OLIMPIADA LIMBA ENGLEZA – CLASA a VII-a FAZA SCOALA DECEMBRIE 2023

A. READING COMPREHENSION - 25 points

Read the text below.

"You can make anything out of ice", says lan Foster. Ian is an ice sculptor. He carves animals, buildings and trees – all out of ice. The biggest ice sculpture he has ever made was an entire castle.

Each sculpture begins with a piece of paper, a pencil, and lan's imagination. He makes a drawing of the sculpture and imagines it from the front and the back and the very side. Once he is happy with his idea, he starts to work with his tools on a big block of ice.

"I have to wear a thick coat and a fur hat to work, even when it's hot outside. The temperature in the studio is always close to freezing. Otherwise the sculpture would melt. It's like working in a big fridge."

Most of the sculptures are made for special occasions: weddings, town festivals, or parties in big companies. The sculptures are taken to the party in refrigerated vans. Once they are taken out of the van and put on show, they begin to melt. However, the biggest sculptures will last for many hours before they turn into water.

Does lan feel sad when his sculptures melt? "Not really," he says, "because I am already thinking about the next sculpture."

Melting ice is not a problem for Mike Evans. He is a sand sculptor. Mike started making sand sculptors 24 years ago, and for the last 16 years sand sculpture has been his full-time job. He works with a team of sculptors. They travel all over the world to make sand art for festivals, shows, museums, zoos, shopping centres and big companies.

The team has made hundreds of sculptures, from small statues to a huge palace for a hundred people to have dinner inside. They never make the same sculpture twice. The team has won lots of prizes for their art. They also teach people how to make sand sculptures.

To make a sand sculpture, you need a wooden frame. First, fill the frame with sand, then use water to wet the sand. Press the sand down into the frame until the sand is hard. Then remove the frame and start to carve the sand sculpture. Start at the top of the sculpture. You can use gardening tools, a stick and an ordinary knife to carve the sand.

1. Read the sentences below and write TRUE or FALSE. (5x2points=10points)

Arrest A	lan Foster makes sculptures out of ice.
2	He wears a T-shirt at work because it's hot.
3	His sculptures begin to melt when they are put on show.
4	lan is very sad when his sculptures melt.
5	Mike Evans started making sand sculptures last year.
	2. Fill in a suitable word to write true sentences. (5x3points=15 points)
1	Ian Foster can make animals out of
2	He does lots of before he makes a sculpture.
3	Some of his sculptures are made for parties in
4	He's been making sand sculptures for years.
5	If you make a sand sculpture, use to carve the sand.

B. USE OF ENGLISH - 50 points

Choose the best option
1. Grammar (15X2points=30 points)

B.X.A.M.P.3. E.		
	hen he go to the gym? do b went ©does d has	
Pare 3	I've never to Istanbul. a went b been c gone d be	
2	Teachers wear a uniform, a don't have to b haven't got c have d don't have got to	
3	a Who b Yours c Who's d Whose	
2	What do this evening? a would you like to b do you like to c you like to d would you to	
5	It was a cold dark night in March and it	
6	Tokyo isn't Helsinki. a noisier b noisy as c as noisy as d as noisy like	
7	Tom's very lazy. If he doesn't study harderthe exam. a he'll fail b he fails c he fail d he won't fail	
S	She's played tennis she was twelve. a from b since c for d when	
9	I'm planning round the world. a to travel b travelling c travel d for to travel	
0	I only eat meat, a a few b very few c a little d very	
1	Paul can't buy a house. He money. a hasn't got enough b 's got too much c 's got enough any d 's got too few	
12	passport. a I've already b I've just c I've yet d I haven't just	
3	Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci. a is painted b painted c was painting d was painted	
4	A I failed my exam.	
	B You more. a would study b should to study c can study d should study	
5	He's not in at the moment take a message?	

2. Vocabulary (10X2 points=20 points)

AMPLE
favourite season isbecause it's sunny
I I go to the beach.
summer b winter c autumn d spring
1 hate doing the
tidying my room and doing the ironing.
a homework b exams c housework
d shopping
In the morning I usually get up at seven o'clock,
, and get dressed.
a have a shower b wake up c get out
d do a shower
Can I your book?
a lend b put on c borrow d wear
This is the sitting room there are three
bedrooms and a bathroom.
a Up b Down c Infront of d Upstairs
Excuse me. I haven't got a to cut my food
with.
a plate b knife c spoon d fork
Shall I this old cheese?
a throw away b turn off c pick up
d take off
My mother's been ill this week. I took the week of
work to
a look to her b look up her c look after her
d look for her
I a mistake. The meeting isn't today, it's
tomorrow.
a did b had c made d thought
My new boss is really
more money.
a mean b selfish c generous d talkative
There's too much in this city. It takes
hours to go a few miles!
a pollution b traffic c unemployment
d cars

C. WRITING - 25 points

You have just returned from a school trip to the science museum. Write a letter to your friend, Marta/Martin, telling him/her about:

- * things you saw;
- * what impressed you the most;
- * how you felt.

Sign your letter with Paula/Paul. You should write 65-75 words.