

PROBA SCRISĂ LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

1 - 2 ore săptămânal – proba e

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Varianta 1

- ◆ 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 following text and write the questions to which the underlined words in the text are the answers: **10 points**

Some people want to own exotic things – things that are very unusual or that come from another country. A Persian carpet is one example of an exotic item.

If you decide to stop by a carpet shop to learn about Persian carpets, you may be in for a few surprises. First, there is no apparent price system (1). Bigger carpets aren't necessarily more expensive than smaller carpets. Second, you may be presented with too many details (2). The salesperson will probably tell you more about the pattern, quality, materials, origin and age of the carpet (3) than you wish to know. Third, the choice is overwhelming. It is not uncommon for a salesperson to show twenty carpets to a customer who shows some interest. This can be a very confusing situation. You may even feel pressured to buy a carpet that you're not sure you really want.

The best advice for buying a Persian carpet is to get a good knowledge of carpets (4). The price of the carpet is determined by three factors. One is the beauty of the carpet. Think of where you intend to put the carpet. Consider the patterns and the colors. Another thing to consider is the quality of the materials, knots, and dyes in the carpet. Soft wool is more expensive than coarse wool and both are superior to synthetics made of nylon. Tightly knitted carpets (carpets with more knots per square centimeter) are generally more valuable. Natural dyes keep a more beautiful color over the years than artificial dyes. The age of the carpet is a third thing to consider. Older carpets (5) are more valuable than newer carpets. Antique carpets are especially valuable. Of course, to be valuable, an old carpet must be in good condition.

In short, the best advice is "study the carpet". Don't be in a hurry. Don't buy on impulse.

b. Read the text again and decide if the following sentences are true (T) or false (F). On your answer sheet, write T or F next to the number indicating each sentence. **5 points**

1. Carpets made of coarse wool are usually more expensive than carpets made of soft wool.
2. Newer carpets are generally not as valuable as older carpets.
3. Artificial dyes keep a more beautiful color than natural dyes.
4. Loosely knitted carpets are usually less valuable than tightly knitted carpets.
5. Old carpets are very valuable even if they are in very bad condition.

c. Have you ever been pressured to buy something before you really made up your mind? Give an account of such a situation. Write about 150 words / 15 lines. **15 points**

SUBJECT 2

30 points

a. Translate into English:

10 points

1. Am vrut să știu dacă te simți obosită după un examen atât de dificil.
2. Acum, că e șomer, îi este foarte greu să trăiască din banii soției sale.
3. Nu am putut spune de cât timp eram acolo și când aveam de gând să plecăm.
4. „De când ai mașina asta?” „De două luni, de când am cumpărat-o de la amicul meu.”
5. Când termini de scris traducerea, ți se va spune ce ai de făcut în continuare.

b. Complete the following sentences with a suitable word or phrase:

10 points

1. She's not coming to school today and he.
2. It's trying to persuade me to do it. I won't.
3. If she had had breakfast, she now.
4. They thought no one could resist such an offer, but Tom down.
5. That antique clock of mine has down , so I'll have to wind it up.

c. One of the underlined forms is wrong. Choose the correct form and write it on your answer sheet.

10 points

1. Castles in the Middle Ages had to be / must have been cold places.
2. It was / There was said that there are ghosts in the house, but I never heard anything.
3. I've come to say goodbye to you / to say you goodbye.
4. We'll have to stop to get / getting some petrol.
5. You used to work in Belgium, used you / didn't you?

SUBJECT 3

30 points

There are times when it is best to tell a secret rather than keep it. Give three reasons why someone should do that and support them with convincing examples. Write about 250 words/ 25 lines.