

OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ, ETAPA LOCALĂ

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CLASA a X-a, SECȚIUNEA B

Barem Varianta 1

Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu.

SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

A. 4 X 2 p.= 8 points

1. Social media was originally seen as a "heralded" tool for global liberation and empathy. Over time, this "euphoria" turned into a "cynical reality" where platforms are seen as "fragmented battlefields" designed to exploit and monetise user attention.
2. The writer was dismissive and judgmental, viewing those who used intrusive apps as "narcissistic" or "bored." He/she "sneered" at the possibility of being personally affected or manipulated by such technology.
3. The writer joined because he felt it had become a "professional liability" to remain offline. He/she convinced himself/herself it was a necessary tool for "networking" rather than personal use.
4. The writer realised he/she had lost the ability to perform "deep work" because his attention span had been "shredded." This loss of focus and the feeling of being controlled by a "silent taskmaster" (the phone) prompted the change.

B. 3 X 2p. = 6 points

1. **heralded:** c. acclaimed
2. **euphoria:** a. elation
3. **liability:** b. disadvantage

C. 3 X 2p. = 6 points

Little **did we realize** that these platforms were designed for extraction.

The technology **would stop diminishing us/ would not continue to diminish us** if we were to make a conscious effort to reclaim our mental space.

Through carefully calibrated algorithms, our attention **is being monetised** by these platforms.

II. 10 X 1p. = 10p.

1. AVAILABILITY 2. CONSIDERABLE 3. DEPENDENCE 4. CONSUMPTION 5. UNSUSTAINABLE 6. INVENTORS
7. EFFICIENCY 8. DISADVANTAGES 9. SCARCITY 10. SUBSTANTIAL

III. 5 x 2 = 10P.

- 1 for
- 2 According
- 3 which / that
- 4 Despite / Notwithstanding
- 5 whether / if

Subiectul B- 50 points

I. 5 X 1 = 5p.

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| 1. B | 4. A |
| 2. C | 5. B |
| 3. B | |

II WRITING-45 points

MARKING SCHEME - REPORT/PROPOSAL

Analytical criteria	Excellent 9p	Good 7p	Adequate 5p	Weak 3 p	Inadequate 1p	Task not attempted 0p
Task achievement	The report/proposal is completely relevant to the task, fully developing all content points; the format of the report/ proposal is fully observed; the purpose of the report/proposal is clearly and fully explained, the information is appropriately categorized, a relevant conclusion is drawn	The report/proposal covers the requirements of the task but the content points could be more fully extended; The format of the report/ proposal is observed; the purpose of the report/ proposal is presented; the information is appropriately categorized in spite of minor inaccuracies; the conclusion drawn could be better substantiated	The report/ proposal addresses the requirements of the task but not all content points are included; the format may be faulty at times; the purpose of the report/ proposal is presented but it is not very clear; there are lapses in the categorization of the information; the conclusion is not logically linked to the content	The report/ proposal does not cover the requirements of the task; the content points are attempted but many irrelevant details are included, the format is faulty; the purpose for writing/ the conclusion is missing or the information is inappropriately categorized	The report/ proposal does not relate to the task	
Organization and cohesion	There is a logical progression throughout; the paragraphs are well built, well extended, the topic sentence is clear; a wide range of cohesive devices is used effectively.	There is a logical progression although minor inconsistencies are possible; the paragraphs are well built but could be more extended or balanced; a range of cohesive devices is used effectively.	The text is generally coherent but the internal organization of some paragraphs may be faulty; the topic sentence is not always clear or may be missing; cohesive devices are present but sometimes they are not accurate.	There is serious inconsistency in the organization of the text; the sequencing of ideas can be followed with difficulty; paragraphing may be missing; cohesive devices are limited or most of them are faulty.	The text is not logically organized and does not convey a message; no control of cohesive devices.	
VOCABULARY	A wide range of vocabulary is used appropriately and accurately; precise meaning is conveyed; minor errors are rare; spelling is very well controlled; the register is appropriate throughout..	A range of vocabulary is used appropriately and accurately; occasional errors in word choice/ formation are possible; spelling is well controlled with occasional slips; the register is appropriate, although minor inconsistencies are possible.	The range of vocabulary is adequate; errors in word choice/ formation are present when more sophisticated items of vocabulary are attempted; spelling can be faulty at times; there are inconsistencies in register.	A limited range of vocabulary is present; less common items of vocabulary are rare and may be often faulty; spelling errors can make text understanding difficult; there are major inconsistencies in register	A very narrow range of vocabulary is present; errors in word choice/formation predominate; spelling errors make the text obscure at times.	
STRUCTURES	A wide range of grammatical structures is used accurately and flexibly; minor errors are rare; punctuation is very well controlled.	A range of grammatical structures is used accurately and with some flexibility; occasional errors are possible; punctuation is well controlled with occasional slips.	A mix of complex and simple grammatical structures is present; errors are present when complex language is attempted; punctuation can be faulty at times.	A limited range of grammatical structures is present; complex language is rare and may be often faulty; punctuation errors can make text understanding difficult.	A very narrow range of grammatical structures is present; errors predominate; punctuation errors make the text obscure at times.	
EFFECT ON TARGET READER	The interest of the reader is aroused and sustained throughout.	The text has a good effect on the reader.	The effect on the reader is satisfactory.	The text has not a relevant effect on the reader.	The text has a negative effect on the reader.	

