

Concursul județean de limba engleză din cadrul Parteneriatului
Educațional "WHY...? WHY NOT?"
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Clasa a VII-a

1. A. Read the following story and arrange the paragraphs into the correct order. Then, for questions from 1-5 mark A, B, C or D. (5x1p=5p)

NO ORDINARY PET

- a. ☐ For a year, the family were very **sad**. They hoped someone would find Jimmy. They even thought about getting a **new** dog, but they knew that no dog would be as good as Jimmy.
- b. ☐ On the last day, the Ashby family packed their **suitcases** to go home. When they finished, Jimmy wasn't there. The **whole** family spent hours trying to find him, but they couldn't. At last it was time to go home. The children were very **upset** and said they didn't want to leave without Jimmy. The family drove back to Cornwall without their pet. They thought he was lost **forever**.
- c. ☐ It all started when the family went on **holiday**. They travelled five hundred miles to Scotland by car from Cornwall with their dog sitting on the back seat with the children. They all had a **wonderful** time. They walked up mountains and Jimmy loved jumping into the lakes, or 'lochs' as they are called in Scotland. The whole family did everything **together**.
- d. ☐ A year later Sarah heard a **strange** noise outside the door of their house. When she opened it, she found Jimmy standing there. The whole family cried because everyone was so happy that Jimmy was **home**. To this day, no one knows what Jimmy did **during** that year **away**!
- e. ☐ Jimmy is a very special dog. He lives with Sarah and Kevin Ashby and their **parents** in Cornwall. However, it is **surprising** that Jimmy is still living in Cornwall after he spent a year having an adventure!

B. Read the story again and for questions from 1-5 mark A, B or C. (5x1p=5p)

1) Jimmy, the dog

- A. has lived in Cornwall for a year.
- B. had a very bad adventure more than one year ago.
- C. arrived in Cornwall one year ago.

2) The Ashby family

- A. visited Scotland on holiday.
- B. lived in Scotland.
- C. found Jimmy in Scotland.

3) When Jimmy got lost

- A. they searched for him for a long time.
- B. they had a wonderful time.
- C. they decided to stay in Scotland.

4) For a year, the Ashby family

- A. never saw their dog.
- B. searched for their dog in Cornwall.
- C. looked for another dog.

5) When Jimmy arrived home a year later

- A. they weren't surprised.
- B. they were very happy.
- C. they didn't recognise him.

2. Match the highlighted words in the text with their descriptions. (15x1p=15p)

1. to or at a distance from someone or something
2. at some point in a period of time
3. for all future time
4. time when you travel to another place for pleasure
5. the place where you usually live
6. not owned before
7. mother and father of a person
8. unhappy because something unpleasant has happened
9. unusual or surprising because it's difficult to explain
10. large cases used for carrying clothes when you travel
11. unexpected
12. with each other
13. unhappy and worried
14. all of something, entire
15. making you feel very happy

3. Read the following e-mail and write ONE word for each gap. (5x1p=5p)

From: Cassie
To: Julia

Hi Julia,

I've just come back **(0) from** my holiday in Canada. I must tell you about the amazing hotel **(1) _____** we stayed in Quebec City.

Every year they have to build this hotel again because it's made out **(2) _____** ice - can you believe it? It's very cold inside, of course, but there were warm sleeping bags **(3) _____** every room.

We went to this hotel (4) _____ my mother's birthday. She loves cold weather and snow, so Dad gave her this surprise present. Unfortunately, we (5) _____ stayed there one night, because it's very expensive, but I'll never forget it!

Bye for now,
Cassie

4. Read the following text and circle the correct word or phrase A, B or C. (10x1p=10p)

THE TALENT FACTORY

The Talent Factory is a new music school (1) ____ has courses for children with no musical experience, as (2) ____ as young musicians in their first years of playing. You can choose from a (3) ____ of musical instruments including piano, violin and guitar. If you prefer to (4) ____ a singing course, you can choose different styles from classical to jazz, and learn to sing songs from TV shows and pop music.

(5) ____ the courses practise skills like reading music and learning to (6) ____ an instrument. However, we believe the most important thing we (7) ____ our students is that music is (8) ____ because students learn better when they are enjoying (9) _____. At the end of every course, there (10) ____ a show for family and friends.

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| 1. A. who | B. that | C. they |
| 2. A. well | B. long | C. soon |
| 3. A. group | B. band | C. variety |
| 4. A. join | B. play | C. enter |
| 5. A. Every | B. All | C. Whole |
| 6. A. do | B. sing | C. play |
| 7. A. study | B. teach | C. learn |
| 8. A. funny | B. enjoyed | C. fun |
| 9. A. themselves | B. them | C. theirs |
| 10. A. is | B. are | C. was |

5. Use the word given in capitals to form a new one that fits in the gap: (10x1p=10p)

e.g. The most valuable item on display is a Louis XIV armchair. **VALUE**

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| 1. It's an restaurant, but it's very popular. | EXPENSE |
| 2. Jamie can play any sport because he's very | ATHLETE |
| 3. Laura was feeling very before her driving test. | NERVE |
| 4. I want you to have with me tomorrow night. | DINE |
| 5. The discovery of a cure for the disease was quite | ACCIDENT |
| 6. He made a list of the students' names in order. | ALPHABET |
| 7. Liam was being very about where he was going. | MYSTERY |
| 8. Her teacher thinks that she shows real talent. | ARTIST |
| 9. We only use ingredients in our products. | NATURE |
| 10. It was of Melany to leave all the work to you. | SELF |

6. Underline the correct word: (10x1p=10p)

1. He **did** / **made** no effort to help us.
2. They **made** / **broke** up after ten years of marriage.
3. Ann could hardly make **ends** / **limits** meet, so she searched for a second job.
4. His shop wasn't making a **profit** / **progress** so he decided to close it.
5. It was **fooling** / **foolish** of him to behave so rudely.
6. Martyn is quite a **decisive** / **decided** person.
7. Her behavior is extremely **annoying** / **annoyed**.
8. Maria was upset that she **lost** / **missed** her flight.
9. You can serve the ice cream in a **desert** / **dessert** glass.
10. I can't drink milk, so I'll have a **black** / **dark** coffee, please..

7. Complete the sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets. (10x1p=10p)

1. They often(go) on holiday abroad when they were single.
2. "Did you see Jason yesterday?" "No, but I(probably / see) him tonight.
3. Tina(cook) while Bob was watering the plants.
4. Jason(know) Amanda since he was five years old.
5. My cousin(work) for a law firm.
6. Paul.....(talk) to Tina when I saw him.
7. Richard(watch) a comedy in the living room.
8. "This is a great book!" "I know. I(read) it twice already."
9. "As soon as John (come) in, tell him to come to my office."
10. I (see) Roger at seven o'clock tonight.

8. For each sentence, complete the second one so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words. (10x1p=10p)

e.g. Peter often dreamt about living abroad as a child.
Peter used to dream about living abroad as a child.

1. Sarah has never had a smartphone before.
This is the that Sarah has had a smartphone..
2. This will be my first visit to Brazil.
I've to Brazil before.
3. Seat belts must be worn by all passengers.
All passengers seat belts.
4. The Italian restaurant is cheaper than the Greek restaurant.
The Italian restaurant costs than the Greek restaurant.
5. They said I was too old to start to learn to play the piano.
They said I wasn't to start to learn to play the piano.

6. Covent Garden is close to Oxford Street.
Covent Garden is not Oxford Street.
7. My teacher has lent me a great book.
I have a great book from my teacher.
8. It is essential to be on time.
It is essential late.
9. Nick walks to the golf club in ten minutes.
It Nick ten minutes to walk to the golf club.
10. Members can play golf any day of the week.
It for members to play tennis day of the week.

9. Choose the correct preposition: (10x1p=10p)

- 1 The taste of the soup depends **of** / **on** the ingredients.
- 2 She had difficulty **in** / **for** following the recipe.
- 3 Anne is very fond **to** / **of** baking cakes.
- 4 Have you heard **by** / **from** Aunt Sarah?
- 5 She was very disappointed **with** / **on** the meal.
- 6 This restaurant is famous **for** / **with** its fresh seafood.
- 7 Her latest cookbook has just come **out** / **in**.
- 8 The chef stayed at home in bed after he had come **down** / **up** with the flu.
- 9 Paul is an expert **at** / **on** making coffee.
- 10 The village was cut **with** / **off** by the flood.

Notă: Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru 60 minute. Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu.