



**OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ - 22 FEBRUARIE 2015**

**SECȚIUNEA B /PROBA SCRISĂ
CLASELE a XI-a/a XII-a**

QUESTION I (50 POINTS)

The internet has transformed the way information is shared and consumed, but it has also created problems that did not exist before.

Read the text below and then write an **essay** in which you **suggest solutions** to the problems illustrated by the article. **(350 words)**

The other side of the coin

Despite the internet's very many benefits and the helpful information it provides, there are always dangers overlooking that one needs to be very careful when dealing with it. Like with every aspect of new technology, the internet comes out with potential hazards if careful use is not maintained. The first and major danger of the internet is virus infections. Viruses are programs that have the capacity to copy themselves and infect computers without the knowledge of the user. Viruses transfer to an uninfected computer through emails, instant messaging programs, and websites or file sharing. Similar to viruses are the adware and spyware programs. Another risk of online use can be found in emails. Scam emails are emails that someone sends intentionally, with the purpose of deceiving people and extract from them important information regarding their bank accounts and passwords. Despite email deception, human deception is also possible over the net and especially among youngsters through the social networking sites. Last but not least, internet crime has become a major issue from the media since many people are seen to use child pornography over the internet. Youngsters are usually uncontrolled in viewing these sexually explicit and illegal materials. Finally, excessive use of the internet can become addictive and cause mental health problems as well as physical ones.

[\(http://www.cyberethics.info/\)](http://www.cyberethics.info/)

QUESTION II (50 POINTS)

Write **an article for a newspaper** starting from the views presented in the text below. **(250 words)**

Why is Education So Important?



Neel Kashkari proposes major education overhaul

The GOP candidate for governor would throw out much of the education code, send funds directly to schools rather than to districts and let most public schools run like charters.

<Saying that better schools are critical for California's prosperity, GOP gubernatorial candidate Neel Kashkari proposes changing the way education is funded, making traditional schools more like charters and increasing online learning.

"We must reject the status quo," the former U.S. Treasury official says in a 33-page policy paper set for release Tuesday.

He calls for money to be sent directly to the state's 10,000 public schools rather than to their districts. He would throw out much of the state's education code, which governs the operation of schools, and effectively allow most schools to operate under the same rules as charters.

He also calls for increased vocational education, longer school days and years, and merit pay for teachers.

"We can absolutely transform California's education system into a force that not only lifts student achievement but ultimately addresses income inequality and eradicates poverty from our communities," Kashkari's proposal says.>

(By Seema Mehta

<http://articles.latimes.com/2014/apr/22/local/la-me-kashkari-schools-20140422>)

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