

Examenul de bacalaureat 2012

Proba C

**de evaluare a competențelor lingvistice într-o limbă de circulație internațională
studiată pe parcursul învățământului liceal**

Proba scrisă la Limba engleză

Toate filierele, profilurile și specializările/ calificările

Varianta 3

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Timpul de lucru efectiv este de 120 de minute.

ÎNȚELEGEREA TEXTULUI CITIT

SUBIECTUL I

(40 de puncte)

Read the text below. Are the sentences 1-5 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B), choose 'Doesn't say' (C). Mark A, B or C on your exam sheet.

Although soft toys are among the first playthings used by the youngest children, they are of fairly recent origin. Apart from rag dolls (which date back to Roman times), soft toys in the guise of humanised animals seem to have been a late-19th century invention. The earliest toys of this type consisted of nondescript ducks and amorphous sheep, but a major breakthrough came in the 1890s with the birth of the golliwog, based on the principal character in Florence Upton's Golliwog stories, first published in 1895.

This impish character with its black face, mop of spiky hair and smart clothes was an overnight success. In the stories, he was always getting into mischief and in real life he served as a kind of scapegoat for many a child who could readily blame his or her own misdeeds on 'Golly'. Racist overtones in more recent years considerably diminished the popularity of the golliwog, though it continues to rank high with collectors.

In the 1930s toy koalas began to appear in Australia and spread to America and Europe after World War II. These soft toys had the merit of being clothed in real fur (albeit kangaroo!), with very realistic muzzles of black leather. The popularity of Skippy, a children's television series, also triggered off a craze for toy kangaroos in the 1950s and 1960s, which later extended to Willy Wombat and other marsupials.

As the golliwog slipped in the popularity ratings, its place was taken by the troll, a grotesque creature of Scandinavian origin, and the gonk, a rotund individual with his eyes in his chest. Soft toys in the form of more recognizably human guise include an enormous range of clowns and other costumed figures.

www.collectorcafe.com

1. Soft toys date back to the 17th century.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
2. Stuffed animals were invented in the late 19th century.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
3. Toy koalas entered the European market in the 1980s.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
4. Toy koalas were clothed in real fur.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
5. The troll is an Australian creature.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

SUBIECTUL al II-lea

(60 de puncte)

Read the text below. For questions 1-10, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Violence in movies

There has been a great deal of debate about the possible connection between violent behaviour in young people and their exposure to violent films, video games, TV programming and music.

Though a direct link between the two has not been conclusively proven, there's a growing consensus that exposure to violent entertainment is one of the variables to be considered, along with others, including family stability, learning disabilities and personality—when examining the behaviour of children and teens.

Kids are drawn to movies with scary themes, and watching horror films is a rite of passage for teens and even younger kids. But being steadily exposed to violent images from an early age can have a lasting effect on young children. Studies have shown that 26 per cent of adults still have "residual anxiety" many years after viewing horror movies in childhood.

Because most homes today have VCRs, young people have easy access to movies with graphic and gratuitous violence. Most parents don't properly understand the ratings systems for films; and even when they do, kids can easily sneak into restricted films at the cinemas. (The design of most multiplexes makes it easy for kids to see the film of their choice once they've paid at the box office and many theatres don't bother to enforce ratings restrictions.)

The study also showed that Hollywood routinely recruits teenagers and children (some as young as nine) to evaluate its story concepts, commercials, theatrical trailers and rough cuts—even for R-rated movies. TV promos for films are run during hours when young viewers are most likely to be watching; and R-rated films are advertised in youth magazines such as YM, Teen, and the Marvel comics. The study revealed that movie studios often target children as young as four with toy tie-ins for movies rated PG-13, and even R.

There's a reason why the movie industry produces so much violent fare: action films export well. Unlike dramas and comedies, which need expensive translation of their dialogue, action-packed movies make the transition to foreign languages and markets easily and cheaply. Even at home, their simplistic content means that violent films appeal to a broad range of ages. In North America and abroad, violence is profitable.

To limit children's exposure to violent and frightening movies, parents should:

- explain clearly what your objections are to violent movies;
- establish family rules about what kind of movies are appropriate for what age.

(www.media-awareness.ca)

1. There is a possible connection between violent behaviour and
 - A exposure to violent sports.
 - B fashion.
 - C exposure to violent films and video games.
 - D classical music.
2. Other variables to be taken into consideration are
 - A family stability and personality.
 - B environment and learning disabilities.
 - C school and teachers.
 - D family and friends.
3. According to the text, kids are attracted to
 - A video games.
 - B nature.
 - C outdoor sports.
 - D movies with scary themes.

4. One rite of passage for teenagers is
 - A drinking.
 - B watching horror films.
 - C driving.
 - D going to parties.
5. Years after watching horror films, ... of adults can have “residual anxiety”.
 - A 26%
 - B 36%
 - C 86%
 - D 16%
6. It is easy for children to sneak into restricted films
 - A at video stores.
 - B at the theatre.
 - C at games arcades.
 - D at casinos.
7. In order to evaluate concepts, Hollywood often recruits
 - A only children.
 - B teenagers, as well.
 - C adults, as well.
 - D only teens.
8. The reason why violent films are produced is that
 - A they sell well abroad.
 - B are expensive.
 - C are easy to understand.
 - D are suitable for all ages.
9. Dramas and comedies need
 - A popular actors.
 - B expensive locations.
 - C expensive scenery.
 - D expensive translations.
10. Everywhere in the world, violence is
 - A interesting.
 - B popular.
 - C profitable.
 - D cheap.

PRODUCEREA DE MESAJE SCRISE

SUBIECTUL I

(40 de puncte)

You recently went on holiday to a place which you enjoyed very much. A friend of yours has written to you expressing an interest in the place and asking you what it was like there. Write an email to your friend, telling him/her about the positive and negative aspects of the place, encouraging him/her to go there next year.

Write your answer in 80 – 100 words.

SUBIECTUL al II-lea

(60 de puncte)

You have recently had a class discussion on the role that money plays in people’s lives. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay, giving your opinion on the following statement: *Making money has become too important to many people in our modern society.*

Write your essay in 180 - 200 words.