



CONCURSUL INTERJUDEȚEAN DE CULTURĂ & CIVILIZAȚIE BRITANICĂ QUEEN VICTORIA

Ediția a IV-a

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CLASA A V-A

Varianta 2

I. Fill in the blanks with the following words: *history, duty, monarchy, documented, loyalty, death, independence, life, relevance, connect.*

Queen Elizabeth II was born on April 21, 1926, in London. She became queen at a young age after the sudden _____ (1) of her father, King George VI, in 1952. Throughout her reign, she witnessed significant changes in the _____ (2) and the world.

Her marriage to Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in 1947 was a pivotal moment in her _____ (3). Together, they had four children: Charles, Anne, Andrew, and Edward. Queen Elizabeth II was known for her strong sense of _____ (4) and dedication to her country.

Throughout her life, she worked to maintain the (5) _____ of the monarchy and adapt to the modern world. Her love for animals, especially dogs, and her passion for horse racing were well _____ (6) aspects of her personality.

The Queen also played a crucial role in the Commonwealth, supporting nations in their paths to _____ (7) and self-governance. Her numerous public engagements showcased her commitment to _____ (8) with the people and her ability to inspire _____ (9) across the globe.

When Queen Elizabeth II passed away, marked the end of a historic chapter in British _____ (10). Her legacy continues to influence the monarchy and the world today.

(<https://www.rct.uk/discover/school-and-family-resources/a-focus-on-the-life-of-queen-elizabeth-ii>)

(20 points: 10 x 2p)

II. Match the information in column A with the information in column B:

1. Queen Elizabeth II passed away on	a. 29 th July 1981
2. <i>A Christmas Carol</i> was published in	b. the 1 st
3. How many countries make up Great Britain?	c. 1843



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4. The Commonwealth of Nations is a political association of ... member countries	d. 8 th September 2022
5. Jacob Marley is ... spirit to visit Scrooge.	e. 56
6. The Ghost of Christmas Past appears in Stave	f. 3
7. King Charles III married Diana on	g. 26 th June 1997
8. Princess Diana died on	h. 17
9. <i>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</i> was published on	i. 31 st August 1997
10. Harry Potter's age throughout the series ranges from 11 to	j. Two

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

(20 points: 10 x 2p)

III. Match the headings to the extracts. There is ONE extra heading you do not need to use:

A. Travels to the United States	C. Death	E. Pop Culture Adaptations
B. Personal Life: Wife and Children	D. Life as a Journalist, Editor, and Illustrator	F. Who was Charles Dickens?

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Charles Dickens

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Charles Dickens was a British author, journalist, editor, illustrator, and social commentator who wrote the beloved classics *Oliver Twist*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Great Expectations*. His books were first published in monthly serial installments, which became a lucrative source of income following a childhood of abject poverty. Dickens wrote 15 novels in total, including *Nicholas Nickleby*, *David Copperfield*, and *A Tale of Two Cities*. His writing provided a stark portrait of poor and working class people in the Victorian era that helped to bring about social change. Dickens died in June 1870 at age 58 and is remembered as one of the most important and influential writers of the 19th century.

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In 1827, he had to drop out of school and work as an office boy to contribute to his family's income. However, as it turned out, the job became a launching point for his writing career. Within a year of being hired, Dickens began freelance reporting at the law courts of London. Just a few years later, he was reporting for two major London newspapers.

In 1833, he began submitting sketches to various magazines and newspapers under the pseudonym *Boz*, which was a family nickname. His first published story was *A Dinner at Poplar Walk*, which ran in London's *Monthly Magazine* in 1833. Seeing his writing in print



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made his eyes *overflow with joy and pride*, according to *Dickens: A Biography*. In 1836, his clippings were published in his first book, *Sketches by Boz*.

Dickens later edited magazines including *Household Words* and *All the Year Round*, the latter of which he founded. In both, he promoted and originally published some of his own work such as *Oliver Twist* and *A Tale of Two Cities*.

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Dickens married Catherine Hogarth in 1836, soon after the publication of his first book, *Sketches by Boz*. She was the daughter of George Hogarth, the editor of the *Evening Chronicle*. Dickens and Hogarth went on to have 10 children between 1837 and 1852, according to biographer Fred Kaplan. Among them were magazine editor Charles Dickens Jr., painter Kate Dickens Perugini, barrister Henry Fielding Dickens, and Edward Dickens, who entered into politics after immigrating to the Australia.

In 1851, Dickens suffered two devastating losses: the deaths of his infant daughter, Dora, and his father, John. He also separated from his wife in 1858. Dickens slandered Catherine publicly and struck up an intimate relationship with a young actor named Ellen *Nelly* Ternan. Sources differ on whether the two started seeing each other before or after Dickens' marital separation. It is also believed that he went to great lengths to erase any documentation alluding to Ternan's presence in his life. These major losses and challenges seeped into Dickens' writing in his *dark novel* period.

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In 1842, Dickens and his wife, Catherine, embarked on a five-month lecture tour of the United States. Dickens spoke of his opposition to slavery and expressed his support for additional reform. His lectures, which began in Virginia and ended in Missouri, were so widely attended that ticket scalpers gathered outside his events. Biographer J.B. Priestley wrote that during the tour, Dickens enjoyed *the greatest welcome that probably any visitor to America has ever had*.

They flock around me as if I were an idol, bragged Dickens, a known show-off. Although he enjoyed the attention at first, he eventually resented the invasion of privacy. He was also annoyed by what he viewed as Americans' gregariousness and crude habits, as he later expressed in *American Notes for General Circulation* (1842). The sarcastic travelogue, which Dickens penned upon his return to England, criticized American culture and materialism.

After his criticism of the American people during his first tour, Dickens later launched a second U.S. tour from 1867 to 1868, where he hoped to set things right with the public and made charismatic speeches promising to praise the United States in reprints of *American Notes for General Circulation* and *Martin Chuzzlewit*, his 1844 novel set in the American frontier.

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On June 8, 1870, Dickens had a stroke at his home in Kent, England, after a day of writing *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. He died the next day at age 58.

At the time, *Edwin Drood* had begun its serial publication; it was never finished. Only half of the planned installments of his final novel was completed at the time of Dickens' death, according to Fido.



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Dickens was buried in Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey, with thousands of mourners gathering at the beloved author's gravesite.

When 48 Doughty Street in London – which was Dickens' home from 1837 to 1839 – was threatened with demolition, it was saved by the Dickens Fellowship and renovated, becoming the Dickens House Museum. Open since 1925, it appears like a middle-class Victorian home exactly as Dickens lived in it, and it houses a significant collection related to Dickens and his works.

(<https://www.biography.com/authors-writers/charles-dickens>)

(20 points: 5 x 4p)

IV. Write a text based on the picture below (80-100 words). Please remember to give a title to your text.



(<https://deepai.org/machine-learning-model/text2img>)

(40 points)

*NOTA: Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii. *** Total 100p *** Timp de lucru 60 de minute.*