

**PROBĂ DE VERIFICARE A CUNOSTINTELOR DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ PENTRU ADMITEREA  
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**I. Choose the correct word/words: (10 points; 1 point/item)**

**Chocolate**

When the Spanish explorer Cortez reached Mexico in the sixteenth century, he found the people there using a drink they 1) **told/called** chocolate. It tasted quite strong 2) **so/because** it had pepper in it. To 3) **make/let** it taste better, the Spanish added sugar to it. When chocolate first came to Europe in the seventeenth century, people started to drink it with milk, 4) **except/instead** of water. Nowadays, tonnes of chocolate and cocoa are 5) **delivered/prepared** to factories, where they are turned 6) **off/into** many popular sweets and cakes. 7) **Every/Both** chocolate and cocoa come from the fruit of the cocoa tree. Cocoa trees 8) **ought/can** only be grown in hot countries, as they need a warm climate. Cocoa is an American plant, 9) **which/who** still grows wild in the northern part of South America. Countries in Central and South America were the first to grow it, but today Africa 10) **supplies/brings** the world with the most chocolate.

**II. Choose the correct item: (20 points; 1 point/item)**

1. He is so tired. He ..... all day long.  
A. works                      B. is working                      C. has been working                      D. had worked
2. Where ..... your holiday last year?  
A. have you spent      B. did you spend      C. had you spent      D. will you spend
3. My little sister believes ..... fairy tales.  
A. on                      B. in                      C. of                      D. about
4. Tim ..... down the road when he saw a hedgehog.  
A. walked                      B. was walking                      C. has walked                      D. walks
5. I'll tell Mary about the meeting when I ..... her.  
A. will see                      B. saw                      C. had seen                      D. see
6. Harry is ..... person I know.  
A. more smart                      B. smarter than                      C. the smartest                      D. smart
7. There are ..... many books in this packet. I can't carry it!  
A. enough                      B. much                      C. too                      D. more
8. Have you seen my glasses? I can't find them .....  
A. somewhere                      B. everywhere                      C. nowhere                      D. anywhere
9. This cupcake ..... delicious! I love it!  
A. tastes                      B. is tasting                      C. taste                      D. tasted
10. I have two brothers. They are ..... tall.  
A. all                      B. neither                      C. both                      D. either
11. .... I borrow your magazine?  
A. Can                      B. Must                      C. Should                      D. Mustn't
12. I was hungry, so I made ..... a sandwich.  
A. me                      B. myself                      C. mine                      D. my
13. He swims ..... a fish and is only five years old.  
A. as                      B. like                      C. similar                      D. same
14. I'm thirsty. I ..... a glass of water.  
A. am having                      B. have                      C. had                      D. will have
15. Peter is my oldest friend – I met him a long time .....  
A. before                      B. until                      C. ago                      D. yet

16. My house ..... at the moment.  
 A. will be painted    B. is being painted    C. was painted    D. has been painted
17. .... purse is this? I must have picked it up by mistake.  
 A. What    B. Which    C. Who    D. Whose
18. Let's go round to Duncan's house, .....?  
 A. will we    B. do we    C. shall we    D. may we
19. The tourists have been given a tour of ..... Paris.  
 A. -    B. an    C. the    D. a
20. My parents have lived here ..... 1994.  
 A. since    B. for    C. ago    D. in

**III. Write the sentences in reported speech, beginning as shown: (10 points; 2 points/item)**

- "I can't come to the party on Friday."  
 She said .....
- "We are having our lunch."  
 He said that they .....
- "Are you a student at our college?"  
 The man wanted to know.....
- "I need my brother to help me."  
 Mike said.....
- "I'm going to be late".  
 Tony told me that he.....

**IV. Use the word at the end of each sentence to form a word that fits in the blanks: (10 points; 2 points/item).**

- By 9 a.m. the tourists were ready for ..... (DEPART)
- I enjoyed my holiday last summer though the heat was a bit ..... (PLEASANT)
- The audience sat in the theatre in ..... (SILENT)
- It is still too ..... for Jack to walk after the car accident. His knee hurts him too much. (PAIN)
- The children were playing ..... in the garden. (NOISE)

**V. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form: (10 points; 2 points/item)**

- Michael ..... (wait) in the queue to buy a ticket for the train when he heard an announcement saying that there was going to be a delay.
- You will never get a good job unless you ..... (have) some qualifications.
- I ..... (just, offer) a cheap second-hand bicycle.
- Unfortunately, the lecture ..... (start) when I entered the lecture hall and I missed the beginning.
- If I ..... (be) in your shoes, I would apologize to them.

**NOTĂ:**

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Timpul de lucru alocat: 60 de minute.
- Punctajul maxim: 70 de puncte (din care 10 puncte din oficiu).
- Toate răspunsurile trebuie transferate pe foaia tipizată.

## WILDLIFE RESERVES

Wildlife reserves are areas of land where animals and plants are protected and this is why they play an important role in protecting the environment. John Muir ( 1838 – 1914 ) was one of the first modern environmentalists. He was born in Scotland and he travelled all around the American west to study and describe its natural wonders. He worked hard to persuade people to protect these wonders as for hundreds of years natural resources had been used wastefully by farmers, miners, ranchers and hunters. Largely because of his efforts, big areas of unspoiled land were made into public parks. He founded the 'Sierra Club', which is now one of the most important conservationist organizations in the USA. His writings and philosophy strongly influenced the formation of the modern environmentalist movement.

On March 1st 1872 President Grant of USA established Yellowstone as the first USA national park, an area of exceptional beauty, set aside for the enjoyment of generations to come. In 1901 Theodore Roosevelt became president and set up more big national parks and in 1916 the American Congress established the National Parks Service to look after them.

Unlike in USA, in Britain national parks are not publicly owned land but they are conferred special protection by law. People live and work in national parks, there are towns and industrial areas. In Britain national parks are not wildernesses. This makes them different from national parks in most of the rest of the world. The Lake District National Park or the Lake District, as it is more commonly known, is the most beautiful corner of England. There are not tall mountains like the Alps or the Himalayas, yet the landscape is equally breathtaking. The mountains are set within a landscape of lakes, forests, pastures, farms and picturesque villages.

- 1. What is the purpose of wildlife reserves ?**
- 2. What did John Muir try to do ?**
- 3. Which are the two famous national parks mentioned in the text ?**
- 4. Why are national parks in Britain different from national parks in other parts of the world ?**