

**SIMULAREA EXAMENULUI DE BACALAUREAT 2004
PROBA SCRISĂ LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ**

1 - 2 ore săptămânal

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

SUBIECTUL I

a) Read the following text about the Aztecs. In one complex sentence, write the main idea of the text. 2 puncte

b) Write the questions to which the underlined words in the text are the answers. 8 puncte

The Aztecs lived in Mexico between four and six hundred years ago. They moved there from different parts of South America. In Mexico, they built beautiful cities with big buildings, squares and wide streets. Most of their cities were on islands so they went everywhere by boat. They didn't use horses or wheels for transport. They built their biggest city on Lake Tezcoco, near today's Mexico City. They had their own Aztec language and they were advanced in many ways. They had schools for the children and two calendars – one for their religion and another one to help them plant their crops. Every day, they killed people in the market square to say 'thank you' to their god.

Most Aztecs were farmers and fishermen. They ate a lot of fish and hunted wild animals with bows and arrows. They made clay pots to cook their food. In schools boys were taught arts and crafts, and girls were taught to cook and other necessities. Writing was not taught in the schools attended by plebeian children. They bought and sold things in the market with beans. When the Spanish arrived in Mexico in 1519, they attacked the Aztecs. Three years later, after a long war, the Spanish took control of Mexico.

c) Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? Write your answers and explain your choice based on the evidence in the text. 10 puncte

1. The Aztecs used very simple bicycles.
2. The Aztecs spoke Spanish fluently.
3. The Aztecs were very good at pottery.
4. The Aztecs wrote letters to each other.
5. The Spanish conquered the Aztecs in 1522.

d) Read the second paragraph of the text again. In one paragraph, express your opinion about the information it contains. (about 150 words) 10 puncte

SUBIECTUL II

a) Translate into English: 15 puncte

1. Am uitat complet de ziua ei de naștere și pur și simplu nu știu cum să mă revanșez.
2. Rareori au fost văzuți aici înainte, dar acum sunt o prezență zilnică.
3. Ea nu a făcut nici o aluzie la testul din acea zi de teamă să nu-l facă să se simtă prost.
4. Nu predați o lucrare până când nu o veți fi citit o dată sau de două ori înainte!
5. Eu nu am putut să mă duc la spectacol și nici sora mea nu a putut.

b) Fill in the blanks. Use only one word for each blank:

15 puncte

People say that a dog is a man's ...1... friend. People and dogs first started living ...2... about ten thousand years ...3... . Now there are fifty-three million dogs just in ...4... USA. The Americans spend over two billion dollars ...5... dog food every year – four times what they spend on baby ...6...! Altogether there are about a hundred and fifty breeds of dogs. Many dogs work for humans, doing ...7... such as helping the blind, helping ...8... police and customs officers to find drugs and even racing! Greyhound* racing is popular in ...9... countries. The fastest greyhounds ...10... run as fast as 65 kilometers ...11... hour. Perhaps the ...12... famous working dog was called Rin Tin Tin, who died in 1932. He earned his money ...13... making films. He ...14... fifty films and earned about forty-four thousand dollars ...15... each one!

*a type of thin dog that can run very fast and is used in races

SUBIECTUL III

30 puncte

Choose one of the following topics:

- a) **You must have a favourite month / season of the year. Describe it and explain what makes it special to you. Write about 300 words.**
- b) **You have recently moved to a big city and decided to write a letter to a friend from your old neighbourhood. Describe the life in your new city (friends, school, entertainment) and your feelings about the change. Sign your letter as *Tom*. Write about 250 words.**