

**CONCURSUL DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ „QUEST”
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Clasa a IX-a**

I. READING COMPREHENSION

20p

Read the article about relationships between humans and dogs. Which paragraph(s) mention(s) dogs that...

1. help sick people ____
2. help to protect other animals ____
3. enjoy playing ____
4. don't do any work ____
5. find people ____
6. help at home ____
7. have an easy life ____
8. work at a busy place ____
9. are chosen because they don't frighten people ____
10. don't use their sense of smell at work ____

Dogs in a human world

The friendship between humans and dogs began perhaps 14,000 years ago. It might be that wild dogs were attracted to human rubbish, or that humans eventually acquired the puppies of wild dogs and trained them to be obedient pets and helpers. By carefully choosing the parents of dogs, humans have been able to create a wonderful variety of dogs with plenty of talents and many different looks. Here are four examples of 'a dog's life' in the human world.

A. Food sniffer dogs

Jacques is one member of the Beagle Brigade, a group of beagles that work at international airports in the United States. Their job is to smell and find illegal fruits, vegetables and other foods in luggage and mail. These food items sometimes carry insects and diseases which could be dangerous for crops or animals. The beagle calmly sits down next to anything that smells suspicious. The dog's human partner then checks for illegal items. Why beagles? They're friendly and cute, so they don't scare people as they sniff through the crowds. More importantly, beagles have an astonishing nose for food. The Beagle Brigade sniffs out the truth 84% of the time!

B. Treated like a queen

Some dogs are lucky enough to enjoy lives of luxury. Tiffy, a lovely Maltese, is one of these. Her owner, Nancy Jane Loewy, treats her like a queen. She carefully prepares Tiffy's meals of lamb, steak, salmon, tuna, chicken and a variety of fresh vegetables. Tiffy also gets low-fat yoghurt and biscuits after dinner. Loewy, whose husband has a high-paying job and whose two sons are away at university, has the time and money to treat Tiffy extremely well, and she truly enjoys doing so. "I want to give her the healthiest, most wonderful life possible for as long as possible", she says.

C. Animal carers

Jessie is a whippet that visits children who are fighting deadly diseases. She brightens patients' days with love and gives children a chance to exercise. When they feel down in the dumps, Jessie makes them happy. Jessie helps patients like young Lukas Parks to stay strong during their long stay in hospital. There are many different kinds of animals that help people. Specially trained 'service dogs' help people with physical disabilities. The best known service dogs are guides for the visually impaired. But four-legged friends perform other roles too. They can be trained to open and close doors, turn lights on and off, pick up dropped objects and even pull wheelchairs.

D. Doggie detectives

Search-and-rescue (SAR) dogs use their amazing noses to find people. Hercules, an Alsatian, can smell tiny clues that people leave behind wherever they go. These include dead skin cells, bacteria, small pieces of clothing and hairs. He has found missing hikers and has searched through rubble after earthquakes and other disasters. SAR dogs must be strong, obedient, athletic and smart. Most of all, they must love to play. Trainers look for dogs that go crazy over a favourite toy, such as a tennis ball. Those dogs will do any job as long as the reward is playtime when they've finished. Whether as workers or objects of affection, dogs have certainly proved themselves to be beneficial to humans in many ways. At the same time, their special place as 'man's best friend' has allowed dogs to survive in a human world. While wolves and wild dogs have nearly disappeared from the earth, domestic dogs continue to grow in number, thanks to their special relationship with humans.

II. ENGLISH IN USE

40p

II.A. WORD BUILDING. Read the text and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap. (10x1p=10p)

1. He gave us a detailed _____ of how the accident happened. **DESCRIBE**
2. Come on, don't be _____. You can never win against him. **REASON**
3. I hope it will stay dry for the match, but I am rather _____. **DOUBT**
4. Most bird species are placed under _____ laws. **PROTECT**
5. Children are very _____ when they are young. **CREATE**
6. He is the most famous _____ who has ever had an exhibition in this gallery. **ART**
7. _____, city authorities are cutting down trees for more parking space **ADDITION**
8. We enjoyed the _____ of the ski hut at night. **WARM**
9. A new _____ centre is planned on the far end of the city. **INDUSTRY**
10. _____ jobs are very rare in this part of the country. **ATTRACT**

II.B. OPEN CLOZE. Fill in with the word which best fits the context. (10x1p=10p)

James Bond is an English secret agent created by the British novelist Ian Fleming, **1**..... started out as a journalist and later worked in the Foreign Office. The character of Bond became known **2**..... only in Fleming's books but through many movies **3**..... well. "007" was first introduced in the novel *Casino Royale* in 1953.

James Bond is probably one of the **4**..... famous and longest running characters in film history. **5**..... his first appearance in *Dr. No* (1962) the Queen's number one spy has **6**..... to more places, romanced more women, escaped from more dangerous situations and saved the world more times. After the war, he entered the British Secret Intelligence Service, known as MI6, where he became a "double-0" agent with a license to kill. His assignments **7**..... taken him to volcanic islands, India, Las Vegas and even a space station in orbit. He has charm, loves beautiful women, likes martinis - shaken, not stirred- fine suits and fast **8**..... . Most of Bond's missions bring him into contact with shadowy figures of the underworld.

Starting in 1962, Fleming's novels have been **9**..... into successful films. All 22 of them have made a net profit of over \$4 billion. Sean Connery was the first, and for many true followers of the series the best, Bond. He played the **10**..... in six movies from 1962 to 1971. Daniel Craig is the present Bond, starring in 5 movies since 2006.



II.C. MULTIPLE CHOICE. Read the text below and choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) for each space. (10x1p=10p)

Weather influences the lives of everyone. The climate of any country depends on its position on Earth, its **1**..... from the sea and how high it is. In countries which have sea all **2**..... them, like Britain and New Zealand, winters are mild and summers are cool. There is not a huge change from one season to **3**.....

Countries near the Equator have hot weather all year with some **4**..... rain, except in deserts where it rains **5**..... little. Above the desert there are no clouds in the sky, so the **6**..... of the sun can easily warm the ground during the day, but it gets very cold at night.

People are always **7**..... in unusual weather and pictures of tornadoes, for example, are shown on television. Strong winds and rain can **8**..... a lot of damage to buildings, and in spite of modern **9**..... of weather forecasting they can **10**..... surprise us.

1.	A.	distance	B.	space	C.	depth	D.	length
2.	A.	through	B.	beside	C.	around	D.	near
3.	A.	next	B.	another	C.	later	D.	other
4.	A.	thick	B.	large	C.	heavy	D.	great
5.	A.	not	B.	quite	C.	more	D.	very
6.	A.	heat	B.	fire	C.	light	D.	temperature
7.	A.	attracted	B.	interested	C.	keen	D.	excited
8.	A.	make	B.	happen	C.	have	D.	cause
9.	A.	jobs	B.	tools	C.	methods	D.	plans
10.	A.	yet	B.	still	C.	already	D.	ever

II.D. KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. You may use between two and five words. (5x2p=10p)

- I saw the vase in the shop and I wanted to buy it. **THAT**
I wanted I saw in the shop.
- The painters are coming to our house tomorrow. **PAINTED**
We
- As far as I can see, those two cars are exactly the same. **DIFFERENCE**
As far as I can see,those two cars.
- Let's go for a picnic if the weather is good. **BAD**
Let's go for a picnic
- The only thing I could do was wait. **CHOICE**
Iwait.

III. WRITING

30p

This is part of a letter you received from your English friend.

I guess you'll get this when you've just come back from your holiday. I'd like to hear about it. Where did you go? What did you do there? What sort of place did you stay in?

Write a letter to your friend, answering his/her questions. **140 -180 words.**

Nota: Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru 2 ore. Se acordă 10p din oficiu.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION

Dogs in human world (10x2p=20p)

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| 1. C | 6. C |
| 2. A | 7. B |
| 3. D | 8. A |
| 4. B | 9. A |
| 5. D | 10. C |

II. ENGLISH IN USE

II.A. WORD BUILDING (10x1p=10p)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. DESCRIPTION | 6. ARTIST |
| 2. UNREASONABLE | 7. ADDITIONALLY |
| 3. DOUBTFUL | 8. WARMTH |
| 4. PROTECTIVE | 9. INDUSTRIAL |
| 5. CREATIVE | 10. ATTRACTIVE |

II.B. OPEN CLOZE (10x1p=10p)

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| 1. WHO | 6. BEEN |
| 2. NOT | 7. HAVE |
| 3. AS | 8. CARS |
| 4. MOST | 9. TURNED |
| 5. SINCE | 10. ROLE/PART |

II.C. MULTIPLE CHOICE (10x1p=10p)

1. A 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. D 6. A 7. B 8. D 9. C 10. B

II.D. KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS (5x2p=10p)

1. ...to buy | the vase that...
2. ...are having | our house painted...
3. ...there is | no difference between... / ...there isn't | any difference between...
4. ...unless | the weather is bad...
5. ...had | no (other) choice but...

III. WRITING (30p)

- organization and cohesion5p
- language accuracy 6p
- content8p
- range of vocabulary6p
- register5p

Se acordă 10p din oficiu.

