

BACALAUREAT SESIUNEA AUGUST – SEPTEMBRIE 2006

Proba scrisă la Limba Engleză

3 – 4 ore – proba E

Varianta 3

- ◆ Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu.
- ◆ Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 3 ore.

SUBJECT 1

30 points

a. Read the text below and sum it up in about 50 words.

10 points

The heat, as the taxi drove up the hill, became more violent. The woman sat in the back of the car with a five-year-old boy beside her, his thumb in his mouth. "When are we there?" the boy asked. "Soon." The child's eye closed. Oh no, she thought, he mustn't go to sleep.

She could hear herself telling the story in the cold English spring. It's so sensible to take this house for the summer. It's in the mountains, ten minutes drive from Golfe-Juan. And the Gachets will have everything ready for us.

But now it was real. She was hot and afraid. Will everything be all right when we get there, she wondered. Suddenly the driver turned off the road, drove up a narrow track, and stopped. The woman could only see stones and grass. "But – where?" He pointed and got out. He picked up their suitcases and walked away. She took the child's hand and followed the driver. Above them, on the terrace was the square grey house. A small skylight in the roof caught the sun.

The shutters and doors were all closed. "*Vous avez la clef, madame?*" "The key? Monsieur and Madame Gachet are expecting us." The driver tried the door. It was locked. She knocked. There was no answer. The driver wanted his money. She paid him and he disappeared. She heard the taxi leaving. "Why can't we go into the house?" asked Johnny. "Because it's locked." She looked up and saw the skylight. "If there was a ladder, perhaps we could..." "There's a ladder," he said. "Can we lift it?" It was quite light. "Are you going to climb up there?" the child asked. She hesitated. "Yes, I suppose so." She started to climb. At the top she saw the tiny skylight was open. She couldn't get through it but a child could do it.

(Ameena Meer, *Open Sesame*)

b. Write one paragraph to continue the story.

20 points

SUBJECT 2

30 points

a. Each of the following sentences contains one error. Write the correct sentences on your answer sheet.

10 points

1. I'd like living in London.
2. The letter mustn't have been sent.
3. She's just had her car repairing.
4. Since being told the news, she fainted.
5. Her uncle suggested her to get a job in a bank.

b. Rephrase the following sentences, so that the meaning stays the same.

10 points

1. It is impossible for her to be here on time.
She
2. We resent his smoking in here.
We wish
3. I entered the room. Then I saw her.
No sooner

4. Sam retired as soon as he had been informed he would get a full pension.
On
5. I managed to buy the flat for a reasonable price. Now the price has doubled.
If I, double for it now.

c. Translate into English.

10 points

Muzica pare destinată a vorbi sufletelor, ne face să devenim mai flexibili și mai deschiși la aspectele mai puțin vizibile ale personalității noastre și ne învață să comunicăm fără a ne folosi de cuvinte. Cu ajutorul muzicii învățăm să ne simțim liberi, mai puțin deprimați și chiar să ne calmăm tensiunile acumulate de-a lungul zilei.

(*Blu, Revista Prietenilor Sensiblu*, iunie, 2006)

SUBJECT 3

30 points

Write a five-paragraph opinion essay about this statement:

The images of violence shown on television influence young people.

Support your opinion with relevant ideas and examples from your personal experience, reading or observation. Write about 300 words/ 30 lines.