

**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ – ETAPA NAȚIONALĂ  
CLUJ-NAPOCA  
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CLASA A XI-A - SECȚIUNEA B**

**Integrated Skills**

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

**I. You will watch a video clip about a special interest Queen Victoria developed in her later years. For questions 1–5 choose the best answer (A, B, C or D). 10 points**

**Notes:**

Durbar Room – a room for ceremonial or formal gatherings (derived from Persian)

Munshi – Indian title for a teacher

Fatwa – a sentence on a religious matter passed by a Muslim priest

1. When answering the Prime Minister about the creation of the Durbar Room, Ponsonby implies that
  - A. the Queen has taken the law into her own hands.
  - B. the Queen didn't need anyone's permission to build the room.
  - C. the Queen has got tired of listening to her Indian councilors.
  - D. the Queen has started wearing Indian attire.
2. Which statement is true about the Peacock Throne in the Durbar Room?
  - A. It was made by convicts in a jail.
  - B. It is made of feathers.
  - C. It is a perfect replica.
  - D. It was used by the last Mughal emperor.
3. Before the performance Mohammed states that he is sure that
  - A. the play will enlighten the audience and warm people towards Indians.
  - B. the royal household will exact revenge on Abdul and his fellow compatriots.
  - C. much like Uncle Tom in the famous book, Abdul will fight slavery to the end.
  - D. his talent will be noticeable in the play, despite his obvious illness.
4. The tone the Prime Minister uses with Ponsonby before leaving is mainly
  - A. persuasive.
  - B. condescending.
  - C. authoritarian.
  - D. threatening.
5. While discussing the Mutiny with the other members of the Household the Queen
  - A. seems to have been given some pieces of biased information about it.
  - B. is determined to understand all the political and social impact it had on India.
  - C. believes that the bravery of Hindu soldiers in defending the Empire was exemplary.
  - D. cannot understand how religion might have played such a big part in it.

**II. Religious wars are not caused by the fact that there is more than one religion, but by the spirit of intolerance...the spread of which can only be regarded as the total eclipse of human reason. What do you think? Write a 250-280-word opinion essay on intolerance.**

**50 points**