

**TEST LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
VARIANTA A**

A. PARTEA I: CITIT
(Citire selectivă)

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d:

I. Abraham Lincoln is the 16th president of the United States. He was born on February 12, 1809 in Kentucky. As a young boy, he didn't have much education, but he loved to read books. He taught himself many things by reading the books that he borrowed. As a young man, he did many different kinds of jobs. He worked as a shopkeeper, a surveyor, and even as a postmaster in a post office.

Abraham Lincoln went into politics when he was 25 years old, and became president of the U.S. in 1861. Lincoln is most famous for leading America during the American Civil War and helping the North defeat the South. He will also be remembered for opposing slavery.

On April 14 Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C., and he died the next day on April 15, 1865. He will always be remembered as one of the most popular presidents of the United States.

1. When was Abraham Lincoln born?

- a) in Kentucky
- b) in Washington D.C.
- c) February 12, 1809**
- d) February 12, 1889

2. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- a) Abraham Lincoln is the 6th president of the United States.
- b) Lincoln is most famous for leading America during the WW II.
- c) Abraham Lincoln was against slavery.**
- d) Lincoln didn't like to read books.

3. Where was Abraham Lincoln shot?

- a) on April 1865
- b) on April 1856
- c) at home in Kentucky
- d) at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C**

II. Before you put on that skeleton costume and go door-to-door asking for candy, take a minute to reflect on this tradition. Halloween is believed to have come from an ancient Celtic festival dating back some 2,000 years. November 1st was the Celtic New Year and marked the end of summer to the Celts. They celebrated on its eve by wearing costumes made of animal skins and dancing around bonfires. Over the next two millennia, this primitive celebration grew to be the candy fuelled costume ball that we know today.

4. When was the Celtic New Year celebrated?

- a) 2,000 years ago
- b) At Halloween
- c) November 1st**
- d) In summer

5. What do people ask for when going door-to-door?

- a) animal skins
- b) candy**
- c) traditions
- d) costumes

III. Mass media refers to media technologies that reach a large audience via mass communication.

The technologies through which this communication takes place include a variety of outlets. Broadcast media transmit information electronically via films, radio, recorded music, or television. Digital media comprises both Internet and mobile mass communication. Internet media comprise such services as email, social media sites, websites, and Internet-based radio and television. Outdoor media transmit information via such media as flying billboards (signs in tow of airplanes); notices placed inside and outside buses, commercial buildings, shops, sports stadiums, subway cars, or trains. Print media transmit information via physical objects, such as books, comics, magazines, newspapers, or pamphlets. Event organizing and public speaking can also be considered forms of mass media. The organizations that control these technologies, such as movie studios, publishing companies, and radio and television stations, are also known as the mass media.

6. Mass media refers to:

- a) Media technologies that reach a large audience via mass communication**
- b) Broadcast media electronically via films, radio, and record music
- c) Information via physical objects, such as books, comics and shops
- d) Event organizing and public speaking via publishing companies

7. How do print media transmit information?

- a) via physical objects**
- b) via flying billboards
- c) via public speaking
- d) via radio

IV. Weapons at parties and on the street may be commonplace, but what about at school? Arlington's Wakefield High School, the pupils say, is less violent now than it was a few years ago. A strong security program is partly responsible for the improvement. The kids know that, but they also dislike some of the security measures.

Still, they say they feel safe at Wakefield, and they're glad that the school has not installed metal detectors. But they know that banned items, like beepers and some weapons, are in the school.

8. How do the kids feel about the security measures that have been used in their schools?

- a) They don't like some of them.**
- b) They would like more metal detectors.
- c) They want more items banned.
- d) They like beepers.

9. What kind of school is Arlington's Wakefield High School?

- a) commonplace
- b) less violent**
- c) strong
- d) banned

V. From California comes a new wine, a first in the United States, probably in the world. The winery that created this new Garlic Dinner Wine is in Gilroy, California, where everybody is serious about garlic. Gilroy is the garlic capital of the world. The label promises an experience that never leaves you breathless. The company representatives say that orders are pouring in for the five-dollars-a-bottle wine and that the company is looking at prospects for national and international marketing campaigns.

10. Where is the new wine considered to be a first?

- a) in California
- b) in Gilroy
- c) in the United States**
- d) in the company

(Citire cu atenție)

VI. Being a clown isn't all fun and games. Rodeo clowns expose themselves to great danger every time they perform. When cowboys dismount or bulls throw them off, rodeo clowns jump in front of the bulls and move wildly to get their attention. In this way rodeo clowns provide an alternate target, and in doing so they protect the rider. Of course, this is a very dangerous thing to do. So, you see, sometimes clowning around can be serious business.

11. The main idea of this text is that:

- a) Being a rodeo clown is fun.
- b) Rodeo clowns protect cowboys by putting themselves in danger.**
- c) The bulls throw off the cowboys and clowns.
- d) Cowboys protect rodeo clowns when they perform.

VII. Some people think that some holidays celebrating love are nothing but clever plans made by marketers to get consumers to buy candy, flowers, and stuffed animals, but who cares? In America, two love themed holidays are celebrated: Valentine's Day and Sweetest Day. Valentine's Day is celebrated in the winter, while Sweetest Day is celebrated in the autumn. Valentine's Day is more focused on bringing lovers together, while Sweetest Day is for all of the friends, relatives, and associates whose kindness we've enjoyed. Both occasions, however, are great times to remember what's most important: the people about whom we care.

12. The main idea of this paragraph is that in America people celebrate

- a) consumers and marketers.
- b) two love-themed holidays.**
- c) friends, relatives, and associates
- d) candy, flowers, and stuffed animals

VIII. The more complicated our thoughts and emotions, the less effective is language as a tool of expression. This is not a simple matter of style or eloquence, for even the finest speakers and writers, using the most sensitive language, would be incapable of putting certain thoughts into words. For this reason, many people use poetry and music instead of prose. These two forms of communication carry subtle yet powerful meanings that cannot be expressed with ordinary words.

13. From this text we learn that, instead of prose, most people use

- a) **words, poetry, and music.**
- b) the hidden meanings of words.
- c) the eloquence of fine speakers.
- d) limitations of language.

IX. The peanut is a humble plant with hundreds of functions. Most peanuts are roasted in their shells and lightly salted. About half the peanuts eaten in the United States are transformed into a thick paste called peanut butter. The rich oil made from peanuts is good for frying foods and is used for oiling machines and making soaps and paint. Even peanut shells are used to make plastics and to fertilize soil. There are so many ways to put peanuts to good use!

14. This passage mainly tells

- a) why peanut oil is used for frying.
- b) how much peanut butter is eaten in the US.
- c) **about the many uses of the peanut.**
- d) why peanut shells make good fertilizers.

X. A daily newspaper is printed every day, sometimes with the exception of Sundays and occasionally Saturdays, (and some major holidays) and often of some national holidays. Saturday and, where they exist, Sunday editions of daily newspapers tend to be larger, include more specialized sections (e.g., on arts, films, entertainment) and advertising inserts, and cost more. Typically, the majority of these newspapers' staff members work Monday to Friday, so the Sunday and Monday editions largely depend on content done in advance or content that is syndicated. Most daily newspapers are sold in the morning.

15. According to this text:

- a) **A daily newspaper is printed almost every day.**
- b) A daily newspaper is printed only on Sundays.
- c) A daily newspaper is printed only on Saturdays.
- d) A daily newspaper is never printed on national holidays.

B. PARTEA a II-a: ELEMENTE DE VOCABULAR ȘI GRAMATICĂ (Vocabulary)

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d:

16. Your father and mother are your _____.

- a) brothers
- b) grandparents
- c) **parents**
- d) siblings

17. We are five generations living under the same roof. So, we are a very _____ family.

- a) **large**
- b) top
- c) high
- d) antique

18. It is a great idea to choose a TV _____ to watch.

- a) **series**
- b) cereals
- c) cereals
- d) episodes

19. Why watching only ProTV? There are a lot of TV _____ you can choose from.

- a) canals
- b) **channels**
- c) entertainment
- d) amusement

20. "Sir, I've made that reservation for you. How will you be arriving?"
 "We'll be arriving _____."
 a) with my wife **b) by car** c) at the reception d) on the Internet
21. All _____ for flight KLM 726 to Amsterdam please proceed to Gate 8.
a) passengers b) customers c) clients d) tickets
22. Shop assistant: Hello, can I _____ you?
 a) see b) sell c) like **d) help**
23. What _____ do you take in shoes?
a) size b) height c) greatness d) dimension
24. Paul thinks your mother's food is _____.
a) tasty b) testy c) tasting d) testing
25. Waiter, can I have the _____, please? I'd like to see the chef's specialty.
 a) brochure b) catalog c) note **d) menu**

(Gramatică)

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d:

26. She celebrated her _____ birthday at a restaurant.
a) - b) the c) an d) a
27. He had to call _____ police immediately.
 a) a b) an c) - **d) the**
28. Prince Philip is the husband of Queen Elisabeth _____.
 a) Two b) The Two c) Seconds **d) the Second**
29. May is the _____ month of the year.
 a) five b) fifteen **c) fifth** d) fifty
30. I won't go there if it _____ tomorrow.
 a) was rain **b) rains** c) rained d) had rained
31. Let me tell you a secret _____ you would be interested in.
a) which b) who c) why d) while
32. Which has _____ legs, a spider or a fly?
a) more b) most c) much d) manier
33. Football is the _____ game in the world.
a) most boring b) more boring c) boringer d) boringest

34. Choose the right synonym for the underlined word:

The soldiers were all carrying weapons.

- a) **guns** b) wars c) armys d) attacks

35. Choose the right antonym for the underlined word:

It was such a noisy classroom that all the teachers were intrigued.

- a) difficult b) heavy c) **quiet** d) young

C. PARTEA a III-a: SCRIS

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d:

36. Which of the following sentences can be found in a DESCRIPTIVE paragraph?

- a) People strongly agree with the decision to build a large shopping centre here.
b) As Donald entered the castle, he felt strange.
c) **This attractive suburban home has four bedrooms and two bathrooms.**
d) Discounts would encourage students.

37. Choose the best phrase for signing off a letter/an email:

_____, Paul

- a) Great wishes b) Greatest wishes c) Wishing best d) **Best wishes**

38. Choose the most appropriate line to finish an INFORMAL letter:

- a) **Write back and tell me about your plans for the weekend.**
b) I am writing you to express my strong dissatisfaction with the services provided.
c) I look forward to receiving a reply from you.
d) I am sorry I have not written to you for such a long time.

39. Choose the correct sentence to BEGIN a story:

- a) **I got up at 6:30 a.m., as usual.**
b) There are four learning styles.
c) In the end, New York is one of the biggest cities in the U.S.
d) Finally, we were allowed to leave.

40. Choose the most appropriate line to make a FORMAL invitation:

- a) What about going to a football match tonight?
b) **I was wondering if you would like to join me to a football match tonight.**
c) Let's go to a football match tonight!
d) Do you want to go to a football match tonight?

41. Choose the sentence with the CORRECT END PUNCTUATION:

- a) **Watch it, Rachel, that golf ball almost hit me!**
b) Rachel has a lot of trouble hitting that golf ball, doesn't she.
c) Don't you think some golf lessons would help improve her game.
d) I asked Rachel why she liked golf so much?

42. Choose the best TOPIC in this paragraph containing the description of a young girl:

My little niece, Lou, is eight years old, and she looks exactly like my sister. I have a photo of my sister when she was the same age and you can't tell them apart. She's got straight fair hair, and the first thing you notice about her are her bright blue eyes. She's got a lovely smile.

- a) clothes **b) appearance** c) interests d) personality

43. What sentence is missing from this email about a visit to London?

Dear Zara,

My family is visiting London next month. I would love to meet you while I am in London. _____

Why don't you come, too? It would be great to see you again.

Love,

- a) It's raining cats and dogs!
b) I don't like London.
c) My dad is taking us to London zoo on Saturday.
d) It's been a very interesting visit.

44. Choose the sentence that best fits the BEGINNING of this email:

Dear Vicky,

_____. We are in a beautiful seaside town called Alanya. It is on the south coast of Turkey.

We are staying at a small hotel near an indoor market.

- a) Alanya is a wonderful place for a holiday.
b) I'm having a fantastic time.
c) I miss you. See you in two weeks.
d) It's raining all the time.

45. How many SPELLING mistakes are there in this sentence?

In june i travelled to this lovely italian island called santorini.

- a) 2
b) 3
c) 4
d) there are no mistakes