

**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 “Lost City of Atlantis” was first described (1)..... Plato, a famous Greek philosopher, over 2000 years ago. His story paints (2)..... picture of an ancient civilization whose hunger (3)..... power over others led to (4)..... final downfall. According to Plato, after a failed attempt to invade Athens, the island of Atlantis was swallowed (5)..... by the sea and vanished in (6)..... one day.

Ever (7)..... this legendary account was given, philosophers and scientists have taken part in many debates and discussions about (8)..... the city was real or not. One American classical scholar, Daniel Dombrowski, claims that Plato wanted to show what happened when man attempted to create an “ideal state”. However, some people have (9)..... forward the idea that Atlantis could (10)..... been one of the islands we know today (11)..... Crete, Santorini, Malta (12)..... Cyprus. And their book “When The Sky Fell”, Rand and Rose Flem- Ath suggest that the lost nation could still exist today under the thick snow of Antarctica.

(13)..... theory we choose to believe, the myth of Atlantis seems set (14)..... remain a subject of debate for quite (15)..... time to come.

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. Students organised a(n) protest against conflicts around the world. **WAR**
2. Mat enrolled to do a course after completing his degree. **GRADUATE**
3. They thought it best to move into a house in the suburbs. **DETACHED**
4. Pedro claims to be a of King Juan Carlos I of Spain. **DESCEND**
5. Local decided to set up a neighbourhood watch. **RESIDE**
6. To get to the café you have to walk along a narrow **PASS**
7. Celebrities do not want their invaded by reporters. **PRIVATE**
8. Susie is really, she paints the most beautiful paintings. **ART**
9. My father is a veryperson who makes logical decisions. **SENSE**
10. You have to the screw as much as you can so it won't come loose. **TIGHT**
11. Some food starts to when you leave it out of the fridge. **COMPOSE**
12. Consuming too many sweets and fatty foods can be seriously.....**HEALTHY**
13. It's already 6pm, so it'sthat we'll get home by 7pm. **LIKELY**
14. His paintings are of modern culture. **SYMBOL**
15. We need to that all our citizens receive adequate medical care. **SURE**

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. Thieves broke into John's house last Saturday night. (**HAD**)
John.....last Saturday night.
2. We must contact our travel agent about our forthcoming trip. (**TOUCH**)
We must.....our travel agent about our forthcoming trip.
3. John should exercise more often if he wants to be fit. (**ON**)
John should exercise..... basis if he wants to be fit.
4. The headteacher had the respect of everyone in the school. (**UP**)
Everyone in the school..... the headteacher.
5. They are building a new road through the town. (**IS**)
A new road through the town.
6. She regrets not going to the party last Saturday. (**WISHES**)
She.....to the party last Saturday.
7. She thought my bag was hers. (**MISTOOK**)
She..... hers.
8. I'd rather walk than wait for the bus. (**INSTEAD**)
I decided to walk for the bus.
9. At the end of the race he had very little strength left. (**HARDLY**)
At the end of the race..... left.
10. Peter was eighteen when he started driving. (**BEEN**)
Peter..... he was eighteen.

IV. Fear is a sincere and relatable emotion. Describe a moment when you overcame your biggest concern. Write about 150 words. (50 points)