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Clasa a XII-a SECȚIUNEA A

QUESTION I (50 POINTS)

Can I Get a Do-Over?

By the time you reach high school, you have already experienced some of life's ups and downs. You have seized some great opportunities and turned your back on others. Though you have made good choices, you have also made poor ones. You have both rejected and heeded good advice. Looking back, surely there are things you wish you had done differently. Write a **reflective essay** sharing **your most important piece of advice** with a younger sibling or friend. (300words)

QUESTION II (25 POINTS)

Your local community group is interested in the views that local people hold about crime in your area. You have been asked to write **a report** for the chairman of the community group. You should address the following points:

What crimes are the most worrying for young people?

What steps can be taken to make young people feel less afraid?

Write your **report** for the chairman. (200-220 words)

QUESTION III

(25POINTS)

A) For questions 1-10 read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10points)

Men and women are often considered to be completely at odds with each other, in terms (1) their attitudes and behaviour. Not so when they are in love, new research has discovered. As far as their hormone levels are (2), when men and women are in love, they are more similar to each other (3) at any other time.

It has (4) been known that love can (5) have havoc with hormone levels. For example the hormone cortisol, (6) is known for its calming effect on the body, dips dramatically when one person is attracted to (7), putting the love-struck on a par with sufferers of obsessive compulsive disorder.

But a new study has found that the hormone testosterone, commonly associated with male aggression, also falls when he is in love. In women, it's quite the (8). Testosterone levels, which (9) to be lower among females, rise towards (10) of the male.



**B) Find one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sentences.
(5points)**

1) Hordes of beachcombers waited patiently for the..... to go out, ready to explore the freshly exposed strip of the beach.

As a professor, he made it a point to challenge traditions and swim against the.....

The police did their best to stem the..... of mass hysteria following a series of sniper shootings in the area.

2) As a wine connoisseur, he made sure his cellar was always full of..... wines.

Most of the.....cars he buys still work, but it's a profit he wants to make, and not the fun of driving them that makes him buy more.

It's been ayear for the music industry with new promising artists making the headlines.

3) With their new ultrasound system, the institute.... a march on other scientific communities and proved once more who ruled the roost.

The girl in the corner... another glance at Mark and blushed when their eyes met as she hadn't expected him to look in her direction. Look at this article here! It says a certain professor.....one of his students' ideas and used them in his book. What a disgrace!

4) Their business went.... after just three months. By the way, what can you expect from two guys with no experience in the market?

The chairman had a plaster Leninon a stand in the corner that always reminded him about his political orientation.

For more than a week the syndicate knew that the police would..... its drug factories and relocated its operations.

5). She saw the agents..... out of the building chasing a masked individual.

The planning department is intending to..... down a couple of old buildings to make room for a new shopping mall.

Be careful. He's got the gift of the gab. If you let him, he'llyour arguments to shreds during the debate.



C) For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence. You must use between 3 and 8 words, including the word given. The word must not be altered in any way. (10 points)

1. You are not a bad lawyer Martin, but I don't think it is a very suitable job for you. **cut**
I just don't think you _____ a lawyer.
2. I don't have the foggiest idea whether he will be coming or not. **whatsoever**
I have _____ he will be coming or not.
3. He failed the exam as he didn't work as fast as the rest of the class. **pace**
His failure was blamed on his inability _____ rest of the class.
4. Everyone is criticising the government for its poor unemployment record **come**
The government _____ over its unemployment record.
5. He was always going to leave that house after the divorce was finalised. **bound**
He _____ the house after the divorce.

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ANSWER KEY

QUESTION III (25points)

A) 10x1=10

- 1.OF,
- 2.CONCERNED,
- 3.THAN,
- 4.LONG,
- 5.PLAY,
- 6.WHICH,
- 7.ANOTHER
8. REVERSE,
9. TEND
- 10 .THOSE

B) 5x1=5p

- 1.TIDE
2. VINTAGE
3. STOLE
4. BUST
5. TEAR

C) 5x2p=10p

1. I just don't think you **__ARE CUT OUT //TO BE__** a lawyer.
2. I have **__NO IDEA WHATSOEVER//WHETHER/IF__** he will be coming or not.
3. His failure was blamed on his inability **__TO KEEP PACE //WITH THE__** rest of the class.
4. The government **__HAS COME IN //FOR CRITICISM__** over its unemployment record.
5. He **__WAS BOUND TO// LEAVE__** the house after the divorce



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