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**Clasa a XI-a SECȚIUNEA A**

**QUESTION I (50 points)**

In class, you have read the following excerpts published on *The New York Times* blog:

*On Wednesday students in Chicago public schools returned to classes after missing more than a week of school because their teachers were on strike. One of the questions at the heart of the strike: How should teachers be evaluated?*

*While education leaders in Chicago were not seriously talking about having students evaluate their teachers, some education reformers are. The idea is nothing new in colleges, where students frequently evaluate their professors. So, do you think middle and high school students should be able to grade their teachers? (<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com>)*

Now, your teacher has asked you to write an argumentative essay on the following topic:  
***Should students be able to grade their teachers?***

Write your **essay** in **350 words**.

**QUESTION II (25 points)**

**You read the following and decided to answer the questions:**

*We are a popular tabloid newspaper and would like to receive articles from students to see how they have reacted to the decision made by their high-school/university to get rid of examinations. All degrees will now be based on continuous assessment and project work. How do you feel about this? We want to hear from you. Is it a good or a bad idea? Send your articles to the address below, or e-mail us direct.*

Write your **article**. (About **200- 220** words.)

**QUESTION III (25points)**

**A) 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. You must use between 3 and 6 words including the word given. (5points)**

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- 1). It's possible that Kathy has been delayed by the tube strike. **(HELD)**  
Kathy may \_\_\_\_\_ by the tube strike.
- 2). It hasn't rained quite as much this year as in previous years. **(SLIGHTLY)**  
This year, it has rained \_\_\_\_\_ did in previous years.
- 3). Since the director could not speak at the awards ceremony himself, one of the actors took his place. **(BEHALF)**  
One of the actors made \_\_\_\_\_ the director at the awards ceremony.
- 4). I regret not concentrating more on what the teacher said during my French lessons. **(ATTENTION)**  
I now wish \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher during my French lessons.
- 5). Each and every one of our employees has contributed to the great success of our company. **(SINGLE)**  
The great success of our company is due to the contribution \_\_\_\_\_ our employees.

**B). Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.**

**(10 points)**

### **Second Language Learning**

There has been much debate in recent times about when young people should take up a second language. This has been especially fuelled in recent times by the increasing **(1)** placed on the English language. It is now commonplace to see parents providing a substantial amount of **(2)** on additional tuition on language lessons to give their children every **(3)** edge. In the past decade, language institutes have sprung up in **(4)** urban centres, all claiming to provide rapid **(5)** in English.

**IMPORTANT**

**FUNDING  
COMPETITION  
NUMBER  
ADVANCED**



There has been a push by many parents to expose their children to English in their (6) years. This, many claim, will make the language more (7) and ensure that all pronunciation errors can be avoided. There is some evidence which points to youngsters who have been raised in (8) families, where the language spoken at home is different to the one that they (9) with in their external environment. While these children can switch between two languages with greater (10), it remains to be seen whether this is advantageous when learning additional languages.

**FORMATION  
INSTINCT**

**LANGUAGE  
CONVERSATION**

**EASY**

**C) For questions 1-10, complete the following article by writing each missing word in the correct box on your answer sheet. Use only one word for each space. (10points)**

### **Time Flies**

Does your birthday seem to come around faster each year? The common perception that time flies as you get older first noted by the psychologist William James in the nineteenth century. More recently, scientists in London set (1) ..... to investigate the extent of (2) ..... age has an effect (3) .....the way that time is perceived.

Researchers asked people, divided (4) ..... three age groups, to say how long ago they thought certain major public events had happened. The result (5) .....that people in the 19-21 age group thought that the events had occurred more recently (6) ..... they actually had, while the over 60s dated events too far back. The middle-aged group were the most accurate.

These results show that our perception of time really (7) ..... depend on age, although no one quite knows (8) ..... this should be. One possible explanation is (9) ..... as we get older, we accumulate memories for events (10) ..... as birthdays and holidays. These regular events, occurring at the same time each year, act as mental markers, increasing the impression of time passing more quickly.

**NOTĂ: TIMP DE LUCRU 3 ORE. TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. NU SE ACORDĂ PUNCTE DIN OFICIU**



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**ANSWER KEY**

**QUESTION III (25points)**

**A) 5x 1p=5p**

- 1) have been **held** //up
- 2) **slightly** less// than it
- 3) a speech //on **behalf** of
- 4) I had paid more// **attention** to
- 5) of// every **single** one of

**B) 10X1p=10p**

1. IMPORTANCE
2. FUNDS
3. COMPETITIVE
4. NUMEROUS
5. ADVANCEMENT
6. FORMATIVE
7. INSTINCTIVE
8. BILINGUAL
9. CONVERSE
10. EASE

**C)10x1p=10p**

1. OUT
2. WHICH
3. ON
4. INTO
5. FOR
6. THAN
7. DOES
8. WHY
9. THAT
10. SUCH



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