



# CONCURSUL NAȚIONAL DE CULTURĂ & CIVILIZAȚIE BRITANICĂ QUEEN VICTORIA



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**CLASA A VII-A**

**Varianta 2**

**I. Fill in the blanks with the following words:** *power, influence, rule, king, dynasty, celebration, crown, heritage, British, Palace.*

The coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla was a historic event for the British monarchy, watched by millions of people across the world. The grand \_\_\_\_\_ (1) took place at Westminster Abbey, marking the beginning of a new \_\_\_\_\_ (2) and continuing a tradition that dates back centuries.

During the ceremony, the \_\_\_\_\_ (3) was placed on the king's head in a solemn and symbolic moment, representing his authority and \_\_\_\_\_ (4) over the nation. Queen Camilla was also crowned as queen, standing beside the \_\_\_\_\_ (5) and taking on her ceremonial role within the monarchy.

Members of the royal \_\_\_\_\_ (6), along with distinguished guests from around the world, attended the event, highlighting the long and continuous history of the \_\_\_\_\_ (7) monarchy. After the ceremony, many of the participants gathered at Buckingham \_\_\_\_\_ (8), where further formal events and public appearances took place.

The coronation had a strong \_\_\_\_\_ (9) on people around the world, as it celebrated tradition, unity, and continuity in a modern context. This important moment is now considered part of the nation's rich cultural \_\_\_\_\_ (10), reflecting the enduring significance of the monarchy in contemporary society.

(20 points: 10 x 2p)

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

1. England's capital city is ...	A. Canberra
2. Scotland's capital city is ...	B. a group of countries, many of them former British colonies
3. The British flag is called ...	C. Edinburgh
4. Northern Ireland's capital city is ...	D. London
5. The Commonwealth is ...	E. nine
6. Canada is a member of the Commonwealth and its capital is ...	F. Ottawa
7. Australia is a member of the Commonwealth and its capital is ...	G. New Delhi



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8. India is a member of the Commonwealth and its capital is ...	H. the Union Jack
9. Elizabeth I became queen in ...	I. Belfast
10. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had ... children.	J. 1558

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. A Long Preparation for the Throne	C. A New King for a New Era	E. The Duties of a Modern Monarch
B. The Coronation Ceremony	D. His Interest in Environmental Issues	F. Public Reactions to the Coronation

### King Charles III: Continuity and Change

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Born in 1948, Charles was the first heir to the British throne to receive a university education, attending the University of Cambridge, where he studied archaeology, anthropology, and history. Beyond his academic achievements, he spent decades carefully preparing for his eventual role as monarch. This preparation included not only ceremonial and diplomatic training but also an extensive involvement in charitable work, social initiatives, and public engagements across the United Kingdom and abroad. From visiting hospitals, schools, and local communities to advocating for cultural preservation and social cohesion, Charles gradually developed a deep understanding of the responsibilities and expectations tied to the crown. His formative years, therefore, were characterized by a sustained effort to balance tradition with contemporary relevance, cultivating both a strong personal identity and a sense of service that would define his future reign.

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Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022, Charles immediately assumed the role of king. His accession symbolized continuity in the British monarchy while also offering an opportunity for subtle transformation. Charles brought with him decades of experience, new perspectives, and a personal vision shaped by contemporary social, political, and environmental concerns. While respecting centuries-old royal traditions, he expressed a commitment to modernizing aspects of the monarchy's engagement with the public and addressing urgent issues of the 21st century. This balance between preserving institutional



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heritage and embracing necessary reforms positioned him as a monarch attuned to both history and the evolving needs of society.

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The coronation ceremony, held in May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, represented both the grandeur of British tradition and an adaptation to modern sensibilities. The elaborate event included ancient rituals such as the oath, anointing, and the placing of the crown upon the king's head, which reinforced the continuity of royal customs. However, it also incorporated contemporary elements reflecting today's social values, such as recognition of diverse communities, modern musical contributions, and environmentally conscious practices within the ceremony. The event was carefully designed to communicate the monarchy's enduring relevance while demonstrating its willingness to evolve alongside the nation it serves.

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For decades, Charles has been an outspoken advocate for environmental protection, sustainability, and climate action, often long before these issues became central to public discourse. He has championed organic farming, conservation of natural habitats, and the reduction of carbon emissions, frequently using his public profile to highlight global ecological challenges. Through the establishment of charitable initiatives, collaborations with scientists, and engagement with international environmental organizations, Charles has consistently promoted the importance of responsible stewardship of the planet. His advocacy reflects a belief that the monarchy can play a meaningful role in fostering awareness and motivating action on issues that transcend national boundaries.

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In his role as king, Charles III carries out a wide array of responsibilities that blend ceremonial, symbolic, and practical functions. These duties include representing the United Kingdom at international events, supporting charitable organizations, presiding over state functions, and promoting British culture, trade, and diplomatic interests worldwide. He is also deeply involved in domestic matters, attending official ceremonies, honoring achievements in various fields, and serving as a figure of unity in times of national celebration and crisis. The breadth of these responsibilities illustrates how a modern monarch must combine tradition with active participation in civic and international life, making the role both highly visible and substantively impactful.

(20 points: 5 x 4p)



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IV. Write a text based on the picture below (120-150 words). Please remember to give a title to your text.



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(30 points)

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