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**ETAPA JUDEȚEANĂ
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CLASA A X-A

Varianta 1

I. Fill in the blanks with the following words: *authority, executive, hereditary, legislation, symbolic, elected, framework, reign, balance, limited.*

The United Kingdom is governed under an (1) _____ monarchy, a system in which the monarch formally holds executive authority as head of state. This form of government combines traditional (2) _____ succession with modern democratic principles, ensuring continuity while allowing political evolution.

In this system, the monarch's role is largely (3) _____, representing the nation both domestically and internationally. Although the sovereign formally holds significant (4) _____, these powers are exercised in accordance with established conventions and are rarely used independently.

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The real political power lies with (5) _____ officials, particularly members of Parliament and the Prime Minister. They are responsible for creating and implementing (6) _____, which governs the country and reflects the will of the people.

The monarch's (7) _____ marks a period during which they perform constitutional duties such as opening Parliament and meeting foreign dignitaries. These functions highlight the importance of tradition while maintaining political neutrality.

The British system relies on a careful (8) _____ between tradition and democracy. While the monarch remains an important national figure, their role is (9) _____ by law and political practice.

Overall, the constitutional (10) _____ of the United Kingdom ensures stability, continuity, and democratic governance, making it one of the most enduring political systems in the world.

(20 points: 10 x 2p)



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

1. The Wars of the Roses were	A. 1485, when Henry Tudor defeated Richard III.
2. The conflict lasted roughly from	B. 1917 during World War I.
3. The House of Tudor came to power after	C. a series of civil wars between rival noble families in England.
4. Henry VII strengthened his claim by	D. marrying Elizabeth of York, uniting two rival houses.
5. The Tudor dynasty included monarchs such as	E. promoting national identity and distancing from German origins.
6. The reign of the Tudors is known for	F. a constitutional head of state with mostly ceremonial duties.
7. The House of Windsor was established in	G. Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, among others.
8. The name Windsor was adopted to	H. the transformation of England into a stronger, more centralized state.
9. The monarch from the House of Windsor serves as	I. shaping the political and cultural development of England.
10. The significance of these dynasties lies in	J. 1455 to 1487, with periods of intense conflict and brief peace.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

(20 points: 10 x 2p)

III. Match the headings to the extracts. There are THREE extra headings you do not need to use:

A. Forms of Address and Initial Greetings	C. Dress and Appearance Standards	E. Conversational Boundaries and Etiquette	G. Managing Physical Interaction
B. Appropriate Behaviour at State Banquets	D. The Ceremonial Role of Parliament	F. Historical Residences of the Royal Family	H. Timing and Arrival Expectations

Rules of Protocol in the British Royal Household

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Encountering a member of the British royal family involves a set of traditional courtesies that, while no longer compulsory, continue to carry symbolic importance. Upon introduction,



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individuals are expected to acknowledge the royal figure with a slight bow or curtsy, depending on custom. Equally significant is the correct use of titles: one should begin with formal expressions such as “Your Majesty” or “Your Royal Highness,” and subsequently adopt shorter forms like “Sir” or “Ma’am.” These linguistic conventions reinforce hierarchy and respect within royal interactions.

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Appearance at royal engagements is governed by carefully observed expectations that reflect both the importance of the occasion and longstanding tradition. Invitations often specify dress codes, which may range from formal daywear to elaborate evening attire. Guests are expected to avoid overly casual or flamboyant clothing, instead choosing outfits that demonstrate elegance and restraint. Attention to detail, including accessories and grooming, is essential, as presentation is considered a reflection of respect toward the host and the institution.

3

Engaging in conversation with a royal requires attentiveness to subtle social cues and established norms. It is customary to wait until the royal initiates dialogue, after which responses should remain concise, polite, and relevant. Topics that might provoke disagreement or discomfort – such as political opinions or deeply personal matters – are best avoided. The tone should remain measured, ensuring that the exchange remains respectful and balanced rather than overly familiar or assertive.

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Physical contact within royal settings is subject to unwritten yet widely understood limitations. While a handshake may be acceptable, it typically occurs only if offered by the royal individual. Any attempt to initiate more informal gestures, such as embracing or touching, is generally considered inappropriate. Maintaining a respectful physical distance helps preserve the dignity associated with royal status and avoids breaching established social boundaries.

5

Formal dining occasions in the presence of royalty are among the most structured environments in terms of etiquette. Guests must observe not only general table manners but also specific practices dictated by the royal host. For instance, no one should begin eating until the monarch has done so, and the conclusion of the meal is often signaled in a similar manner. Conversation during such events is expected to be courteous and inclusive, avoiding dominance or excessive informality, thereby contributing to an atmosphere of refinement and order.

(20 points: 5 x 4p)



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IV. Write a text based on the picture below (180-200 words). Please remember to give a title to your text.



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(30 points)

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