

PROBA SCRISĂ LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

3 - 4 ore săptămânal – proba f

Sesiunea specială 2005

- ◆ Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu.
- ◆ Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.

SUBJECT 1

30 points

a. Read the text below and write down the theme of the text.

5 points

Chris Roberts is happy to tell you about the recent changes in his lifestyle. 'The most comforting thing, I feel now, was the realisation that I was not alone. Having made the decision entirely alone, I then kept coming across friends of friends who had done something similar to me.' What 31-year-old Chris had done was give up a high-pressure job as a European sales executive in order to be a photographer, gardener and, occasionally, florist's assistant. 'I never had any intention of being poor,' he says quite candidly. 'I looked very carefully at the possibilities and reckoned I could earn what I needed. What I have lost in income is nothing to what I have gained in personal satisfaction and development.' And Chris discovered this kind of decision is not that uncommon. There is even a name for people like Chris: Droppies – the Disillusioned, Relatively Ordinary Professional, Preferring Independent Employment Situations. They have decided to step off the career ladder and out of full-time employment in an attempt to create a different kind of relation to work: the challenge is to be materially comfortable while releasing their energies for personal self-fulfilment. They give up status, but they gain independence.

b. According to this article, what seem to be the main advantages and disadvantages of having a career, and, conversely, of being more independent?

Write a five-paragraph essay to answer this question. Use relevant arguments and examples to sustain your opinions. (about 250 words)

25 points

SUBJECT 2

30 points

a. Translate into English:

10 points

Rețeaua WWW pulsează. Comunicarea a devenit aproape instantanee. S-a produs o explozie a cunoașterii în toate domeniile și mai urmează altele. Suntem sofisticați și din ce în ce mai urbanizați! Suntem la apogeul nostru genetic!

Așa au fost odată și oamenii de Neanderthal. Și timp de mii de ani, oamenii de Crô-Magnon au dominat această planetă. Când hoardele barbare au venit în Europa, în valuri succesive de invazie, celor invadați trebuie să li se fi părut că nu se va termina niciodată. Dar viețile noastre și memoria sunt scurte. Revoluția nu s-a terminat încă. Ea este în desfășurare.

b. Rephrase the following sentences, so that the meaning stays the same:

10 points

1. "What's the time?"
Could you ?
2. You brought my umbrella, which was not necessary.
You
3. One rarely sees this variety of trees outside a botanical garden nowadays.
Rarely

4. The painters are coming to our house tomorrow.
We are painted tomorrow.
5. She didn't take a nap in the afternoon so she's terribly sleepy.
If she

c. Complete the second sentence with the necessary words so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word in bold type. Do not change the word given.

10 points

1. Let me give you some advice. **think**
Let me tell you do.
2. These are the girls I went on holiday with. **whom**
These are the girls
3. 'I'm sorry I was late', he said. **wished**
He said late.
4. Although I said it was raining, it isn't. **fact**
I said it was raining, it isn't.
5. Neither of these chairs is comfortable. **nor**
This chair , this other one.

SUBJECT 3

30 points

Write about a situation when your best friend let you down. Explain what happened, why you think it happened and how you felt then and afterwards. (about 300 words)