

**PROBA DE VERIFICARE A CUNOȘTIINȚELOR DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
pentru admiterea în clasele a IX-a cu program intensiv
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NOTĂ:

1. Timp de lucru 60 de minute. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
2. Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu. Total = 70 puncte

I. Read the text and mark the sentences below: True (T) or False (F) - 10p**THE WESTERN ALPHABET**

The Western alphabet, which is used in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Australia and New Zealand as well as in other countries, originated in the Middle East. The people who gave the world this alphabet were the Phoenicians, a people who established colonies all over the Mediterranean, including Carthage in Africa and Gades in Spain. In their alphabet, the letters were represented by little pictures which represented sounds. The Phoenician A was aleph, which means "bull". And it was made from a little picture of a bull's head. The letter B was beth which meant "house", and showed the round-roofed buildings which you can still see today in Syria.

The Phoenicians had contact with another nation of sailors, the Greeks, with whom they fought and traded. The Greeks also started to use the Phoenician alphabet. They changed the names so aleph and beth became alpha and beta. The shapes of the letters are the same but they have been turned sideways. Of course, the first two letters of the alphabet give it its name. Over the years there have been changes. Latin developed an alphabet with some different letters to the Greeks, and other letters have been added since. But really westerners are using the same system of writing which has served them so well for thousands of years.

- 1 - The purpose of this text is to tell something of Phoenician history ____
- 2 - The information in the text is meant to be funny ____
- 3 - The Phoenicians came from Carthage ____
- 4 - The Phoenicians were a nation of sailors ____
- 5 - The Phoenician alphabet was composed of individual signs ____
- 6 - The Greeks turned the letters in a different direction ____
- 7 - The Greeks developed the alphabet from Latin ____
- 8 - There were fewer letters in the original alphabet than there are now ____
- 9 - Three letters compose the name of the alphabet ____
- 10 - Our modern system of writing is similar to the Phoenician alphabet ____

II. Choose the right answer. - 10p

1. You **don't have to/ mustn't** book a room in the hotel; you can stay in our spare room.
2. I need a computer **research/ program** to help me translate from Greek into English.
3. I don't think people will ever **discover/ invent** a time machine.
4. Do you know any restaurants **which/ where** they serve tasty vegetarian food?
5. The advice given in this magazine **was/ were** really useful.
6. As children grow **up / on**, they need more independence and self-confidence.
7. A new school **is been/ is being** built in our neighbourhood.
8. My new job starts **in/ on** the first day of September.
9. Yesterday we **have/ had** fun at the picnic the bad weather.
10. I'm going to **become/ get** rid of these old clothes.

III. Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits in the corresponding space - 15p

A Horrifying School Day

(0) On the morning of 15th October, 2007, nine children (1) ____ playing at their local nursery school when, suddenly tornado sirens started going off. Jane Brown, (2) ____ was the head teacher of the school, was working in her office at the (3) _____. She didn't panic (4) ____ tornado warnings were common at that time of year. Then, the lights (5) ____ out and the wind broke her office window. (6) ____ Jane was running to the children's classroom, (7) ____ of broken window and glass were falling (8) ____ around her. A witness, Alex Ross, saw the tornado (9) ____ the nursery school; the roof flew off and only the walls (10) ____ standing. Finally the tornado (11) ____ on and, afterwards, there was a terrifying silence. Alex ran into the school to help. Jane and the (12) ____ teachers were helping the children get out the building. (13) ____, two children were trapped under parts of the roof. Alex pulled them out and carried them outside. Later, Alex said, "I (14) ____ believe it, the tornado totally destroyed the nursery school, but, miraculously, no one was seriously (15) ____."

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| 0. | A. On | B. In | C. At | D. For |
| 1. | A. were | B. was | C. is | D. are |
| 2. | A. how | B. who | C. what | D. which |
| 3. | A. moment | B. break | C. time | D. times |
| 4. | A. as | B. so | C. such | D. so as |
| 5. | A. go | B. went | C. gone | D. had gone |
| 6. | A. During | B. Before | C. After | D. While |
| 7. | A. slices | B. loaves | C. pieces | D. packs |
| 8. | A. all | B. down | C. off | D. out |
| 9. | A. kick | B. hit | C. stoke | D. beat |
| 10. | A. reminded | B. remained | C. rested | D. remembered |
| 11. | A. went | B. passed | C. rushed | D. moved |
| 12. | A. another | B. an other | C. other | D. others |
| 13. | A. However | B. Moreover | C. Despite | D. Although |
| 14. | A. can | B. can't | C. may | D. must |
| 15. | A. damaged | B. attacked | C. affected | D. injured |

IV. Complete the sentences with the correct word derived from the word in capitals . - 10p

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| 1. Do you play football _____ or not quite? | REGULAR |
| 2. For further _____ please phone the following number. | INFORM |
| 3. She likes to be surrounded by her _____. | ADMIRE |
| 4. Some bands are _____ for looks rather than talent. | FAME |
| 5. The _____ decided to postpone the takeover. | MANAGE |
| 6. Be _____ how you use that tricky word in sentences. | CARE |
| 7. I'm very _____ with this laptop. It is incredibly slow. | SATISFY |
| 8. The most useful quality one may possess is that of _____. | CURIOUS |
| 9. The _____ of people would fight for a just cause. | MAJOR |
| 10. In Romania, _____ is compulsory between the ages of 6 and 16. | EDUCATE |

V. For questions from 1 to 10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. – 10p

The first real book I..... (1) was a children’s edition of Robinson Crusoe. All I (2) remember about it now is the cover, (3) was light blue. I don’t know.....(4) much of the story is familiar from that reading, because almost.....(5) child has heard of Robinson Crusoe. (6) got shipwrecked on a desert island and lived there.....(7) nearly 30 years. I suspect however that not very..... (8) people have read the original book,.....(9) in 1719 and one of the earliest novels in English. Those who have, must surely have been surprised to..... (10) out that Robinson Crusoe does not have much in common with the hero of the children’s story.

VI. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given and use between two and five words including the word given. – 5p

1. Amy’s parents did not allow her to stay out late at night. **LET**
Amy’s parents _____ out late at night.
2. As I had my camera with me, I was able to take lots of photos. **NOT**
If I had not had my camera with me, I _____ to take lots of photos.
3. Farmers in the US grow a large proportion of the world’s wheat. **IS**
A large proportion of the world’s wheat _____ farmers in the US.
4. When Carl was young, he went to a holiday camp every summer. **USED**
When Carl was young, he _____ a holiday camp every summer.
5. Could you close the window, please? **MIND**
Would _____ the window, please?

KEY

I. True/ False (10p)

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| 1. F | 5. F | 9. F |
| 2. F | 6. T | 10. T |
| 3. F | 7. F | |
| 4. T | 8. T | |

II. Dual choice (10p)

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| 1. don't have to | 5. was | 9. had |
| 2. program | 6. up | 10. get |
| 3. invent | 7. is being | |
| 4. where | 8. on | |

III. Multiple Choice („A Horrifying School Day“) (15p)

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| 1. A | 6. D | 11. D |
| 2. B | 7. C | 12. C |
| 3. C | 8. A | 13. A |
| 4. A | 9. B | 14. B |
| 5. B | 10. B | 15. D |

IV. Word building (10p)

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| 1. REGULATLY | 5. MANAGER | 9. MAJORITY |
| 2. INFORMATION | 6. CAREFUL | 10. EDUCATION |
| 3. ADMIRERS | 7. SATISFIED | |
| 4. FAMOUS | 8. CURIOSITY | |

V. Open Cloze (10p)

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| 1. read | 5. any | 9. written |
| 2. can | 6. who | 10. find |
| 3. it | 7. for | |
| 4. how | 8. many | |

VI. Key Word Transformation (5p)

1. didn't let her stay
2. wouldn't have been able
3. is grown by
4. used to go on
5. you mind closing