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CLASA A X-A - SECȚIUNEA B

Probă scrisă

- **Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.**
- **Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.**
- **Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 90 de minute.**

I. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks that follow. (20 points)

While grading essays for his world religions course last month, Antony Aumann, a professor of philosophy at Northern Michigan University, read what he said was easily “the best paper in the class.” It explored the morality of burqa bans with clean paragraphs, **fitting** examples and rigorous arguments. A red flag instantly went up. Mr. Aumann confronted his student over whether he had written the essay himself. The student confessed to using ChatGPT, a chatbot that delivers information, explains concepts and generates ideas in simple sentences — and, in this case, had written the paper.

Alarmed by his discovery, Mr. Aumann decided to transform essay writing for his courses this semester. He plans to require students to write first drafts in the classroom, using browsers that monitor and restrict computer activity. In later drafts, students have to explain each revision. Mr. Aumann, who may forgo essays in subsequent semesters, also plans to weave ChatGPT into lessons by asking students to evaluate the chatbot’s responses.

ChatGPT, which was released in November by the artificial intelligence lab OpenAI, is at the forefront of the shift. The chatbot generates **eerily** articulate and nuanced text in response to short prompts, with people using it to write love letters, poetry, fan fiction — and their schoolwork. That has upended some middle and high schools, with teachers and administrators trying to **discern** whether students are using the chatbot to do their schoolwork. Some public-school systems, including in New York City and Seattle, have since banned the tool on school Wi-Fi networks and devices to prevent cheating, though students can easily find workarounds to access ChatGPT.

A. Answer the following questions, according to the text.

8 points

1. What does the phrase “red flag” mean in this context?
2. What is ChatGPT?
3. What did Mr Aumann decide to do upon discovering the use of ChatGPT by his student?
4. Has the banning of this tool on school Wi-Fi networks been effective?

B. Choose the right synonym for the words given below, according to their meaning in the text.

6 points

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|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. fitting: | a. striking | b. suitable | c. positive | d. obvious |
| 2. eerily: | a. undeniably | b. unflinching | c. uncannily | d. unabashedly |
| 3. discern: | a. demonstrate | b. detract | c. demotivate | d. detect |

C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning. 6 points

1. The student confessed to using ChatGPT.
The student admitted that
2. Mr Aumann also plans to weave ChatGPT into lessons.
Mr Aumann is into lessons.
3. Some public-school systems have since banned the tool on school Wi-Fi networks and devices, though students can easily find workarounds to access ChatGPT.
In spite school Wi-Fi networks, public-school systems cannot prevent students from accessing it.

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that best fits in each sentence. 10 points

Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia, in (1) ____ (**ADD**) to the United States. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be (2) ____ (**POPULAR**) celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to (3) ____ (**CHANGE**) small tokens of affection or (4) ____ (**WRITE**) notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to (5) ____ (**IMPROVE**) in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was (6) ____ (**COURAGE**). Cheaper (7) ____ (**POST**) rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day (8) ____ (**GREET**). In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland made elaborate (9) ____ (**CREATE**) with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, Valentine's Day cards are even online, (10) ____ (**CUSTOM**) from romantic to funny and fresh.

III. Translate the following text into English. 10 points

De data aceasta, n-am mai amânat compoziția până în ultimul moment. Am început să scriu la începutul după-amiezii și n-am încheiat-o decât când m-a strigat mama de jos, din capul scării, să vin la masă. Douăzeci de pagini de caiet, pe care le-am scris cu o stranie, necunoscută bucurie; parcă m-aș fi trezit deodată într-una din lumile cărților pe care le citisem, singurele lumi reale și cu sens pentru mine; parcă aș fi scris și eu ca unii din autorii aceștia adevărați – cei pe care nu-i învățam încă la școală – și aș fi scris ca să fiu citit de unul ca mine, iar nu de un profesor, pentru notă.

(*Mircea Eliade, Memorii, text adaptat*)