

**TEST LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
VARIANTA A**

A. Partea I: CITIT
(Citire selectivă)

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

Gossip at Seagrove Academy

Elizabeth was brooding in her room. She had sought asylum there since gossip about her began circulating at Seagrove Academy last week.

She was up for consideration for the highly coveted Blauvelt Award, a scholarship recognizing “academic integrity and promise.” A student had given headmaster Billings an anonymous “tip” that Elizabeth had cheated on several tests this year.

The accusations were laughable. Elizabeth had long been a stellar student at Seagrove. She lacked a natural intelligence – this was true. However, she compensated for this deficit through diligence and perseverance; she was very thorough in her studies and exhibited an almost relentless determination.

Seagrove was an elite school. Most of its students came from privileged backgrounds. This was not the case for Elizabeth. Her family had little money. She attended Seagrove on a full scholarship. The Blauvelt Award would help her family pay for college.

Seagrove was such a small and insular community. Twenty-one students would be in her graduating class. Elizabeth knew it was inevitable that the person spreading rumors about her would come to light. It was just a matter of time.

1. Why would Elizabeth have likely been disqualified from receiving the Blauvelt Award?

- a) **because the headmaster was given a “tip” about Elisabeth’s cheating**
- b) because she was caught cheating
- c) because awards are never given to cheaters
- d) because she lacked academic integrity

2. What does Elisabeth lack in?

- a) diligence and perseverance
- b) relentless determination
- c) **natural intelligence**
- d) thoroughness in studying

3. Does Elisabeth pay any school fees?

- a) She pays little money.
- b) **She has a scholarship.**
- c) Blauvelt Award pays her tuition.
- d) The other students pay for her.

4. What kind of school is Seagrove Academy?

- a) A school for gifted students.
- b) **A school with many wealthy students.**
- c) A school where many students lied and cheated.
- d) A large school where it was hard to get to know people.

5. Why is Elizabeth so sure that she will learn who has accused her of cheating?

- a) Because her friends will help her.
- b) Because the community is so small.**
- c) Because the person will come forward.
- d) Because there are 21 students.

Beliefs

Conventional beliefs are the ones which most people share, but alternative beliefs are usually held by minorities.

Among the most common alternative beliefs are those involving mediums and clairvoyants.

Mediums claim to have psychic powers and extra sensory perception. They invite people to special meetings called séances where they demonstrate their ability to talk to the dead and convey their messages to the living.

Clairvoyants claim to foresee events and have been known to offer their services both to famous politicians and members of royal families. There are many biblical examples of fortune-telling including premonitions such as Joseph's dream.

Cynics maintain that accurate predictions result from the laws of probability and do not provide proof of special powers.

6. Who shares alternative beliefs?

- a) most people
- b) minorities**
- c) majorities
- d) mediums

7. What do mediums claim?

- a) to talk to the dead and transmit the messages to the living**
- b) to invite people to special meetings called séances
- c) to have psychic powers and extra sensory perception
- d) to demonstrate their ability to talk to the dead

8. How are clairvoyants different from mediums?

- a) there is no difference
- b) clairvoyants provide services to society while mediums transmit messages
- c) clairvoyants help politicians and royal families while mediums help ordinary people
- d) clairvoyants foresee events while mediums talk to the dead**

9. Where could we see examples of clairvoyance?

- a) in the political environment
- b) in the opinions of the cynics
- c) in the royal families
- d) in the Bible**

10. Who are cynics?

- a) people who have the most accurate predictions
- b) people who believe in the laws of probability**
- c) people who don't believe in clairvoyants and mediums
- d) people who have premonitions

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

Time Reversing

The announcement that Donna had reached middle age came stealthily and without warning.

Donna, at 42 years old, was in perfect health. She was fit, trim, and ate only the healthiest of foods, avoiding soda and candy. She was still asked for her identification when buying wine at the grocery store. She ran several miles every day; in local road races, she was known for beating people half her age.

That all changed during what should have been a fairly innocuous event: a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew her driver's license.

The clerk gestured toward an eye-testing machine perched at the edge of the desk.

Donna was perplexed. Everything was fuzzy. "I think the glass is dirty," Donna said, searching the desk for a tissue to wipe off the lens.

The clerk glanced down at Donna's old license and back up at her. "Welcome to middle age, ma'am. Come back when you've had an eye exam and gotten glasses."

11. The proverb that best fits this story is:

- a) **Time marches on.**
- b) Time heals all wounds.
- c) A stitch in time saves nine.
- d) There is no time like the present.

12. Reaching the middle age, Donna was:

- a) fit, trim and stealthy
- b) fit, trim and lazy
- c) **fit, trim and healthy**
- d) fit, trim and perplexed

13. The word that best describes the clerk's attitude is:

- a) hostile
- b) incoherent
- c) **patronizing**
- d) domineering

14. The tone of the passage is best described as:

- a) dull
- b) dark
- c) **funny**
- d) passionate

15. Why is the clerk calling Donna "ma'am"?

- a) He knows Donna.
- b) He does not know Donna's name.
- c) **He seems to be ironic.**
- d) He knows middle aged women.

B. Partea a II-a: ELEMENTE DE GRAMATICA SI VOCABULAR
(Vocabular)

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

16. Today's teenagers' tastes are very different from those of their parents' _____.

- a) age
b) time
c) period
d) generation

17. The mystery is revealed in the final _____ of "Caribbean Mystery".

- a) report
b) **chapter**
c) conclusion
d) documentary

18. The Grand Hotel is _____ located near the airport.

- a) largely
b) nearly
c) comfortably
d) conveniently

19. I'll _____ John to fix the phone when he comes home.

- a) get**
b) let
c) have
d) make

20. Our summer camp offers a _____ of programs for children of all ages.

- a) class
b) **variety**
c) category
d) collection

21. The statue _____ to be made of marble.

- a) defines
b) discovers
c) **appears**
d) conceives

22. Jeff _____ and fell on the wet floor.

- a) threw
b) rolled
c) **slipped**
d) passed

23. Wearing a seatbelt _____ serious injuries in car accidents.

- a) forbids
b) escapes
c) **prevents**
d) interrupts

24. "I'm sorry, could you _____ that again, please?"

- a) say**
b) talk
c) tell
d) shout

25. Is Italy _____ like a boot or a motorcycle helmet?

- a) shaped**
b) positioned
c) located
d) placed

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26. I'm afraid I _____ here for your birthday party.

- a) have not to be
- b) am not being
- c) will be not
- d) **can't be**

27. Would you like _____ help?

- a) a
- b) **some**
- c) me
- d) I

28. If I _____ I will give her the message.

- a) will see her
- b) **see her**
- c) have seen her
- d) saw her

29. I _____ to him on the phone.

- a) spoked
- b) speaked
- c) spoken
- d) **spoke**

30. She speaks English very well _____ she's Chinese.

- a) in spite of
- b) **although**
- c) despite
- d) through

31. _____ painting over there is beautiful.

- a) **That**
- b) These
- c) Those
- d) This

32. I _____ see very well. _____ you bring me my glasses?

- a) can't, shall
- b) can, shall
- c) **can't, will**
- d) could, will

33. Are John and Liz in love? They _____ into each other's eyes all evening.

- a) are looking
- b) looking
- c) look
- d) **'ve been looking**

34. The burglar _____ so quietly that no one _____ anything.

- a) has been moving, did hear
- b) **moved, heard**
- c) didn't move, hears
- d) moves, heard

35. Several cars, whose owners _____ them under the trees, _____ damaged.

- a) didn't park, were
- b) **had parked, were**
- c) parks, are
- d) parked, is

C. Partea a III-a: SCRIS

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

36. Complete the following letter with the most appropriate sentence:

Dear Mrs. Coling,

My name is Susan Harris and I am writing on behalf of the students at Lockwood Middle School.

A significant amount of the students at the school have been working on a project which relates to the unemployment problem within the youth demographic of Lockwood. You are invited to attend a presentation that will be held within the media room of the school where a variety of proposals that will demonstrate the ability of the community to develop employment opportunities for the youth within the community.

As one of the prominent figures in the community, we would be honored by your attendance. Our special presentation will be held at our school auditorium on January 16th. Please reply by Monday the 9th of January to confirm your attendance to the function.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Signature

Ms. Susan Harris

- a) We would be honored by your attendance.
- b) Students will be grateful to have you there.
- c) My students and their teachers would be happy if you could come.
- d) At the presentation, there will be several students receiving awards which will recognize them within the community from the Mayor.**

37. Choose the most suitable word to complete the paragraph:

I _____ the time that you spent discussing the responsibilities of the position. I believe that my credentials make me an ideal candidate for the position. As I mentioned in my interview with you, I already have 7 years experience as a hotel manager. I am very organized and have a high attention to detail. I also believe that the customer is the most important asset, so I always treat them with the utmost respect.

- a) am grateful
- b) appreciate**
- c) thank you
- d) realize

38. Which of the following is the best way to combine the above sentences?

Each day, there were brand new sprinklings of pine needles all over the wooden floor. My sister and I took turns sweeping them up.

- a) Each day, there were brand new sprinklings of pine needles all over the wooden floor; despite this, my sister and I took turns sweeping them up.**
- b) Each day, there were brand new sprinklings of pine needles all over the wooden floor, and so that my sister and I took turns sweeping them up.
- c) Each day, there were brand new sprinklings of pine needles all over the wooden floor because my sister and I took turns sweeping them up.
- d) Each day, there were brand new sprinklings of pine needles all over the wooden floor unless my sister and I took turns sweeping them up.

39. Which of the following is the best way to rewrite the above sentences?

I bite into an apple. All my teeth fall out.

- a) I bite into an apple, but all my teeth fall out. b) I bite into an apple, yet all my teeth fall out.
c) **I bite into an apple, and all my teeth fall out.** d) I bite into an apple, because all my teeth fall out.

40. Which is the best way to arrange the following words, in order to obtain a task for writing a letter:

your / a / to / is / as / return / write / who / sea-side / advising / the / letter / to / something / as / him / brother / soon / important / at / happened.

- a) Write a letter as something important happened to your brother who is at the sea-side advising him to return soon.
b) Write to your brother a letter, who is at the sea-side advising him to return as soon as something important happened.
c) Write, to your brother, who is at the sea-side advising him to return as soon as something important happened, a letter.
d) **Write a letter to your brother who is at the sea-side advising him to return as soon as something important happened.**

41. The best sentence that fits correctly towards the beginning of the following postcard is:

Hi Lynn,

_____ Venice is simply great! Mark and I spend a lot of time walking around. I can't get enough of the Murano glass, which looks so fabulous in all its various shapes and colours! Yesterday we went to Verona and visited Juliet's house and Padova is waiting for us tomorrow! We'll send you a postcard from there too.

See you in London on the 19th! I can't wait!

Love, Jane and Mark

- a) **This is the most wonderful trip ever!** b) I wouldn't recommend this trip to you!
c) This trip is not worth it! d) This trip reminds me of you!

42. The most common style for letters / emails between friends is:

- a) formal b) neutral c) standard **d) informal**

43. The following e-mail message was sent to a magazine for English language students:

_____,
I can't understand English TV. I think that watching TV is a good way to improve my English, but I can't understand most programmes. Does anyone know a satellite or cable programme that is good for intermediate students? Nothing boring, please!

Yours, Andrew.

Choose the most suitable way of addressing:

- a) Dear Sir b) Sweetheart
c) **My dear fellows** d) My dearest friend

44. What could be the proper ending for an informal letter?

- a) I sincerely hope that you will be able to help me in this matter. b) Sincerely yours.
c) Looking forward to receiving news about your sister's wedding. **d) See you soon.**

45. Arrange the following lines in order to obtain an ending of a letter:

- (4) Linda and the kids were very happy. (5) Thank you again for your support.
(2) I wish you a nice holiday. (3) Hope to see you soon.
(1) Yours, George.

- a) 4, 5, 1, 3, 2. b) 4, 2, 3, 5, 1. c) **4, 5, 2, 3, 1.** d) 4, 3, 2, 5, 1.