

OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZA – ETAPA MUNICIPALĂ
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CLASA A VII-A

I. READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text below and answer the following questions, choosing A, B, C or D (5X2p=10p)

Living in a City

What is it like to live in a big city like New York? Many people live there because they feel it is so exciting. There is a huge choice of concerts, sports events, museums, restaurants. But it can be expensive to live in a city.

Although a lot of people prefer living in the city to living in the country, they often complain about a number of things. Noise is a problem – it can make people ill. Pollution is another problem, as well as traffic congestion. In Manhattan, as in Central London for example, the quickest way to travel across the city is often by bike.

Many firms use bike “messengers” if they want to send letters quickly to another part of the city. Some people try to have the best of both worlds: they work in the city (or “downtown” as Americans say) but live in quieter suburbs or in towns and villages on the outskirts of the cities. However, they have to commute into the city either by car or by public transport and this often adds to the traffic and pollution problems.

Like many large cities, New York also has huge social problems, such as crime and homelessness. In New York there are between 50,000 and 100,000 people without homes.

In the end people must decide what they prefer: the advantages which life in a big city offers or the advantages of life in the country.

1. Why do many people prefer to live in New York?
 - A. Because it is expensive to live there.
 - B. Because the city is exciting.
 - C. Because of the traffic.
 - D. Because they are exciting.
2. Living in a city is...
 - A. not expensive.
 - B. cheap.
 - C. reasonable.
 - D. costing a lot of money.
3. Commuting into the city...
 - A. doesn't cause any problems
 - B. is very exciting
 - C. can bring about illnesses
 - D. causes some problems
4. The beautiful city...
 - A. is not faced with lots of social problems
 - B. is faced with a lot of social problems
 - C. is facing an uncertain future
 - D. is facing a certain future

5. People must make a choice:
- A. to commute or pollute the air
 - B. to live in the country or in the city
 - C. to live in America or England
 - D. to use or not to use bike “messenger”

II. USE OF ENGLISH

1. For questions 1-10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. (10p)

Mickey Mouse

Mickey Mouse is a cartoon character (1) ____ has become an icon for the Walt Disney Company. Mickey Mouse is (2) ____ for Mitchell Mouse. It (3) ____ created in 1928 by Walt Disney and Ub Iwerks and voiced by Walt Disney. The (4) ____ appearance of the famous Mickey Mouse was in *Plane Crazy* (5) ____ May 15, 1928. But the Walt Disney Company celebrates Mickey’s birth (6) ____ November 18, 1928 upon the release of *Steamboat Willie*, because it is the first Mickey Mouse Cartoon with sound.

The anthropomorphic mouse (7) ____ developed along the years. He first appeared in colour in 1932. The first Technicolor Disney film was *Flowers and Trees* from 1932. He (8) ____ evolved from being (9) ____ a character in animated cartoons and comic strips to become one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Mickey’s popularity has grown (10) ____ in the world, and this was definitely due to his angelic nature. Mickey never does anything immoral.

(adapted from www.myenglishpages.com)

1.	A. who	B. which	C. what	D. whom
2.	A. small	B. short	C. shorter	D. shortest
3.	A. is	B. was	C. were	D. would be
4.	A. first	B. last	C. former	D. foremost
5.	A. in	B. at	C. on	D. since
6.	A. at	B. on	C. in	D. for
7.	A. have	B. did	C. had	D. has
8.	A. moreover	B. as well	C. however	D. also
9.	A. simple	B. simply	C. more simple	D. more simply
10.	A. in	B. around	C. on	D. above

2. For questions from 1 – 10, read the text below and fill in the blanks with the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word. (10p)

Endangered animals

There are many animals on the endangered species list. Polar bears are no exception. They are the largest carnivores that live (1) _____ land.

Polar bears, because of the hostile environment they live in, have thick white fur which helps them to keep warm. Their big front paws help them to swim, making them excellent (2) _____. Actually they can stay under water (3) _____ up to two minutes at a time.

These large white bears live in (4) _____ Arctic Circle. It is very cold there, with icebergs in a freezing cold (5) _____. When it gets really (6) _____ in the winter, polar bears (7) _____ under the snow in a den.

Polar bears (8) _____ and catch seals and other animals (9) _____ as foxes and birds for food. They (10) _____ eat fish and other animals and plants which live in the sea.

Being on the endangered animals list, polar bears are protected now; they can only be hunted by Inuits using traditional ways.

3. Complete each sentence with the correct word derived from the word in capitals following the sentence. (5X4p=20p)

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| 1. Her taste in clothes is _____ . | QUESTION |
| 2. My next door neighbour looks incredibly _____ for her age. | YOUTH |
| 3. The _____ of our grandparents was postponed. | ARRIVE |
| 4. The _____ of a parent can be quite traumatic for children | LOSE |
| 5. The dancers gave a magnificent _____ last night. | PERFORM |
| 6. I made an _____ with the dentist for next week. | APPOINT |
| 7. After hours of meetings, they came to a _____ . | DECIDE |
| 8. All the _____ agreed to the pay increase. | EMPLOY |
| 9. The manager asked his _____ to write the report. | ASSIST |
| 10. Sandra wants to be an _____ when she grows up. | ACT |

4. Read the sentences and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. (5X2p=10p)

1. He's ill. He hasn't been to school _____ Tuesday.
A. ago B. since C. for D. last
2. Sally, _____ mother works at a bank, is my best friend.
A. which B. who C. that D. whose
3. John _____ the radio when the batteries ran out.
A. listened to B. has listened to C. is listening to D. was listening to
4. The teacher makes us _____ until 3 o'clock every day.
A. work B. be working C. working D. to work
5. Now that I've got the money, I _____ a new car.
A. am going to buy B. won't buy C. will buy D. buy

5. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given and use between TWO and FIVE words, including the word given. (5X4p=20p)

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| 1. You won't find a hotel room if you don't book early.
You won't find a hotel room _____ early. | UNLESS |
| 2. I last talked to my cousin three weeks ago.
The last time I _____ three weeks ago. | WAS |
| 3. Kate's composition is not as good as Janet's.
Janet's _____ Kate's. | THAN |
| 4. I have never heard such a silly joke!
This joke _____ ever heard! | SILLIEST |
| 5. Who owns this house?
Who _____ to? | BELONG |

III. WRITING (10p).

Your English cousin, Vicky, invited you to her birthday party, but you couldn't go. Write a letter to your cousin, telling her why you couldn't go. Your name is Ann / Ted.

Write 100 – 120 words on your answer sheet.

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