TESTUL Nr. 2

LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

CICLUL LICEAL

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TEST 2
SECTION I. THE ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (30 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below the text.

Rene Silva

While most Brazilian teenagers are interested in computer games, homework or football, Rene Silva has dedicated himself to fighting negative stereotypes about his favela community, which as a rule is poor.

He set up his first newspaper at the age of 11, live-tweeted a police operation in his neighbourhood at 17 and has just completed his first book at the age of 19.

The towns of Rio de Janeiro were long seen as violent zones run by armed drug gangs, but Silva has used social media to show a more sympathetic, complex and hopeful side.

"The important thing about being young and doing what I do in the favelas is to create new points of reference," he said. "In the past, it was drug trafficking. Today, there is more recognition of the people who are trying to do good and change the reality of the place where they live."

Conscious of the weaknesses of the common media, one of his teachers asked him to set up a community newspaper in 2005. At first, his family were doubtful about what he could achieve. His mother scolded him for getting home late from school because he had spent so long reporting and writing for his newspaper.

But he became the center of attention of every media organisation in the country five years later when he live-tweeted a huge military and police operation to "pacify" the Alemão favela where he lived. Silva's posts corrected mistakes made by TV reporters and raised warnings about a young boy who was caught in the fight between the police and gangsters. His followers jumped from a few hundred to tens of thousands. And today his newspaper has a lot of sponsors.

Still not 20, Silva published a book this August "A Voz do Alemão" about those who live in favelas, which he hopes will change views of Rio's poor communities and present the problems they carry on facing after pacification.

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<td>Answer the question according to the text.</td>
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<td>2. What does Rene consider important to the young?</td>
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<td>3. Whose idea was for Rene to start a community newspaper in 2005?</td>
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2. **Find in the text the synonyms for the words given below.**
   a) uncertain __________________
   b) to continue __________________

3. **Find in the text the antonyms for the words given below.**
   a) violent __________________
   b) to decrease __________________

4. **Write if the sentences are True or False, according to the text. Justify your choice.**
   a) Rene has written two books. ________
      because
   b) Rene’s family supported him when he started his community newspaper. ________
      because

5. **Give another title to the text.**
   ________________________________
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6. **Explain the message of the text in 35-40 words.**
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SECTION II. THE ASSESSMENT OF LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (20 points)

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the word in brackets or with the correct form of the verb.

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<td>There (to be) __________________________ a major bank robbery in central Manchester today. It happened at nine o’clock this morning and fifty thousand pounds was stolen. Three men dressed (as/like) __________________________ cleaners surprised bank clerks just as the bank was opening for business. The men had been waiting by a side entrance (for/at/to) __________________________ some time before they decided to act. They seized the cash and escaped in a stolen car. The police (to call) __________________________ but the thieves had already disappeared. One of the witnesses, a courier, (who/which) __________________________ happened to be passing by. He said: “I was absolutely shocking because I (might have been/should have been/must be) __________________________ knocked down by the three strangers running out of the bank door…” (Another/other) __________________________ witness is the driver of the stolen car. It was not his. He regretted (borrow/borrowing/to borrow) __________________________ that car. When asked about the owner of the car, he exclaimed: “My car broke down that very morning. I wish I (couldn’t borrow/ hadn’t borrowed/ borrowed) __________________________ it from my neighbour!” The bank clerks were not able to describe the appearance of the thieves as they remembered (anything/everything/nothing) __________________________ because of the shock.</td>
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SECTION III. THE ASSESSMENT OF PRAGMATIC AND CULTURAL COMPETENCES (20 points)

Write a 75-80 word coherent text describing the situation below.

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<td>Recommend to you friend a literary work written by an English-speaking writer or poet. Justify your recommendation.</td>
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SECTION IV. THE ASSESSMENT OF PRAGMATIC AND CIVIC COMPETENCES
(30 points)
Write a coherent 150-200-word text expressing your attitude on the given topic.

Nowadays the Internet is the best means of communication. Agree or disagree. Justify your choice and bring two examples.

Use the following plan:
· introduction;
· body;
· conclusion.

[150-200 words]