



2011

Languages: Romanian GA 3: Examination

Written component

SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Section 1 – Listening and Responding

Part A – Respond in English

General comprehension of this section was good, but some students needed to read and follow the instructions more carefully and convey the information more precisely.

Text 1

These questions were answered well by most students.

Question 1a.

Maria refers to the fact that more and more people are buying fruit trees from the market.

Question 1b.

Ion thinks that there is plenty of work required to grow fruit trees because:

- you have to work all year around
- you must spray
- natural fertilisers need to be used
- much pruning is needed
- fruit needs to be picked
- they are difficult to grow.

Question 1c.

People who live in Bucharest are interested in growing fruit trees because the houses need the shade (B.).

Text 2

Question 2a.

Product 1 (boots)

- twelve hours of stomping is required for one hour of mobile phone charge
- the mobile phone can be charged using the boots' power point

Product 2 (chair)

- made of 111 bottles and cans

Question 2b.

The two companies are both environmentally friendly and are exhibiting their products at the exhibition.

Text 3

Question 3a.

The lake appears to be a red colour because:

- an iron-rich creek passes through it
- it reflects the nearby rocks that contain iron.

Question 3b.

Lacul Roșu was formed when a mountain collapsed and fell into the Red Creek and formed a natural barrier. Over time it became a lake.

Question 3c.

The black objects (which resemble black lances) are the treetops covered by the lake.

Question 3d.

The boy's great-grandfather saw the event happening while minding the sheep.

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Text 4

Question 4a.

Step 1: Place the cutlery and the plates in the 'dish tank'

Step 2: Press the red button

Step 3: Replace the filters once a month

Question 4b.

Advantages of the Bio-Tank include:

- it provides a green way of cleaning dishes
- it offers company to single people because it can be seen as a pet
- it is a dishwasher, compost bin and pet, all in one.

Part B – Answer in Romanian

Text 5

Question 5a.

Pride in Romanian heritage and culture prompted a return to Romanian traditional themes and the production of a new collection.

Question 5b.

- linen shirts and geometric patterns because of the materials and patterns
- footwear inspired by folk footwear (*opinca*)
- scarves and neck ties inspired by peasant headscarves and natural elements

Text 6

Question 6a.

Listeners will be interested in participating at this event because:

- they will have an extraordinary experience flying over lots of tourist attractions and cities near their own town
- it is an inaugural event, travelling with photographers and reporters.

Question 6b.

Articles about and photos of the balloon trip will be published in *Universul* magazine and on its website.

Question 6c.

Balloon trips can be booked at each one of the newspaper's headquarters by filling in a special flyer.

Section 2 – Reading and Responding

Part A – Answer in English

Students were required to read the text and then answer in English. Many students did not pay enough attention to the correct way of conveying information.

Text 7

Question 7a.

The name worked out well for the girl because she became a famous gymnast and her name means 'hope'.

Question 7b.

- She was active and climbed over fences.
- She was always at the playground, which was like a mini gym.
- Two gymnastics trainers went to the kindergarten and invited her to join the school of gymnastics.
- She would practise without being asked.
- When she was only seven, she took part in a competition.

Question 7c.

She was courageous, ambitious, perseverant, and always willing to try new and difficult exercises. She would practise to achieve what she had in her mind.



Question 7d.

The trainer was happy with Speranța's thirteenth place because it was her first competition and she was only 7 years old.

Question 7e.

When she went to the school of gymnastics Speranța's life changed because she was separated from her family, and she missed the countryside and celebrations.

Text 8

Question 8

The Romanian pavilion was successful in Shanghai because of:

- the aroma of its culinary specialities
- its unusual architectural style in the shape of a green apple
- visitors being able to try food, including cabbage rolls
- visitors being able to observe the preparation and cooking of Romanian sausages
- the famous folk artist Grigore sang songs and demonstrated musical instruments
- the recipes handed out in English and Chinese.

Part B – Answer in Romanian

Text 9

Question 9

Students needed to use the information in the text to write a persuasive letter to the Mayor of the City of Braila explaining why it would be a good idea to organise the festival.

Students could have referred to:

- *atmosfera festivalului*
- *gazda festivalului*
- *mîncare, muzică, parc, etc.*
- *concurs/premii.*

Section 3 – Writing in Romanian

Students needed to answer one question in this section in 200–250 words in Romanian.

Question 10

Students needed to write an evaluative report for the Romanian community newspaper explaining how technology enables students from Australia and Romania to communicate.

Question 11

Students were asked to write a short story for their school's newspaper about a person in their life whom they consider to be a role model and explain why.

Question 12

Students were required to write an informative article for the sports section of their local newspaper on a community sporting event involving teams from Romania and Australia.

Question 13

Students were asked to imagine they were principal of their school for one day and write a diary entry on what happened and what they did on that day.