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CLASA A XII-A - SECȚIUNEA A

Probă scrisă

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

I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. 10 points

To many out there, 1. ___(argue) that *Avatar: The Way of Water* should win best picture is mission impossible. But someone has to do it. How 2 ___(we/measure) what the “best” picture is? Quality is subjective, and as we 3. ___(see) time and time again, the subjective opinion of academy voters when it comes to this category is very often terrible. However, we should not just stick to *objective* measurements, namely the highest-grossing movie. By such measures, *The Way of Water* 4. ___(win) hands down: \$2.2bn and counting. As usual, the doubters 5. ___(line up) waiting for James Cameron’s latest giant leap to fail, and as usual, it didn’t. You can trick a lot of people into seeing a movie in its first week, but you can’t make half of the world’s moviegoers 6. ___(go) to a three-hour movie, some of them multiple times. Cinema itself currently is under existential threat. The Covid shutdowns 7. ___(decimate) the industry, 8. ___(give) that cinema chains closed down and people stayed away. None of that has come back; instead, we’ve all got used to 9. ___(stream) movies at home. A whole generation is in danger of losing the habit of moviegoing. From this point of view, in 2022, Cameron’s movie was an exception, a movie that people simply 10. ___(have) to go out and see in cinemas.

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

A growing body of evidence from the fields of psychology and neuroscience demonstrates that performing kind acts increases mental wellbeing, increases physical health, and might even improve life expectancy. Kindness is not just beneficial for the receiver, but also for the giver. Kindness isn’t simply a (1) _____ (ACTION) activity: one person gives, the other takes. Rather, it is a shared, two-way endeavour. Only in extreme situations does kindness involve the complete or near complete (2) _____ (ABNEGATE) of self, such as when people risk or sacrifice their life to save the lives of others. And even in these situations, if the hero survives, they can personally gain from their action through a huge (3) _____ (ENHANCE) to their reputation. Less elevated acts of kindness, meanwhile, tend to have mixed motivations, including feeling positive about ourselves and looking good in the eyes of others. There is, in other words, an element of self-interest in being kind to others – and there’s (4) _____ (THING) wrong with that. This is not to argue that (5) _____ (SELF) kindness should be replaced by selfish kindness. If, for example, the only reason you want to help cook Christmas lunch for (6) _____ (HOME) people is so that you can post on social media and get lots of likes from your friends and (7) _____ (FOLLOW), you probably need to check your (8) _____ (MOTIVE). Kind acts shouldn’t be done entirely (9) _____ (CYNICISM) in search of praise or in an attempt to appear more attractive. They need to be authentic. No one wants to be accused of virtue signalling or of tainted altruism, but if the result of (10) _____ (JOY) your kindness is that you do it more often and the sum of kindness in the world increases, then surely that’s a good thing.

III. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

10 points

1. No matter how badly things ____ be going, you have to learn to take ____ with ____.

- A. may/ the rough/ the smooth
- B. will/ the ups / the downs
- C. could/ roughly/ smooth
- D. might/ roughness/ smoothness

2. The ____ behind the ____ levels of taxation is ____ of wealth from ____ rich to ____ poor, for the common ____.

- A. reason / big / redistribution/ - / - / goodness
- B. motive / large/ redistributing/ a/ a/ wellness
- C. rationale/ great/ the sharing/ those/ those /purpose
- D. reasoning/ high/ the redistribution/ the/ the/ good

3. I've never got ____ well with my ____ brothers. I wish they ____ me all the time. If only I ____ someone to talk to.

- A. down/older/ didn't look back at / have
- B. on / elder/ didn't look down on/ had
- C. along /eldest /don't look back at /could have
- D. in / oldest/ wouldn't look down on/ will have

4. She is usually ____ noisy, but today she ____ very _____. I would rather she ____ so noisy.

- A. quietly/ is/ quiet/ not be
- B. quite/ is being/quiet/ weren't
- C. quiet/ is being/ quite/won't be
- D. fairly/ has been/ quite/ wouldn't be

5. ____ of the two girls ____ my sister but ____ is my girlfriend.

- A. none / is/ the prettiest
- B. both /are /the prettiest
- C. neither /is / the prettier
- D. no one/ are/the prettier

6. I waited for two hours. You ____ to let me ____ that you ____ up!

- A. could phone/know/are held
- B. might phone /to know/ were held
- C. might have phoned/know/ were held
- D. could have phoned/ knew/ are hold

7. He was talking as if he ____ what _____. But I soon realized that he ____ lest he ____ responsible for this.

- A. didn't know/ was he saying/ was lying/ should be held
- B. hadn't known/he said/ was laying/might be held
- C. hadn't known / he was saying/ was lying/ should be held
- D. didn't know /he said / had been lying/might be held

8. She was so tired that she ___ down on the coach and ___ her head on the ___ pillow.

- A. laid/ lied / risen
- B. laid/ laid / risen
- C. lay / lied /raised
- D. lay/ laid / raised

9. It ___ very long ___ here after all. We ___ the money, we ___ it and ___ dinner on the train.

- A. didn't take/to get/ didn't need to spent/must have saved/ had
- B. didn't take/ to have got/ needn't have spent/ could be saving/ have
- C. didn't take/to get/ needn't have spent/could have saved/ /had
- D. hasn't taken/getting/didn't need to spend/ might be saving/ had

10. By the time the firemen ____, the house __ablaze from top to bottom, but it ___clear that if someone ___the alarm earlier they might ___a chance of __ the building.

- A. arrived / had been/ was / had given/have stood / saving
- B. had arrived/ was being/was/ gave//have stayed/ saving
- C. arrived/ was / is /gave/ have stood /save
- D. arrived/ had been /was /have given/ had stayed /saving

IV. Translate the following text into English.

10 points

Singura dată când m-am îndrăgostit și eu a fost prin anul trei de facultate, de o fată pe care nu numai că o cunoșteam bine, ci și o disprețuiam puțin, deoarece era cam prostuță. Și deodată, m-am trezit îndrăgostit de ea. Nu știu cum de mi s-a întâmplat asta tocmai mie, un om cinic, veșnic nemulțumit. Sau poate că tocmai de aceea am pățit-o. Probabil că ma prinsese "fără apărare", ca la box, prea îngâmfat de inteligența și ironiile mele, extrem de eficiente, ca să mă mai feresc de ea. M-a prins ca pe o muscă mare și grasă în plasa unui păianjen mărunț, neînsemnat.