



## Test de selecție a elevilor pentru activitățile Centrului de Excelență Iași

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Disciplina limba engleză  
CLASA A IX-A

### I. Fill in the gaps with ONE word that fits best according to the text. (15 points)

The fifteenth and sixteenth centuries marked (1) \_\_\_ beginning of the so-called Age of Exploration, (2) \_\_\_ European powers sent ships across the oceans (3) \_\_\_ search of new lands and trade routes. These voyages were motivated not only by economic ambition but also by religious zeal and a thirst for knowledge. Portugal, a small country on the Atlantic coast, was (4) \_\_\_ first to establish a global empire. Spain soon followed, funding Christopher Columbus's voyage in 1492, (5) \_\_\_ led to the discovery of the New World. Other nations such (6) \_\_\_ England, France and the Netherlands entered the race, and by the seventeenth century, European influence had spread across most (7) \_\_\_ the globe.

The Age of Exploration had profound consequences. It accelerated the exchange of crops, animals and technologies, but it also (8) \_\_\_ to the exploitation and suffering of indigenous populations. For centuries afterwards, the political and economic balance of power in the world was shaped (9) \_\_\_ decisions taken during this period, (10) \_\_\_ laid the foundations of the modern globalized world. Even today, historians argue about (11) \_\_\_ the Age of Exploration should be celebrated for its achievements or condemned (12) \_\_\_ its destructive legacy. The answer is likely (13) \_\_\_ somewhere in between, acknowledging both the progress it brought and the damage it caused. Without (14) \_\_\_, it remains one of the most significant turning points in human history, (15) \_\_\_ lessons continue to influence debates about globalization, power, and cultural exchange in the twenty-first century.

### II. Read the sentences below and use the word given in capitals at the end of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. (15 points)

1. The .....of the Internet has changed the way we communicate. **INVENT**
2. He answered the question with great ..... **CONFIDENT**
3. The politician was accused of ..... the voters. **LEAD**
4. She is one of the most ..... singers in the country. **FAME**
5. It was an ..... performance that nobody will forget. **FORGET**
6. The judge admired the athlete's ..... in overcoming so many injuries. **DETERMINE**
7. Reading novels can greatly improve your ..... skills. **IMAGINE**
8. The government promised immediate action to reduce ..... in the city. **POOR**
9. Her speech was full of ..... references and moved everyone to tears. **EMOTION**
10. The teacher encouraged ..... among her students. **CURIOUS**



**III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (20 points)**

1. She started working here five years ago.  
She ..... five years. **BEEN**
2. They will probably announce the results tomorrow.  
The results ..... tomorrow. **LIKELY**
3. I regret not studying harder for the exam.  
I wish ..... harder for the exam. **STUDIED**
4. “Don’t forget to call your mother,” he told me.  
He reminded ..... my mother. **CALL**
5. I am certain that he didn’t take the money.  
He ..... the money. **HAVE**

**IV. Describe a memorable holiday, indicating what made it that way in terms of:**

- ways of relaxation
- new experiences
- unforgettable memories

( ~ 200 words)

(50 points)

**Total – 100 puncte**

*Notă: Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Timp de lucru: 60 minute. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.*



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### I. 15 X 1p = 15 puncte

1 the, 2 when, 3 in, 4 the, 5 which, 6 as, 7 of, 8 led, 9 by, 10 which, 11 whether, 12 for, 13 to  
lie/ to be, 14 doubt, 15 whose

### II. 10 X 1.5 p = 15 puncte

- 1 INVENTION
- 2 CONFIDENCE
- 3 MISLEADING
- 4 FAMOUS
- 5 UNFORGETTABLE
- 6 DETERMINATION
- 7 IMAGINATIVE
- 8 POVERTY
- 9 EMOTIONAL
- 10 CURIOSITY

### III. 5 X 4 p = 20 puncte

1. has been working here for
2. are likely to be announced
3. I had studied
4. me to call
5. can't possibly have taken

### IV.

50 puncte