

PROBA SCRISĂ LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

1 - 2 ore săptămânal (proba f)

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Varianta 3

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

SUBIECTUL I

30 puncte

a) Read the following text and write the questions to which the underlined words in the text are the answers. 10 puncte

I've been a concierge* since 1977 (1). I was one of the first in Southern California. I set up the concierge department at the Biltmore Hotel. My dream as a child in England was to work at the Beverly Hills Hotel. It is the most prestigious, most elegant hotel in the world.

I usually get to work at about 7:30. My guests (2) rely on me in so many ways. When I arrive at my desk, the phones are ringing off the hook. The guests want airline reservations, beauty appointments, courier service, foreign exchange rates, hotel reservations in other cities, rental cars and limousines. There's no end to it. So I take care of each request personally (3) and I make sure that it is fulfilled perfectly.

Every call is a challenge, but I'm up to the challenge. You never know who is going to call from London, from Paris, from Rome. I work with other professional concierges in Los Angeles, and around the world. If I need something and don't know the answer, I'll call on other professional concierges. Last week I had some guests who wanted to see *Starlight Express* in London. The show has been a sell-out for over a year. I sent an e-mail to a colleague in London(4) and he got me the tickets, even though it was sold out. When my guests left, they were delighted and were holding the two theater tickets (5). I was holding a well-deserved tip.

*(*esp. AmE*) a person working in a hotel who looks after the special needs of guests

(adapted from an interview: *A Day in the Life of Robert Duncan*)

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 corresponding to each sentence.

5 puncte

1. Some guests' requests are endless lists of services.
2. A concierge's job is easy.
3. One can easily get a ticket for a sell-out.
4. If a concierge needs help, he can always ask other colleagues for it.
5. A concierge never takes a tip.

c) Write the central idea (theme) of the fragment and comment on the main ideas that the text contains. Support your opinions with relevant arguments and examples. (about 150 words)

15 puncte

SUBIECTUL II

30 puncte

a) Translate into English:

10 puncte

1. Ți-a spus cineva că *Harry Potter 3* rulează la Mall?
2. Dacă nu ne grăbim, nu mai ajungem la timp la gară.
3. Colega mea ar vrea să știe de cât timp înveți engleza.
4. Mă plimbam de o oră când a început să plouă.
5. M-a privit și mi-a spus că nu mă înțelege.

b) Rephrase the following sentences, so that the meaning stays the same: 10 puncte

1. Someone broke into their flat last night.
Their flat
2. Why don't you come tomorrow?
I wish.....
3. 'I promise I won't forget to call', Julie said to Tim.
Julie
4. As soon as I reached the station, the train arrived.
No sooner.....
5. There are not many seats left on the bus.
There are only

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 puncte

1. We'll probably go to Spain this summer. **likely**
We to Spain this summer.
2. 'You've taken my favourite CD!', Jane said to Oliver accusingly. **of**
Jane her favourite CD.
3. Don't leave this room until I call you. **must**
On no account this room until I call you.
4. She began taking piano lessons when she was eight. **since**
She she was eight.
5. He has little time to relax. **much**
He to relax.

SUBIECTUL III 30 puncte

***There's no place like home.* Starting from this saying, write an opinion essay and give three reasons to support your ideas. (250 – 300 words)**