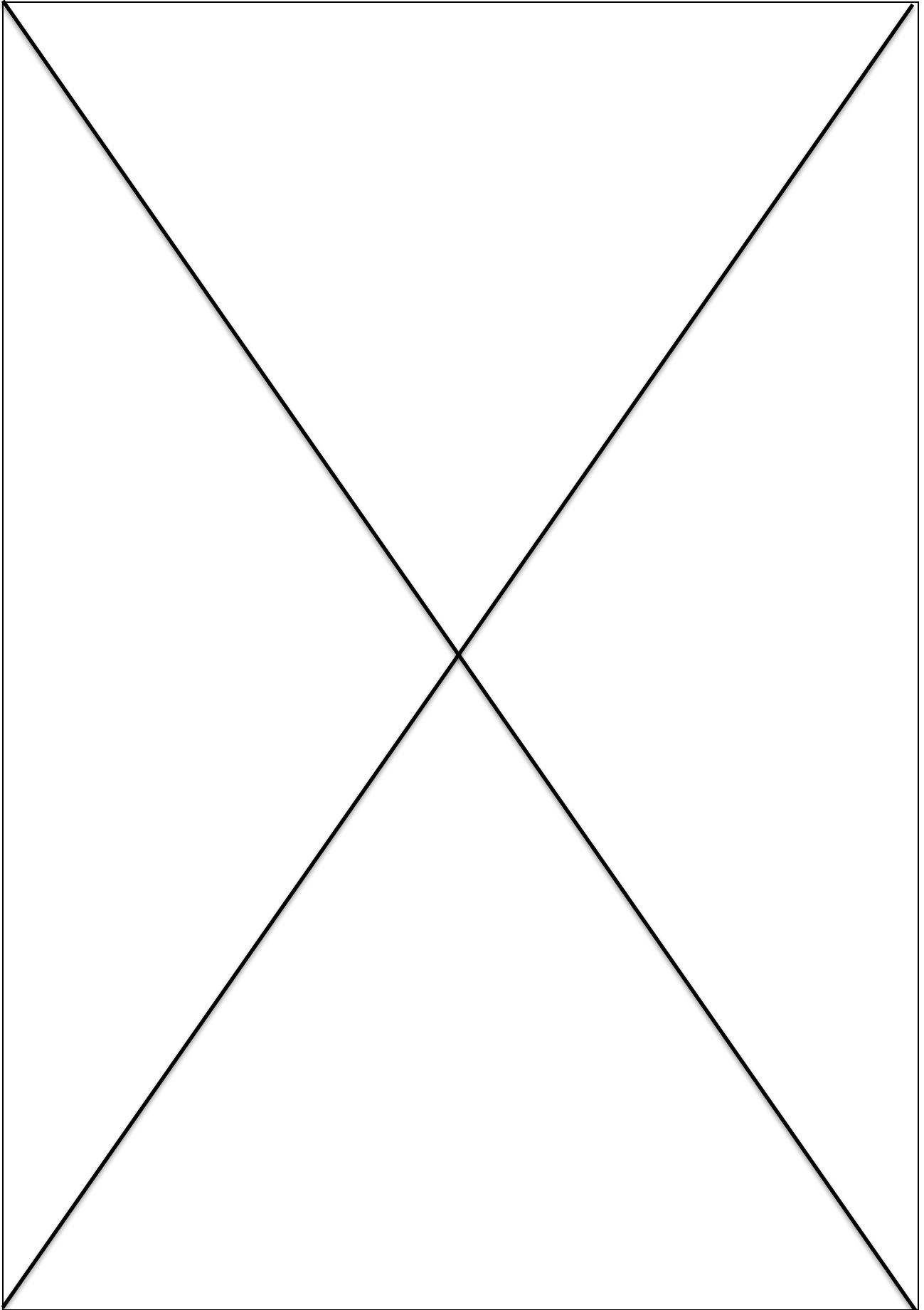


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- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul de lucru efectiv este de 3 ore.

USE OF ENGLISH

(40 de puncte)

I. Read the sentences bellow and choose the correct word for each space. (10x1p=10p)

1. I _____ to take him to the hospital.
SUGGESTED / OFFERED / MOVED / ADVANCED
2. If we don't hurry up, we'll _____ the bus.
PASS / WASTE / MISS / LOSE
3. When I went to school, we had to _____ poems in language lessons
MEMORISE / REMEMBER / REMIND / REALISE
4. They didn't _____ her into the room because she didn't have an ID card.
ATTEND / ACCEPT / APPROVE / ADMIT
5. The painting you see over there is _____ to be his greatest work of art.
REALISED / RECOGNISED / REGARDED / CONSIDERED
6. The document is not valid without your _____ at the bottom.
SIGN / SIGNATURE / MARK / AUTOGRAPH
7. The man _____ his head and said he didn't know where she lived.
NODDED / SHOOK / INDICATED / WAVED
8. The author's novels were _____ into 12 different languages.
WRITTEN / EXCHANGED / CONVERTED / TRANSLATED
9. What I did was terrible. I _____ with you that I made the wrong decision.
AGREE / ADMIT / ADVISE / DECIDE
10. The teacher _____ the meaning of the phrase to us.
NOTICED / REPORTED / EXPLAINED / REMARKED

II. Complete the text with ONE word that fits into each gap. (10x1p=10p)

Keeping food for long periods (1) _____ time was historically a huge problem. This proved especially crucial (2) _____ times when agricultural production (3) _____ severely limited by weather or crop failure. People commonly used ice to keep food fresh but, of (4) _____ ice itself melts relatively quickly. In 1859 an American, John Mason, invented a glass jar with a metal screw-on lid, creating a perfect seal and making (5) _____ possible to preserve food that would previously not have remained edible. Mason's jar is still (6) _____ use throughout the world.

An even (7) _____ successful method for keeping food by canning it in metal containers was perfected between 1870 (8) _____ 1920 by Englishman Bryan Donkin. This preserved food

beautifully, though the early iron cans were expensive, heavy and difficult to open. A breakthrough came in the 1880s with (9) _____ development of lighter materials (10) _____ also enabled mass production of cans.

III. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word given in capitals. (10x1p=10p)

1. Who was the last Roman _____? (**EMPIRE**)
2. Can you tell me the _____ of the new restaurant? (**LOCATE**)
3. The hotel offers a great _____ of activities tourists can do. (**SELECT**)
4. The view from the top of the mountain is absolutely _____. (**FASCINATE**)
5. _____, we didn't get caught cheating. (**LUCK**)
6. Even the FBI could not solve the _____ crime. (**MYSTERY**)
7. She runs a _____ business in Los Angeles. (**SUCCEED**)
8. They are doing some research on the _____ of nuclear weapons. (**DESTROY**)
9. _____ is a characteristic that some people lack. (**HONEST**)
10. Mum didn't go up to the top because she is afraid of _____. (**HIGH**)

IV. For sentences 1-5, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (5x2p=10p)

1. Did you manage to get in contact with the boss today?
Did you _____ in contact with the boss today? **GETTING**
2. The school I studied at last year was better than this one.
This school _____ my last one. **GOOD**
3. I'd prefer not to cancel the meeting.
I'd rather _____ the meeting. **CALL**
4. Andrew was too worried to sleep.
Andrew was _____ not sleep. **THAT**
5. The bank closed before I arrived.
When I got to the bank, it _____. **ALREADY**

INTEGRATED SKILLS **(60 de puncte)**

I. You are going to read a web article about the use of technology in restaurants. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A–F) the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. (5x2p=10p)

Is there any aspect of our lives today that is not touched by technology in one way or another? There are probably very few. And the experience of dining out at a restaurant is certainly no exception. **1** Where would Heston Blumenthal's creative menu be without the advances in technology that allow him to 'poach' a mousse in liquid nitrogen at a customer's table? However, so far, one part of the dining experience has remained unchanged. **2** However, all this is starting to change.

A restaurant has opened recently in London that features an innovative way of presenting its menu, and taking orders. When you sit at your table, there is no menu to choose from. However, look more closely, and you'll see a picture of a beautiful plate of food projected from a gadget on the ceiling onto your table. **3** No short descriptions of what the meal includes, just mouth-watering images to help you make your choice. Once you've made your decision, there is no need to call or signal to a waiter to write down your order. No, an order screen is projected onto your table and you make your selection through a touch pad. Then, you can choose what design you would like your tablecloth to have, perhaps a rural countryside scene, or maybe something more exotic? **4**

Soon, a human being enters the picture, as the waiter delivers your food personally. But at the end of the meal, you don't need him or her to pay your bill – you use the screen instead, and away you go without any fuss.

If you think that this sort of dining experience is as efficient as it gets, think again. **5** To overcome the problem of getting the food you ordered delivered to your table, they use a type of chute that goes directly from the upstairs kitchen down to you, seated below. The plates are on little wheels and the force of gravity propels them down to your table. However, they haven't actually automated the chef, yet! So, what do you think? Is this the way forward for restaurant diners? Or will there still be a place for those who prefer a more personal touch? Do let us know your views, and post your comments below.

- A.** We still sit at tables, choose meals from a regular table menu, give our orders to a waiter who then takes them to the kitchen, and returns later with our food.
- B.** Your choice is then selected with just another tap on the screen.
- C.** For a long time, advanced technology has not only sped up food preparation, but has also simplified it and given chefs the tools to create ever more imaginative dishes.
- D.** A restaurant in Germany has actually done away with the need for waiters altogether.
- E.** It's easy to see the limitations of technology in the restaurant industry.
- F.** This is your menu – clear, tempting pictures of what the meals will actually look like on your plate.

II. Starting from the text above, write a review of a restaurant to post on a review website. (180-200 words). (50p)

