a precaution (7 ) \_\_\_\_\_will help them have an enjoyable and worry (8)\_\_\_\_\_holiday. But for (9)\_\_\_\_\_, travel insurance is a way of earning money (10) \_\_\_\_\_making false claims against insurance companies.

**IV. Complete each sentence by changing the form of the word in capitals. (5x2p=10p)**

1. Do you think you get a good ..... at your school? **EDUCATE**
2. I'm not an expert! I'm only a ..... **BEGIN**
3. The police are going to give Tom an award for ..... **BRAVE**
4. I'm writing in ..... to your advertisement for a piano teacher. **REFER**
5. I want ..... at all times during the exam. **SILENT**

**SUBIECTUL II (Reading comprehension) (25 POINTS)**

**Read the text below and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).**

*Avatar: The Way of Water*, which premiered in London on December 6, 2022, is an American epic science fiction film directed and produced by James Cameron. It is the sequel to *Avatar* (2009) and the second in the series. *Avatar* (2009) is set in the future in 2154 on another planet, Pandora. The local people, the Na'vi, are in danger when humans want to build on their land. There is a war between the humans and the Na'vi, and the love story of the main characters, Jake and Neytiri, unfolds along with the clash of the two worlds. The second part of the series follows the journey of Jake and Neytiri's newfound family of five children. Despite their best efforts to keep the family together, a familiar threat resurfaces because Earth is dying, and forces the Sully family to become refugees and flee to the land of the Metkayina clan in the Pandora oceans. This new setting came with new challenges for the producers of the film, as it was necessary to develop new technology in order to film performance capture scenes underwater, a feat never accomplished before.

Star cast members Sam Worthington and Zoe Saldña reprise their roles from the original film, with Sigourney Weaver returning in an additional role. New cast members include Oscar award winner Kate Winslet. Just like the previous production, *The way of water* became a box office success after the first week in the cinemas. It received positive reviews from critics, who praised its visual effects and technical achievements. The general public was also enthusiastic as this 3D film really makes you feel like you are part of the action.

1. The *Avatar* films are set
  - a. in 2154, on a planet Earth different from what we know today
  - b. on the land of the Metkayina clan
  - c. in the ocean
  - d. on an imaginary planet, Pandora
  
2. Why are the Na'vi in danger?
  - a. humans want to take over their territories
  - b. because of their conflict with the Metkayina clan
  - c. their land is running out of water
  - d. there are no successors to the throne of Pandora
  
3. The second part of the series:
  - a. features new main characters, but the same setting
  - b. focuses on the descendants of the characters in *Avatar (2009)*
  - c. features the same protagonists as the original film
  - d. tells the story of a rival clan in Pandora
  
4. What technical difficulties were the producers faced with?
  - a. they didn't have the technology to film certain scenes
  - b. computer-generated images were difficult to make
  - c. none; they already had the technology from *Avatar (2009)*
  - d. scenes with flying creatures were difficult to capture
  
5. How was the film received by critics?
  - a. poorly, as it was too similar to the first *Avatar* film.
  - b. they praised the storyline and the underlying message
  - c. it was awarded an Oscar
  - d. they appreciated the visual effects and technical achievements

### **SUBIECTUL III (25 POINTS)**

**Write a story ending with the following sentence:**

*She lay back in her rocking chair and smiled; it had been a day she was going to remember for the rest of her life.*

**Write your story in 150-180 words and give it an appropriate title.**

**Pay attention to the following:**

- you don't need to write long descriptions;
- use dialogues only if they are relevant to your characters or events;
- you should use this plan:

**1.Introduction** (paragraph 1 – set the scene)

**2.Main Body** (paragraph(s) 2/3 – develop the story)

**3.Conclusion** (paragraph 4 – end the story).

Don't count the given ending.

**Notă :**

**Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**

**Timp de lucru: 2 ore.**

**Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**