

## SUBIECTELE

### LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

Choose the correct answer *a, b, c* or *d*.

#### Partea I: CITIT

##### The teenage snowboarder, 15-year-old Vanessa Hanson, writes about her sport

I was born in Denver, USA, and started snowboarding aged eight. I developed a love of snowboarding and improved my ability too. I started competing aged ten.

During the summer, I focus on training and my studies while there's no snow. Although I train daily, it's nice not having to stick to quite a strict diet like I do in the winter. I also get to spend lots of time with my friends then. It's the best way of dealing with not being able to do what I love so much and what I'm really good at.

I have to think carefully about my future. Snowboarding is such a huge part of my life now, but I also feel it's important to have something else I can do, just in case I don't succeed as a professional snowboarder or if I get injured. I'm wondering whether becoming a doctor is a possibility, if my active life allows time for doing a college degree. It's impossible to imagine myself growing tired of the sport, but I can't go on snowboarding my whole life.

#### 1. In the summer, Vanessa enjoys ... .

- a) being able to eat whatever she likes
- b) the good weather where she lives
- c) not having to train regularly
- d) having plenty of time to do her schoolwork

#### 2. Vanessa says that in the future, snowboarding ... .

- a) will be a way for her to make a lot of money
- b) might not always be interesting for her
- c) may not be her main career
- d) will help her stay fit and healthy

*'Seeing ourselves in the virtual world can be beneficial, but it may also have a dark side', Alan Rogers reports.*

As you approach the boarding gate, your heart starts beating faster and you begin to sweat. You begin to panic as your fear of flying threatens to overwhelm you. Despite your urge to flee, you continue to move forward in an orderly fashion. So, how did you resist the temptation to leave the airport? The simple answer is by not being there in the first place. You have lived the whole experience through your avatar, an animation that represents you in a virtual environment. In reality, you were never at the airport: you were only there on a computer. However, according to recent research, the experience of watching your digital look-alike deal with anxiety in a simulated airport and board a plane is real enough to help you cope with such a situation in the real world.

#### 3. Why does the writer describe the situation at an airport?

- a) to show how common air travel is
- b) to give an example of a stressful experience
- c) to illustrate how dangerous flying can be
- d) to advise people to avoid things they dislike

#### 4. Which use of the virtual world is described in the text?

- a) as part of a treatment to overcome fear
- b) playing a role in an online game
- c) training people for jobs at airports
- d) as a way of getting airline tickets

*Rock the Planet*, a musical show where actors also have to be really good musicians, opened in London last year, after five years in the USA, where it was voted 'Best Musical' four times! But doing the show with an all-British cast of actors was challenging. The UK puts more limits on how many performances young actors can do weekly – in the USA, they're allowed to do more shows. Because of this, twice as many actors were required in the UK. Luckily, the director found plenty of talented UK-based actors, and they've just won their first 'Best Musical' award. The theatre in London is bigger than the US venue, it's been full every night, with everyone wanting to hear the songs that first became popular in America.

I met 11-year-old Jamie, one of the show's actors. 'It's brilliant that I get paid to play', he said, 'especially a beautiful and expensive Gibson guitar.' He told me how busy the young actors are. We have normal school lessons each day at the theatre. While the teacher's great, I miss my old school mates.' And what do they think of the show? 'Well, my whole class came! The theatre does special deals on tickets for schools. They absolutely loved it and that made me feel really confident. My parents come when they can, but it's expensive for them,' he explained.

**5. What is the difference between the shows in the UK and in the USA?**

- a) Fewer young actors were needed in America.
- b) Brand new songs have been included in the UK.
- c) The UK show has won more prizes.
- d) Audiences were bigger in America.

**6. What does Jamie say about working on the show?**

- a) He's glad that his family come daily to support him.
- b) He's embarrassed when his friends come to watch him.
- c) He's delighted that he's doing something that he loves.
- d) He's anxious about the amount of schoolwork he's missing..

## Partea a II-a: GRAMATICĂ ȘI VOCABULAR

**7. How often does the cadet train ... night?**

- a) for
- b) at
- c) on
- d) in

**8. She is appreciated by her superior, because she has acquired ... experience.**

- a) many
- b) no
- c) few
- d) much

**9. Have you seen the soldier ... has recently joined our platoon?**

- a) who
- b) which
- c) what
- d) whom

**10. I promise you that the matter ... .**

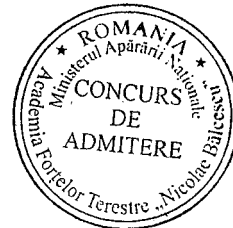
- a) is looking into
- b) has looked into
- c) will be looked into
- d) will be looking into

**11. You are going to come to the briefing, ...?**

- a) do you
- b) aren't you
- c) will you
- d) won't you

**12. By the end of the year, they ... ten months in the army.**

- a) have spent
- b) will have spending
- c) are spending
- d) will have spent



13. We need to borrow some books for our school project. Let's go to the ...!

- a) library
- b) shop
- c) supermarket
- d) bookstore

14. Artillery readings must be very ... in order to hit their targets.

- a) available
- b) imprecise
- c) accurate
- d) inexact

15. When you report to the commander, you need to go to ... .

- a) the infirmary
- b) the headquarters
- c) the guard room
- d) the gate

16. You must tell me the results now! I can't bear the ... .

- a) suspenders
- b) suspending
- c) suspense
- d) suspension

17. The defending army achieved a great ... over the aggressors.

- a) conquest
- b) defeat
- c) lost
- d) victory

18. The acronym 'PS' ... 'post scriptum'.

- a) fills in
- b) makes up
- c) means to
- d) stands for

**NOTĂ:** Toți itemii sunt obligatorii. Pentru fiecare item corect rezolvat se acordă 0,5 puncte. Se alocă 1 punct din oficiu.

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