

INSPECTORATUL SCOLAR AL MUNICIPIULUI BUCURESTI
EXAMEN DE VERIFICARE A CUNOSTINTELOR DE LIMBA ENGLEZA PENTRU ADMITEREA IN CLASA A IX
A BILINGV- PROBA SCRISA- Varianta 3

I. Read the story below. Five sentences have been removed from the passage. Choose from the sentences A – F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. (5 points)

A cold feeling of shock gripped me as I stared at the splintered, shattered wood of my front door. The lock hung, twisted out of shape, (1)_____, and I felt my pulse quicken as I noticed that the door was ajar.

Scarcely breathing, I pushed it lightly with my fingertips and it swung open with the slightest groan. Inside, the house was deathly silent. I tiptoed down the hall, peering into the rooms on either side. They stared blankly back at me, deserted and unchanged, revealing nothing. There were no burglars still inside, or so it seemed.

(2)_____, there was nothing missing. I heaved a sigh of relief at finding my precious collection of crystal untouched, and my heartbeat slowed as my initial shock subsided. Somebody had certainly broken in – but why?

At the far end of the passageway I hesitated, puzzled, then cautiously climbed the stairs. As I neared the top, there was a noise; a light, hurried, scrabbling sound (3)_____, only coming from something rather bigger. I turned quickly (4)_____, only to be confronted by the strangest sight: an elderly man lying uncomfortably face-down on the floor, his plump, flushed cheek pressed against the carpet, which had been pulled back to reveal the floorboards underneath.

There he was with his right arm thrust down into a gap between the boards.

“What on earth are you doing?” I demanded.

He rolled himself slowly into a sitting position and ruffled his thinning hair, looking embarrassed. “I’m sorry,” he mumbled. “I used to live in this house and I put a box down here with my savings and some papers to keep them safe.” He brushed thick dust (5)_____.

A. towards my open bedroom door

B. As far as I could see

C. and cobwebs off his shirt and sighed

D. having been forced violently apart

E. She continued talking about the weather

F. like one that mice might make

II. Using the word given complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (10 points)

1. The last time I saw Helen was before she left for Australia. (**since**) → I _____ she left for Australia.

2. Could you tell me what you were doing? (**mind**) → Would _____ me what you were doing?

3. “Why are you here?” she asked. (**know**) → She wanted to _____ there.

4. I wouldn’t trust her if I were you. (**better**) → You _____ her.

5. She was excited because it was her first trip to Thailand. (**never**) → She was excited because _____ Thailand before.

6. Nothing irritates me more than email advertising. (**more**) → There is nothing _____ than email advertising.

7. The snake will bite if you threaten it. (**unless**) → The snake _____ you threaten it.

8. It was wrong of you to speak to your teacher like that. (**have**) → You _____ to your teacher like that.

9. You must wear safety helmets at all times. (**worn**) → Safety helmets _____ at all times.

10. I find it strange living on my own. (**not**) → I’m _____ on my own.

III. Fill in ONE suitable word in each blank. There is one example: (0) (10 points)

If you are interested in getting fit, (0) **then** what you need is a training programme. (1) _____ aimed at improving physical fitness, this programme can also be designed in (2)_____ a way that it helps in the development of particular athletic skills. There is a range of different activities to choose (3)_____ and a growing amount of scientific knowledge to explain (4)_____ effects of each one. (5)_____ you begin training, it is important to start gently, raising the intensity (6)_____ the programme in a gradual way. Although it is important to work sufficiently hard to make an impression (7)_____ your physical condition, the activities shouldn’t (8)_____ painful. It is unwise, (9)_____, to ignore warning symptoms such as sharp or persistent pain (10)_____ particular muscles.

IV. Read the text below and choose which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. There is an example (0) at the beginning. (15 points)

In the fourth century B.C. the Greek philosopher, Plato, wrote about a(n) (0)...A... civilization called Atlantis which he claimed existed long before the ancient civilized (1)_____ of the Middle East. Atlantis was thought to have been a huge island

(2)___ to the West of Europe which had an extremely advanced civilization whose empire stretched as (3)___ as Greece and Egypt. However, (4)___ to Plato, the island and its people disappeared into the ocean around 11,500 years ago as a result of an enormous earthquake. Since Plato first wrote about Atlantis, many attempts have been (5)___ to find the island, all of which have been unsuccessful. As a result, it is now (6)___ believed that Plato invented the place and its people. In spite of this, there are still those who think there might have been some (7)___ in what Plato said. They believe that some Atlanteans escaped the destruction of the island and (8)___ on their knowledge to the Egyptians, who later (9)___ their own advanced civilization. There is a possibility that these believers might be (10)___, as ancient Egyptian records report that there was a massive volcanic eruption (11)___ the Greek island of Thira in about 1500 B.C. which (12)___ a number of severe earthquakes. The debate (13)___ the existence of Atlantis seems (14)___ to continue until scientists or archaeologists settle the argument one (15)___ or another. In the meantime, however, we can do nothing but speculate about what a great civilization it might have been.

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| 0 | A. mysterious | B. antique | C. elderly | D. odd |
| 1 | A. unions | B. clubs | C. groups | D. societies |
| 2 | A. put | B. situated | C. founded | D. based |
| 3 | A. large | B. long | C. away | D. far |
| 4 | A. saying | B. following | C. according | D. due |
| 5 | A. made | B. tried | C. done | D. happened |
| 6 | A. widely | B. thickly | C. extremely | D. lot |
| 7 | A. mistake | B. truth | C. base | D. correctness |
| 8 | A. gave | B. passed | C. offered | D. promoted |
| 9 | A. formed | B. found | C. made | D. did |
| 10 | A. real | B. exact | C. true | D. right |
| 11 | A. on | B. in | C. to | D. onto |
| 12 | A. made | B. led | C. occurred | D. caused |
| 13 | A. affecting | B. concerning | C. influencing | D. questioning |
| 14 | A. steady | B. put | C. set | D. fixed |
| 15 | A. way | B. manner | C. reason | D. solution |

V. Read the text below and look carefully at each line. If the line is correct, put a tick (✓). If it has a word that should not be there, write this word on the line, as in the examples. (10 points)

Six seven-year-old schoolchildren had a frightening	0	✓
experience at the city museum yesterday about when	00	about
one of the lifts has broke down between the first	1	
and second floors. The schoolchildren they were	2	
visiting to the museum with their teacher, Ann Watson.	3	
They were being on their way to the second floor to see	4	
the dinosaur exhibition when the lift began	5	
to shake before it coming to a complete halt.	6	
Their cries for to help were heard by the	7	
curator of the museum, Mr. Harold Edwardson.	8	
Firemen arrived at the scene of the accident for within	9	
minutes and managed to free the six youngsters.	10	

VI. Read the text and use the words given in capitals to form words that fit in the numbered gaps. The words are given in the order in which you need to use them. There is an example at the beginning. (10 points)
0-FAVOUR; 1-PIANO; 2-PROFESSION; 3-MUSIC; 4-CHARACTER; 5-ENORMOUS; 6-ENVY; 7-RESPOND; 8-PERFORM; 9-ART; 10-FREE

My (0) favourite composer is Chopin and I am fortunate enough to have a friend who is also a very gifted (1)____. As a (2) _____ musician, she believes strongly that (3) _____ ability is mostly something you learn, not a (4) _____ that you are born with. She thinks that industrious students can improve their ability (5) _____. I feel really (6) _____ when I hear my friend perform and the ecstatic (7) _____ that she gets from her audiences at the end of a (8) _____. Both the public and critics agree that she is one of the country's most talented (9) _____. The huge amount of money she earns gives her the (10) _____ to do almost everything she likes, which I, as a humble poet, cannot compete with.

SCRIETI RASPUNSURILE PE FOAIA DE RASPUNS (ANSWER SHEET). BARATI TOATE SPATIILE NECOMPLETATE. TIMP DE LUCRU: 60 DE MINUTE. SE ACORDA 10 PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.