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CLASA A XI-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

Not until it was time to leave (1)____(**I DISCOVER**), quite by accident how the mirror (2)____(**ACTUALLY BREAK**). I was standing on the hearth, my hand resting on the mantel, when I happened to look into the fireplace. It did not work, but the logs that (3)____(**LIE**) across were furry with dust. But now, glancing down I saw something else: some heavy old glasses. Someone (4)____(**THROW**) them hard, with a pretty good arm, from across the room. Two nights later I (5)____(**WAKE**) up again by a knock on my door. It was Henry, asking me to call a cab and accompany him home.

It wasn't until I (6)____(**DROP**) Henry off and (7)____(**DRIVE**) towards the dark center of the town that I realized how poorly I had been apprised of the situation I (8) ____(**HEAD**) into. I had not expected so many people (9)____(**BE**) there. If only I (10)____(**ANTICIPATE**) this.

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

Consider the average student, constantly told what to believe and how to act – a (1) _____ (**ROBOT**) imitator of cultural values and (2) _____ (**SOCIETY**) standards. Yet, the teacher has the power to make all the difference. The teacher is the opener of the dormant mind, the (3) _____ (**BRING**) of the epiphany, the supplier of the moment of change. Whether teaching the (4) _____ (**HUMANE**) or the sciences, the educator is the one who lays out a puzzle and pilots instances of profound, sublime (5) _____ (**LIGHT**). A student lucky enough to study under a true teacher is never satisfied, but instead is (6) _____ (**RELENT**) looking for answers. It is through inspiration that a teacher teaches a student to think. Educating is not the business of (7) _____ (**MEMORY**) but the business of (8) _____ (**INQUIRE**). The student-teacher dichotomy is one of (9) _____ (**RECIPROCITY**) wonderment with each party (10) _____ (**GO**) continuous improvement.

III. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.**10 points**

1. He _____ to Australia two years ago. He _____ there for a while and then he _____ to New Zealand.

- A. went/ has worked/ went
- B. went/ worked/ went
- C. went/ had been working/ went
- D. went/ had worked/ went

2. They are not sure if he _____, but if he _____, they _____ him the truth.

- A. will come / does / will tell
- B. came / had / would tell
- C. has come / would / would tell
- D. comes / will / will tell

3. The fire, which _____ in a restaurant _____ many historical buildings and _____ millions of pounds worth of damage.

- A. said to have started/ have destroyed/ have caused
- B. is said to have started/destroyed/ caused
- C. was said to start/ was destroying/ was causing
- D. has been said to start/ had been destroyed/ had caused

4. No sooner _____ in New York _____ it started raining so heavily that they _____ take a cab. As they _____ in New York before, they _____ anything about the Big Apple.

- A. did they arrive/than/must/have never been/ knew hardly
- B. had they arrived/when/had to/had never been/didn't hardly know
- C. had they arrived/than/had to/had never been/hardly knew
- D. did they arrive/when/ needn't have to/never were/didn't know hardly

5. As if someone _____ orders, painters, photographers and all kinds of people _____ the largest contemporary art exhibition which _____ in London.

- A. gave / invade / was just opened
- B. has given / invaded / had just opened
- C. had given /are invading / has just opened
- D. would have given / have been invading / just opened

6. The prosecutor decided that the accused _____ imprisoned.

- A. to be
- B. might be
- C. would be
- D. be

7. Not only _____ statistics blind, but _____ a false impression when it comes to the current _____ situation!

- A. is/it also creates/economic
- B. is/they also create/economic
- C. are/they also create/economical
- D. is/they also create/economical

8. Which of the following series contains an incorrect plural form?

- A. cacti, diagnoses, bacilli, sheep;
- B. roundabouts, deer, criteria, axes;
- C. data, goods, aircraft, peoples;
- D. phenomena, genii, thesis, knives;

9. Tomorrow will be _____, so hold onto your hats!

- A. overcast
- B. blustery
- C. sweltering
- D. misty

10. They have managed to save enough money to _____ a deposit on their first apartment.

- A. put down
- B. put up
- C. put aside
- D. put away

IV. Translate the following text into English.

10 points

Plângea încet, cu lacrimi amare care i se prelingeau în gură și le simțea cât sunt de amare și aștepta să se lumineze, să se ducă la chioșc, să se vadă. La un moment dat, își dădu seama că plânge, de fapt, de bucurie. Într-adevăr, dacă știi să sacrifici totul artei, până la urmă învingi. Măine toată lumea avea să îi rostească numele, o să dea din cap și o să se intereseze de soarta lui... de biografii ... Tocmai în acel moment, cum auzi de biografie, ca și cum ar fi tras cu urechea, ușa se deschise și iarăși apăru tipul care îi tot cerea autobiografii, zâmbea, rânjea în toată puterea cuvântului, deși se păstra în marginile politeții. Avea în mână o colivie mare ... cam cât odaia aia, dacă nu mai mare. Îi făcu semn să intre în colivie. Dacă este pasăre, dacă tot cânta el, și cânta atât de frumos, să intre în colivie, să-și scrie autobiografia.

(Marin Sorescu, *Trei dinți din față*)