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- Timp de lucru: 2 ore
- Total puncte: 100. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.

SUBJECT I

20 points

Read the text below. For questions 1 – 10, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Few who believe in the potential of the Web deny the value of books. But they argue that it is unrealistic to expect all children to read “To Kill a Mockingbird” or “Pride and Prejudice” for fun. And those who prefer staring at a television or mashing buttons on a game console, they say, can still benefit from reading on the Internet. In fact, some literacy experts say that online reading skills will help children far better when they begin looking for digital-age jobs.

Some Web evangelists say children should be evaluated for their proficiency on the Internet just as they are tested on their print reading comprehension. Starting next year, some countries will participate in new international assessments of digital literacy, but the United States, for now, will not.

Clearly, reading in print and on the Internet are different. On paper, text has a predetermined beginning, middle and end, where readers focus for a sustained period on one author’s vision. On the Internet, readers skate through cyberspace at will and, in effect, compose their own beginnings, middles and ends.

Young people “aren’t as troubled as some of us older folks are by reading that doesn’t go in a line,” said Rand J. Spiro, a professor of educational psychology at Michigan State University who is studying reading practices on the Internet. “That’s a good thing because the world doesn’t go in a line, and the world isn’t organized into separate compartments or chapters.”

Some traditionalists warn that digital reading is the intellectual equivalent of empty calories. Often, they argue, writers on the Internet employ a cryptic argot that vexes teachers and parents. Zigzagging through a cornucopia of words, pictures, video and sounds, they say, distracts more than strengthens readers. And many youths spend most of their time on the Internet playing games or sending instant messages, activities that involve minimal reading at best.

The question of how to value different kinds of reading is complicated because people read for many reasons. There is the level required of daily life – to follow the instructions in a manual or to analyse a mortgage contract. Then there is a more sophisticated level that opens the doors to elite education and professions. And, of course, people read for entertainment, as well as for intellectual or emotional rewards.

It is perhaps that final purpose that book champions emphasize the most. “Learning is not to be found on a printout,” David McCullough, the Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, said in a commencement address at Boston College in May. “It’s not on call at the touch of the finger. Learning is acquired mainly from books, and most readily from great books.” (The New York Times – www.nytimes.com)

- 1. Online reading supporters**
 - a. argue that all children read books for fun.
 - b. believe that digital reading can be useful.
 - c. say that books are entertaining
 - d. deny the value of electronic books.
- 2. Some literacy experts claim that**
 - a. online reading prepares kids for a career in a computer ruled world.
 - b. online reading develops kids' vocabulary.
 - c. online reading damages kids' eyesight.
 - d. online reading is an alternative to normal reading.
- 3. Children should**
 - a. be encouraged to surf the Internet.
 - b. be banned from using the Internet.
 - c. take online literacy tests.
 - d. sit tests to assess their print reading.
- 4. Online reading**
 - a. is similar to print reading.
 - b. is more entertaining than reading books.
 - c. is not the same as print reading.
 - d. is beneficial for children.
- 5. Reading in print**
 - a. distracts readers from the real world.
 - b. enhances readers' concentration.
 - c. lacks intellectual challenges.
 - d. improves readers' memory.
- 6. Young people**
 - a. don't mind reading in cyberspace.
 - b. have trouble with digital reading.
 - c. enjoy reading on the Internet.
 - d. are disturbed by endless interruptions.
- 7. Some traditionalists argue that**
 - a. digital reading has no real value.
 - b. digital reading is a waste of time.
 - c. digital reading empowers readers.
 - d. digital reading enriches readers' vocabulary.
- 8. The wealth of words, pictures, videos and sounds**
 - a. disturbs readers.
 - b. engrosses readers.
 - c. strengthens readers.
 - d. diverts readers' attention.
- 9. People read**
 - a. only for entertainment.
 - b. to escape real life.
 - c. for various purposes.
 - d. in their free time.
- 10. According to David McCullough, knowledge**
 - a. is acquired through hard work.
 - b. comes largely from books.
 - c. can be a valuable asset.
 - d. can be found on a printout.

SUBJECT II**30 points**

Your school organised an opinion essay competition on topics of great importance for teenagers and you decided to write about *hobbies*. Write your answer in 200-250 words.

SUBJECT III**20 points**

Read the text below and use the words given in capitals to form words that fit in the gaps. There is an example at the beginning (0).

SOB STORY

Margaret Thatcher wept after her ...**resignation**... (0) as Prime Minister. When did you last cry? Did it cause you any ... (1)? After all, it can seem a bit ... (2) to cry. Babies do it all the time because it's their only way of catching people's ... (3). But sobbing actually helps get rid of the ... (4) substances which tend to build up in your body when your life is ... (5).

Researchers say the tears we produce when we feel ... (6) are different from those caused by an ... (7) in the eye. ... (8) tears contain a substance which makes us feel depressed. If we cry, we get rid of it and feel better!

So it can be ... (9) to hold back tears. If you don't express your ... (10), you risk becoming more upset and this can even have an effect on the body's immune system making you more likely to get ill.

0. RESIGN
1. EMBARRASS
2. CHILD
3. ATTEND
4. HARM
5. STRESS
6. MISERY
7. IRRITATE
8. EMOTION
9. HEALTH
10. FEEL

SUBJECT IV**20 points**

Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

BUNGLING BURGLARS

Detectives who were called ... **to**... (0) a shop in Southend early on Christmas morning found two burglars stuck in a lift with the office safe. In their haste to ... (1) away, the two men, both in their twenties, had tried to take a heavy office safe downstairs in a small service lift. They did not notice the sign on the door ... (2) that it was meant ... (3) no more than two people.

'It stuck between floors because they overloaded it,' said Detective Inspector Dave Frampton. 'They were trapped inside that small steel cupboard for six hours, sitting on what they had hoped would be their Christmas present. They were robbing ... (4) a time when normal people were at home celebrating with their families. ... (5) was a very special moment when the firemen opened the doors and they staggered out ... (6) our arms. They said they had never been ... (7) pleased to see the police and firemen. We were pleased to see them to.'

The two burglars had ... (8) trying to attract attention for most of the six hours they were locked in, but it was not ... (9) the discotheque next door closed that anyone heard them and the police ... (10) alerted.

SUBJECT V

10 points

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. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

1. Someone is fixing my car for me this week. **HAVE**
I've arranged this week.

2. I only came because you asked me to. **COME**
I you hadn't asked me to.

3. You should use the sports facilities available here. **ADVANTAGE**
We advise you the sports facilities here.

4. Do you think you could help me to fill in this application form? **WONDERING**
I me a hand filling in this application form.

5. If you need any help, you can always call me. **HESITATE**
If you need any help, me.