TESTUL Nr. 2

LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
EXAMEN DE BACALAUREAT

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SECTION I. THE ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (30 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below the text.

The Internet

Things were different before the invention of the Internet. Now everything has changed. The Internet is everywhere, and it is loved and used by everyone for everything. We get our news, receive our mail, send our letters, write to our teachers, do our shopping, arrange our lives, schedule our travels, meet new friends, review all the knowledge in the universe, and most of us do it while we are sitting in a chair looking at the screen. Can life get any better? There are some disadvantages mixed in with all the advantages, and sometimes it is a good idea to take a closer look at the other side of paradise.

The United States military began the Internet with a small network of computers in the trendy 1960s. Non-military users began enjoying its benefits when companies and American universities were given access to do research related to military projects. The information window was opened and could no longer be closed. In 1989, the World Wide Web was presented to the general public. Any of us who make the Internet a daily companion would agree that nothing has been the same since we first decided to go online.

A quick survey reveals that most people will tell you that they use the Internet to stay in touch with others on the Internet. Most of us say that writing or receiving e-mail is our number one use of the Internet. We do this at home, at work, or wherever we sit down at a computer. We send and receive e-mails for fun, for personal reason, for business, and in all areas of our work. The Internet allows us to communicate from room to room, city to city, or country to country for the same price and the same immediate speed. Correspondence is the king of the Internet.

As students, we use the Internet to do research, which helps us with our home assignments. Friends or teachers suggest we look up an article on the web. We act on those suggestions nearly as frequently as we write e-mails. We love the ability to grab chunks of information and we are tempted to make them ours. As students, we no longer have to search through books and spend money, copying articles to get our research done. This unique study tool is available twenty-four hours a day, every day of the week, or as long as we have electricity to charge the device we use to go online.

Those of us who have watched travel agencies close up their doors and go out of business, know that online travel is the future, and the future has arrived. Wherever we want to go and however we want to get there, the Internet is our guide to those destinations. The Internet has changed the way we travel forever. Go online with a credit card in hand, and you can book a hotel in Dallas, a rental car in Los Angeles, or a safari in Kenya. Electronic commerce or e-commerce is one of the fastest growing areas of Internet use. E-commerce is the buying and selling of either services or merchandise on the Internet. Buying cars, sending musical greeting cards, downloading the newest music, and even trading stocks are done every day on the Internet before some of us see the sun rise. Just imagine how much money has been exchanged as a result of various online transactions since you started reading this text.
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<td><strong>Answer the question.</strong> What is one of the fastest growing uses of the Internet, according to the text?</td>
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| 2. | **Find in the text the synonyms for the words or word combinations given below.**  
  a) to study carefully ____________________  
  b) accessible ____________________ | A 0 2 4 |
| 3. | **Find in the text the antonyms for the words given below.**  
  a) seldom ____________________  
  b) to forbid ____________________ | A 0 2 4 |
| 4. | **Identify and circle the correct variant (True/False). Justify your choice.**  
  a) Travel agencies have shown tremendous travel and tourism profits from the use of the Internet.  
     because__________________________ True  False | A 0 1 3 4 6 |
|     | b) As a research tool, the Internet is very accessible.  
     because__________________________ True  False | |
| 5. | **Give another title to the text. Write your title in the form of a sentence.** | A 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 6. | **Comment in 4 lines the phrase below.**  
     Correspondence is the king of the Internet. | A 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 7. | **Identify the message of the text and comment on it in 5 lines.** | A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
SECTION II. THE ASSESSMENT OF LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (20 points)

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Fill in the gaps with the suitable article and preposition. Write the correct form of the words in brackets.

No | Item | Score |
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1-10 | Jellyfish (to find) ___________ during the summer months in the water close ___________ the shore and on the beaches of the Mediterranean. For bathers, they are nasty creatures (who/that/which/whose) ___________ sting can be painful. For beach-lovers, they are ___________ nuisance because they rarely get washed up onto the beach where they die, leaving a terrible smell. Jellyfish vary (wide/widely/hardly/well) ___________ in their size and colour; they range from a few millimeters across to six feet in diameter, with tentacles 100 feet long. Some are extremely dangerous. An Australian species of jellyfish, called a sea wasp, looks like a box and has the most deadly venom in the world in its sting. It (must/can/should/ought to) ___________ kill a man very quickly. Jellyfish (to exist) ___________ for millions of years, and scientists believe that they will survive (before/as long as/after/as far as) ___________ there are oceans on earth. At a time of (disappearing, disappeared, disappear, disappearance) ___________ species and fear for our planet, jellyfish continue to multiply. (In addition to/Owing to/Furthermore/Whereas) ___________, there are species in the depths of the ocean that we haven't even seen yet.

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SECTION III. THE ASSESSMENT OF PRAGMATIC AND CULTURAL COMPETENCES

Write a coherent 10-line text describing the situation below. (20 points)

No | Item | Score |
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1-20 | Which sports have a long history in Great Britain and are practiced with enthusiasm? Describe at least one of them.

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SECTION IV. THE ASSESSMENT OF PRAGMATIC AND CIVIC (30 points)

Write a coherent 20-line text expressing your attitude on the given topic.

Describe a visit to a place which made a great impression on you. Explain why it affected you so much.

Use the following plan:
- Make an introduction;
- Describe at least TWO main aspects of the place in detail;
- Draw a conclusion: mention your feelings and your final thoughts about the place.