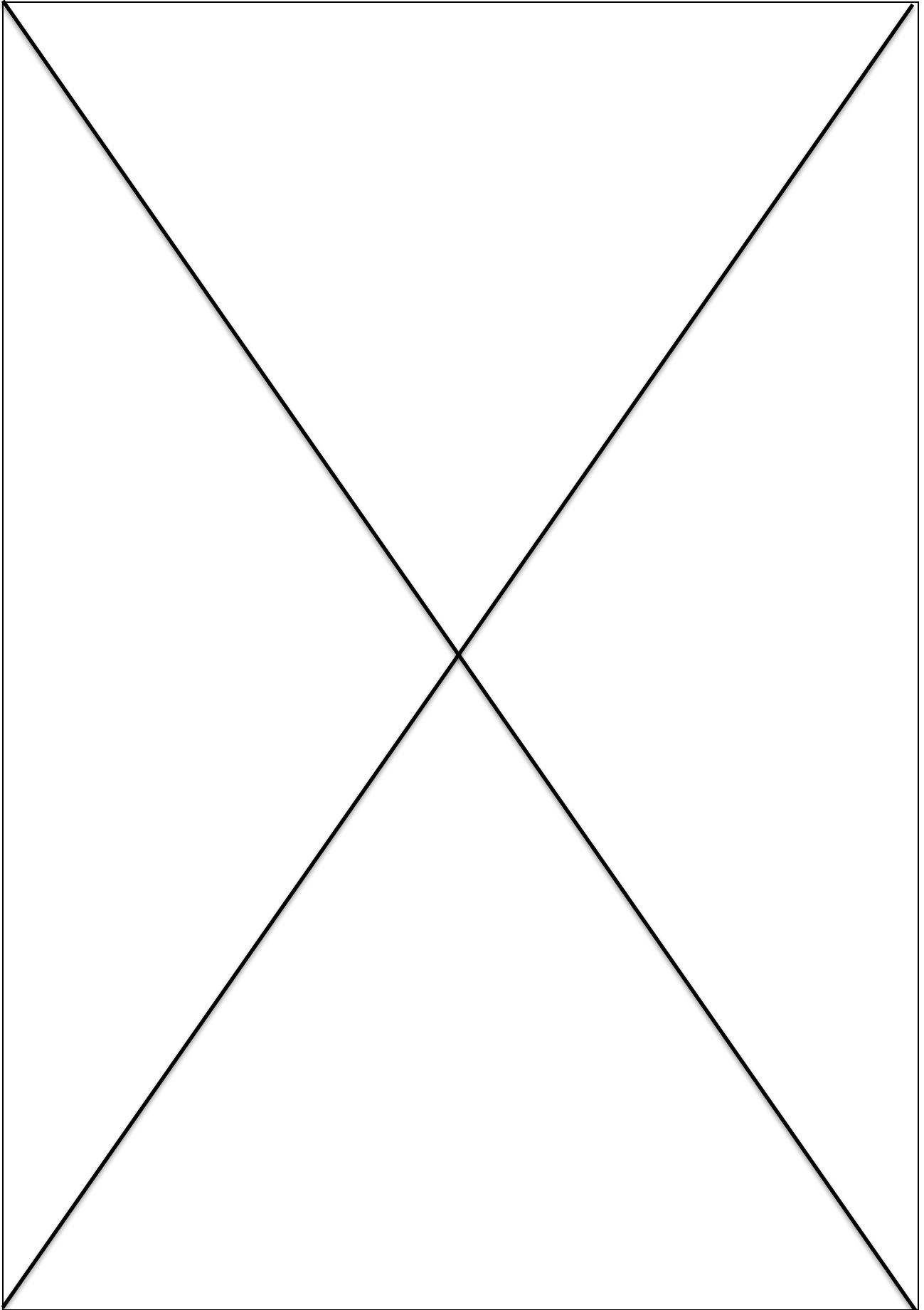


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- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu.
- Timpul de lucru efectiv este de 3 ore.

USE OF ENGLISH

(40 de puncte)

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

1. If I had known she was seriously _____, I would have gone to visit her.
DISEASE / UNHEALTHY / UNWELL / ILL
2. I don't believe a _____ of what you say.
SENTENCE / PHRASE / WORD / PART
3. The relations between the two countries have become _____ because of the riots near the border.
SUSPENSEFUL / RECKLESS / WORRIED / TENSE
4. Be careful when you speak to him. The young boy is very sensitive by _____.
NATURE / REACTION / CHARACTER / SPIRIT
5. After hours of discussion the committee had finally _____ a conclusion.
COMMITTED / SOLVED / DECIDED / REACHED
6. The Labor party has raised several _____ to the tax proposals of the Conservatives.
PROBLEMS / DIFFICULTIES / OBJECTIONS / COMMITMENTS
7. There were pieces of plastic _____ all over the floor.
SETTLED / SCATTERED / DOTTED / COLLECTED
8. Despite organizing several events we failed to _____ enough money for the renovation of the church.
RISE / RAISE / INCREASE / ADVANCE
9. Jack was _____ with anger when he realised that he hadn't made it to the Olympic team.
STORED / SAVED / FILLED / LOADED
10. There's no need to rush. Take your _____ before you give me your answer.
THOUGHTS / MINUTE / MOMENT / TIME

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

A survey has recently been carried (1) _____ into the way music affects people in pain, and (2) _____ it seems to show is that certain songs can actually reduce the sensation of physical pain. About 40% of people suffering (3) _____ continuous pain said that music helped them feel better, with an even higher figure (4) _____ young people: a remarkable two-thirds of those taking part (5) _____ reported to have said it had had a positive effect (6) _____ their symptoms.

The type of music played appears to make less difference than might (7) _____ imagined. Pop music, as (8) _____ as it is fairly gentle and not too loud, is slightly ahead of classical as the favourite for dealing with pain. Researchers believe that listening to your favourite music, (9) _____ may directly affect both your emotions and your thoughts, can have the very welcome effect of distracting you (10) _____ what is hurting.

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

1. The performance was _____. I haven't seen anything like it before. **(BELIEVE)**
2. The company came and _____ our phone because we didn't pay our bill. **(CONNECT)**
3. In most countries you reach the age of _____ at 65. **(RETIRE)**
4. The Picasso _____ opens next Wednesday. **(EXHIBIT)**
5. Treatment is _____ so you don't have to be afraid. **(PAIN)**
6. You don't have any _____. You have to go to the meeting. **(CHOOSE)**
7. They have a special entrance for _____ visitors. **(ABLE)**
8. Don't be so _____ with your briefcase. Someone could steal it. **(CARE)**
9. The team's _____ was postponed until Monday evening. **(DEPART)**
10. This needs more explanation so let's _____ it a bit. **(SIMPLE)**

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. Melinda was the only one to pass the test.
Apart _____ the test. **NOBODY**
2. I will only bring a jacket if it rains.
I will _____ it rains. **UNLESS**
3. She likes to travel abroad.
She _____ abroad. **KEEN**
4. "Have you been on holiday recently, Jane?" asked Tony.
Tony asked Jane _____ on holiday recently. **BEEN**
5. I'm sure it was Ana I saw in town as I recognised her coat.
It _____ Ana I saw in town as I recognised her coat. **MUST**

INTEGRATED SKILLS _____ **(60 de puncte)**

I. You are going to read a newspaper article about a journalist who got rid of her car and chose public transport. Five paragraphs have been removed from the article. Choose from the paragraphs A-F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use. (5x2p=10p)

“Cyclists are a menace and should be banned from the roads”, read the headline. It was 2015, and the most controversial article I had ever written had just been published on a national newspaper’s website, attacking Mamils – middle-aged men in Lycra – and anyone, as I then saw it, stupid enough to ride a bike.

The backlash was caustic. Furious hordes accused me of stirring up hate, of encouraging reckless, criminal motorists and of indirectly putting cyclists in danger. Cyclists who had been knocked off their bikes and people whose cycling relatives had been injured got in touch. I was horrified but also convinced that most motorists were careful, sensible and well-meaning, so the accidents must have been tragic, rare, isolated incidents.

Looking back now, I understand their rage better. **1** According to the Department for Transport, about 100 cyclists die on British roads every year. In 2022, 4,056 were seriously injured and 11,546 slightly injured.

When I wrote the piece, nowhere I had ever lived, which included cities across the country, seemed suited to cycling, and I, like my friends, viewed cyclists as eccentrics. There were no pavements or bike lanes and no safe way to walk or cycle the eight miles to town – and there still isn’t. I could not understand why anyone would take the risk of cycling down windy country roads when 4x4s existed, or pedal through London, a place where everyone seemed to hate cyclists.

But my attitude changed during lockdown. **2** Cars were no longer important because we weren’t allowed to travel. In their absence, instead of traffic outside my window I heard birdsong. A strange kind of peace descended. Nature grew louder.

3 When nature grew louder, I started to feel more at home in it. I started to wonder how I could change my lifestyle to suit the natural world, not the other way round.

It helped that the pandemic forced me to change my routines. I worked from home. I socialized by Zoom. My world became smaller. When my car broke down one day, instead of getting it fixed I sold it for scrap, and didn’t get a replacement.

That was the last push I needed to get fully onboard with public transport. I rode local buses, even though there’s just one an hour where I live. I took trains to parts of the country I’d only ever driven to. I travelled to remote areas of Scotland by public transport. I learned to appreciate the journey, not just the destination. **4**

Was it a faff compared with driving? Yes. I let go of some independence and forgot about late-night socializing. But in many ways, it is great to be free of my steel box on wheels. I developed more patience, more flexibility, more gratitude towards the people who work in public transport, as well as friends kind enough to give me occasional lifts. **5**

My attempts at reducing my carbon footprint have been bumbling at best. I have turned vegan, then back. Working as a travel writer, I’ve cut back on flying but have still taken flights several times this year. I won’t have children but I do have a dog. In short, I’m still trying.

Some friends still see cyclists as a nuisance. Others see me as odd for staying car-free. Still, I enjoy my chats with the station master, watching Abbott Elementary on the bus and the smiles when my Pomeranian joins me on my travels. I’m even planning to try cycling. Just don’t ask me to wear Lycra.

- A.** I had cared about the climate crisis before but I didn’t see what I could do to make a difference, and felt little connection to the natural world.
- B.** And, at 42, I’ve inherited my grandma’s role as the chatty old bird at the back of the bus.

- C. I grew up in a remote country village with two buses a day: one into town, one out.
- D. These small adjustments made me see I wasn't too old to change, and that I could do more to reduce my carbon footprint.
- E. There was no lightbulb moment – but suddenly the noise of the roads was gone.
- F. I thought I'd thrown a stick on a campfire, but I'd poured petrol on an inferno.

II. This is an extract from a letter you have received from a research company:

We are trying to establish an international perspective on transport issues and would be grateful to receive information from you in the form of a report. Could you explain the transport situation in your area, outlining the advantages and disadvantages of each type of transport, and make recommendations for future developments, including how these might be achieved.

Starting from the extract above, write a report in 200-250 words. (50 p)

