



CHESTIONAR DE CONCURS
Varianta A
Proba: „Limba Engleză”

I. Reading Comprehension

Read the text below, and, for items 1-15, choose the correct answer from among the four given variants. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

One of Japan's largest travel agencies has formed a new branch dedicated to developing and marketing space travel and estimates that as many as five million people a year could be sent into space by 2030. This new global industry could be worth as much as 70 billion pounds and package deals could eventually bring the cost down to less than 2,000 pounds a person. A recent study on more than 4,000 people in Britain, Japan, America and Germany has shown that most age groups are keen on the idea and 80% of the people aged below 30 would be ready to pay two-year wages to see Earth from space. Future space travel brochures are expected to offer tourists anything from a mini-trip of a ten-minute sub-orbital flight to a week in orbit with a stay at a space hotel included.

It could cost about 70 million pounds to develop the first passenger spacecraft. Pioneering work has been done by the Japanese Rocket Society, but one of its engineers said that America was likely to make the first space liner.

The Russians are not expected to be serious contenders in the mass market, despite the fact that it was a Russian craft that took the world's first space tourist, Dennis Tito, to stay on the international space station in April 2000. Tito paid 14 billion pounds for this privilege and a South African-based millionaire internet entrepreneur is already in training to be a second visitor. The key to success in developing the business of space tourism will be safety, reliability and affordability. But most of all, it will be about the desire of the majority of people to watch the Earth from space and take photos of the place where they and their ancestors were born. It's a dream wanting to come true.

1	Estimates regarding space travel show that by 2030, _____. a. a person could travel into space for less than 2,000 pounds b. more than 10 million people would travel into space yearly c. some entrepreneurs will be paying up to 70 billion pounds a year for space travels d. package deals could destroy the future of space travel
2	80% of the people aged below 30 from Britain, Japan, America and Germany declared that _____. a. they wouldn't pay the two-year wages for space travel b. they would love to travel into the cosmos c. they are not interested to see Earth from space d. not all age groups are fit for space travel

3	In the future, tourists may be offered _____. a. only mini-trips of sub-orbital flight b. a stay at a space hotel if they go into orbit for a week c. up to 10-minute stays at space hotels if they book for the flight in advance d. free sub-orbital flights
4	Work on the first passenger spacecraft was pioneered by _____. a. the Japanese engineers b. a Russian-American cooperation c. Dennis Tito d. a South-African engineer
5	According to a Japanese engineer, who is most likely to develop the first space liner? a. An internet entrepreneur b. The Russians c. The Americans d. The Japanese Rocket Society
6	Where did Dennis Tito stay during his space visit in April 2000? a. On an American liner. b. On the world's first space station. c. On a Russian craft. d. On the international space station.
7	What do most tourists desire on a space holiday? a. To be safe. b. To be able to take photos of the Earth from space. c. To pay an affordable price. d. To have a reliable business.

Most polls depend on votes from the public, but in a unique British survey, one hundred of the most powerful world leaders were asked to propose the most significant figures of the past 1,000 years. The results were often unexpected and surprising. Boris Yeltsin, the former Russian president, voted for Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet scientist who built the first Russian H-bomb and then spent the rest of his life protesting against it, winning the Nobel peace prize in 1975. White House sources said that Bill Clinton considered Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy, before giving his vote to Thomas Jefferson, author of the American Declaration of Independence.

It was, however, scientists and engineers, rather than politicians or artists, who have made the biggest overall contribution to shaping the millennium. The clear winner was Johann Gutenberg, the medieval German goldsmith who invented the printing press, although at a distance of six hundred years, he remains a semi-mythical figure. This great contribution was to create a universal form of communication and he has been mentioned together with Tim Berners-Lee, the Briton who devised the World Wide Web. Both have been central to the spread of knowledge.

Visionaries such as Leonardo da Vinci, Galileo and Albert Einstein were high on the list as were political leaders: British Prime Minister Winston Churchill held a special place together with Mahatma Ghandi, the leader of the Indian Independence Movement. There were few women with only Queen Elizabeth I making the top 20, though even Barbie got one vote as not just a doll but "the image of a can-do woman".

8	In a unique British survey, _____ were asked to propose significant figures of the last 1,000 years. a. one hundred of the most powerful world leaders b. a few British military leaders c. members of the general public d. several foreign politicians
9	The Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov _____. a. didn't win the Nobel prize for peace in 1975 b. voted for president Boris Yeltsin c. was proposed by a former Russian president as the most significant figure of the millennium d. spent his whole life protesting against the regime

10	Thomas Jefferson was given a vote by _____. a. The White House sources b. The author of the Declaration of Independence c. Bill Clinton d. Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy
11	The biggest overall contribution to shaping the millennium was made by _____. a. politicians rather than scientists b. only engineers c. only artists d. scientists and engineers
12	Johann Gutenberg was declared the winner because he _____. a. invented the printing press b. worked together with Tim Berners-Lee c. lived 600 years ago d. was able to communicate in 7 languages
13	Just like Gutenberg, Berners-Lee _____. a. has been central to the spread of knowledge b. was a Briton who devised the World Wide Web c. remains a semi-mythical figure d. could communicate in all languages
14	Leonardo da Vinci and Winston Churchill _____. a. shared the vision of Mahatma Ghandi and Galileo b. were both placed high on the list c. were placed above Albert Einstein d. were placed below the leader of the Indian Independence Movement
15	According to the text, the Barbie doll got one vote _____. a. and outranked Queen Elizabeth I b. and made the top 200 c. because she represents the "can-do woman" d. because there were only few women voters

II. Grammar and vocabulary

Items 16 – 20 are incomplete sentences. Choose among the four variants given under each sentence the one word or phrase that completes the sentence correctly.

16	He works _____ engineer. a. like b. as c. the same as d. as an
17	Christopher Columbus, _____ was the first European to discover America, was born in Italy in 1451 a. who b. whose c. whom d. which
18	Of course I didn't do it _____ purpose. a. by b. with c. on d. from



19	Over the past several decades, radio telescopes _____ quite a different view of the universe from the one disclosed by ordinary telescopes. a. have given scientists b. has given scientists c. has been given scientists d. is being given scientists
20	Antarctica is larger _____, but it has non-native human population. a. then Europe or Australia b. Europe or Australia c. of Europe and Australia d. than Europe or Australia

Each of the sentences from 21 to 25 contains one error. Identify the error from the four underlined words or phrases.

21	He <u>told</u> me <u>then</u> <u>that</u> two accidents <u>have</u> just been reported. a b c d
22	<u>The</u> boys <u>ran</u> <u>fastly</u> not to <u>miss</u> the bus. a b c d
23	The owners <u>of</u> the mine <u>has</u> <u>risen</u> <u>the</u> price <u>of</u> coal. a b c d
24	Perhaps <u>the</u> most <u>unique</u> thing <u>about</u> carbon atoms <u>are</u> their ability <u>to</u> <u>combine</u> with themselves. a b c d
25	For the past <u>few</u> years, researchers <u>have</u> <u>perfecting</u> <u>their</u> control over the movements of cells and microbes by <u>using</u> low-power laser beams a b c d

From 26 to 30 you have four variants derived from the word written in capitals at the end of each line. Choose the variant that best fits in the gap. Only one variant is correct.

26	It is quite a problem to be granted _____ to this club. a. MEMBERMENT b. MEMBERSHIP c. MEMBERNESS d. MEMBERFUL	MEMBER
27	How long does the _____ last? a. TRAINLESS b. TRAINMENT c. TRAINSHIPING d. TRAINING	TRAIN
28	One of the major problems in today's society is _____. a. EMPLOYLESS b. EMPLOYSHIP c. UNEMPLOYMENT d. EMPLOYLESSNESS	EMPLOY
29	Will you please check when the _____ is? a. DEPARTINGNESS b. DEPARTURE c. DEPARTNESS d. DEPARTMENTNESS	DEPART

30	There is no such word; it is absolutely ____.	MEAN
	a. MEANINGLESS	
	b. MEANINGFULL	
	c. MEANFUL	
	d. MEANFULNESS	

In items 31 to 35 each sentence has a word or phrase underlined. Choose among the four variants the one word or phrase that is the best substitute for the underlined word or phrase.

31	Things happened exactly as we had <u>anticipated</u> .
	a. waited
	b. extended
	c. expected
	d. pointed
32	I wonder who can afford buying such <u>an estate</u> .
	a. a piece of jewellery
	b. a piece of furniture
	c. a piece of land
	d. a piece of cloth
33	Can a satellite remain <u>stationary</u> for a while?
	a. secure
	b. immobile
	c. stuck
	d. hung
34	Smog makes this <u>an endangered</u> environment.
	a. a threatened
	b. a crowded
	c. an unusual
	d. a blessed
35	The delay of the take-off was <u>due to</u> a technical problem.
	a. the cause of
	b. the reason why
	c. the part of
	d. the result of

III. Writing

This is an informal letter written by Julia to her friend Jane. Choose among the variants offered the one that best fits the context, completing thus the whole letter:

36	Dear Jane, It was lovely ____ and yes, I'd really like to come and stay the weekend.
	a. to hear from you
	b. to from you hear
	c. from you to hear
	d. from hear to you
37	You know how much I love spending weekends in the county, ____ in the city.
	a. after to work all week
	b. after worked all week
	c. after working all week
	d. after all week working



38	I'll catch the usual train _____. a. in the Friday evening b. on Friday evening c. at the Friday evening d. in a Friday evening
39	Do you _____? a. remembering Henry b. remember Henry c. to remember Henry d. Henry remember
40	Well, I met him at a party _____. a. the another day b. for other days c. for the days d. the other day
41	He's fine but _____. a. busy as always b. as busy always c. always is busy d. is busily always
42	We went to the theatre and saw _____. a. the amused play b. the amuse play c. an amusing play d. amusing the play
43	_____, I'll give you more of the news when we meet. a. In any ways b. Anyway c. Some way d. No way
44	I must rush now, _____ to see Jack's new flat in the evening. a. because I'm going b. because go c. due to I'm going d. as I'm go
45	Give my _____ wishes to Peter and the children. a. better b. betterest c. the best d. best

Love,
Julia

Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.

Punctajul acordat: câte 0,2 puncte pentru fiecare răspuns dat corect (0,2 puncte × 45 întrebări = 9 puncte).

Timp de lucru efectiv – 90 minute.

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