

## 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.

### 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

Sometimes people have misunderstandings because of certain differences in their conversational styles (1). For example, consider the case of Fred and Cindy. They have been married for almost ten years (2) and they're still learning to communicate.

"At the beginning of our relationship," Fred says, "we changed our conversational styles to please the other person. But then gradually we changed back to our regular styles (3)."

"After a while," Cindy says, "Fred stopped giving me enthusiastic responses like 'Oh, really' when I talked. He just started nodding and saying 'uh-huh' to everything I said. I thought he wasn't listening to me anymore."

Visits to each other's families (4) caused problems too. "My family is much more vocal than Cindy's family," Fred says. "When we get together, everybody talks a lot and doesn't think too much about what they're saying. But Cindy didn't seem to understand my family. She was always very quiet with my family. Everybody thought she was acting superior to them. But at Cindy's house (5), I always feel uncomfortable because everyone is so quiet. They must think I'm just loud and kind of stupid."

These are examples of how conversational styles change and differ and how people sometimes misunderstand the intentions of the speakers.

**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. Differences in conversational styles may lead to misunderstandings.
2. For Fred and Cindy, pleasing the other person was difficult at first.
3. Fred's family is very talkative.
4. Cindy was acting superior to Fred's family.
5. Fred thinks he is such a loud and stupid person.

**c) Comment on the central idea (theme) of the fragment and give your opinion about the characters and the way in which they relate to each other and to their families. (about 150 words)**

15 puncte

### SUBIECTUL II

30 puncte

**a) Translate into English:**

10 puncte

1. Tactul este arta de a te face ascultat fără a-ți face dușmani.
2. Când oamenii sunt de folos, viața capătă un sens.
3. Dacă fericirea noastră depinde de împrejurările personale, nu te poți opri să nu ceri de la viață mai mult decât aceasta îți poate oferi.
4. Lucrurile cele mai importante din viață sunt cele care nu pot fi măsurate.
5. Cred cu tărie în noroc; cu cât muncesc mai mult, cu atât am mai mult noroc.

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

1. You should lock all the doors before you leave.  
You had .....
2. 'Let's go for a walk', he said.  
He .....
3. They believe John drove at full speed.  
John is.....
4. I'm sure Susan has already left.  
Susan must .....
5. On making a decision, we'll get in touch.  
As soon as ....., we'll get in touch.

**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. No one has taken my order yet. I'm still waiting. **to**  
I'm still waiting ..... taken.
2. Tom likes people to ask him about his work. **being**  
Tom doesn't ..... about his work.
3. Mark is more energetic than his brother. **as**  
Mark's brother isn't ..... Mark.
4. We haven't been there for months. **time**  
The ..... months ago.
5. As you study more, you'll get better grades. **the**  
The ....., ..... you'll get.

**SUBIECTUL III 30 puncte**

**Write an essay about your graduation party. Refer to the preparations before the party, the party itself and your impressions after the party. (250 – 300 words)**