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- Toate subiecte sunt obligatorii
- Timp de lucru: 2 ore
- Total puncte: 100. Nu se acordă puncte din oficiu

**SUBJECT I**

**20 points**

**Read the text below. Are the sentences 1-8 '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 answer sheet.**

***A new technological era***

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming many aspects of our daily lives. From virtual assistants like Siri and Alexa to personalized recommendations on Netflix, AI technology is becoming more prevalent. AI systems are designed to mimic human intelligence and perform tasks such as learning, problem-solving, and decision-making.

One of the major benefits of AI is its ability to process large amounts of data quickly and accurately. This capability is being utilized in various fields, including healthcare, finance, and transportation. For example, in healthcare, AI can help doctors diagnose diseases more accurately by analysing medical images.

Despite its advantages, AI also poses challenges. There are concerns about job displacement, as machines can perform tasks that were previously done by humans. Additionally, ethical issues such as privacy and bias in AI algorithms need to be addressed.

In education, AI is used to create personalized learning experiences for students. AI-powered tools can identify a student's strengths and weaknesses and tailor content to meet their individual needs. This approach can enhance learning outcomes and make education more accessible.

Looking to the future, AI is expected to continue evolving and integrating into more aspects of life. Researchers are working on advanced AI systems that can understand and respond to human emotions, making interactions with technology even more seamless.

*adapted from BBC News*

1. AI technology is only used in virtual assistants like Siri and Alexa.

A. Right

B. Wrong

C. Doesn't say

2. AI can help doctors by analyzing medical images.

A. Right

B. Wrong

C. Doesn't say



**SUBJECT IV****20 points**

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete each of the numbered gaps in the text below.

***The History of Chocolate***

Chocolate is enjoyed by people all around the world, but its history goes back thousands of years. The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of chocolate can be traced back to the ancient civilizations of Central and South America. The Maya and Aztec cultures (2) \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate from the seeds of the cacao tree, and it was often used in religious ceremonies.

When the Spanish explorers arrived in the Americas, they (3) \_\_\_\_\_ cacao beans back to Europe. At first, chocolate was a luxury item that only the wealthy could (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Over time, however, it became more (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and popular among all social classes.

In the 19th century, new methods of processing chocolate were developed, making it (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to produce and consume. Today, chocolate is available in many different forms, including bars, candies, and drinks, and it remains a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ treat for people of all ages.

Chocolate also has a range of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ benefits. It contains antioxidants, which can help protect the body from damage by free radicals. Some studies even suggest that chocolate can improve (9) \_\_\_\_\_ function and lower the risk of heart disease.

Despite its many benefits, it is important to consume chocolate in (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Eating too much chocolate can lead to weight gain and other health problems due to its high sugar and fat content.

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. A. source      | B. origin     | C. beginning | D. creation   |
| 2. A. obtained    | B. fetched    | C. achieved  | D. developed  |
| 3. A. took        | B. brought    | C. carried   | D. fetched    |
| 4. A. buy         | B. spend      | C. afford    | D. provide    |
| 5. A. available   | B. achievable | C. reachable | D. obtainable |
| 6. A. harder      | B. easier     | C. tougher   | D. quicker    |
| 7. A. famous      | B. popular    | C. common    | D. favourite  |
| 8. A. health      | B. healthy    | C. healthier | D. healthiest |
| 9. A. brain       | B. body       | C. nerve     | D. organ      |
| 10. A. moderation | B. proportion | C. portions  | D. control    |

**SUBJECT V****10 points**

Choose the best answer (a, b or c) to answer the questions below:

1. What time does the movie start?
- At 7 o'clock.
  - Last night.
  - For two hours.

**2.** Why didn't you come to the party?

- a. I don't like parties.
- b. I was busy with work.
- c. I will go later.

**3.** Who is your favorite author?

- a. I love reading books.
- b. My favorite book is fiction.
- c. J.K. Rowling is my favorite.

**4.** Can you help me with my homework?

- a. Sure, I can help you.
- b. I did it yesterday.
- c. No, I can't play.

**5.** What did you do over the weekend?

- a. I will go to the beach.
- b. I went hiking with friends.
- c. I am watching a movie.

**6.** How often do you exercise?

- a. I go to the gym twice a week.
- b. I don't like to study.
- c. At the local park.

**7.** Would you like tea or coffee?

- a. Yes, please.
- b. I prefer tea, thank you.
- c. No, I don't drink juice.

**8.** Where did you buy that jacket?

- a. It's very warm.
- b. I bought it at the mall.
- c. Last week.

**9.** Are you ready to leave?

- a. I'm not yet.
- b. Yes, I am.
- c. I can't find it.

**10.** How do you get to work?

- a. I walk there every day.
- b. I don't have a car.
- c. I went by bus.