EXAMEN DE DIFERENȚE

Geografia Marii Britanii și a SUA – clasa a IX-a

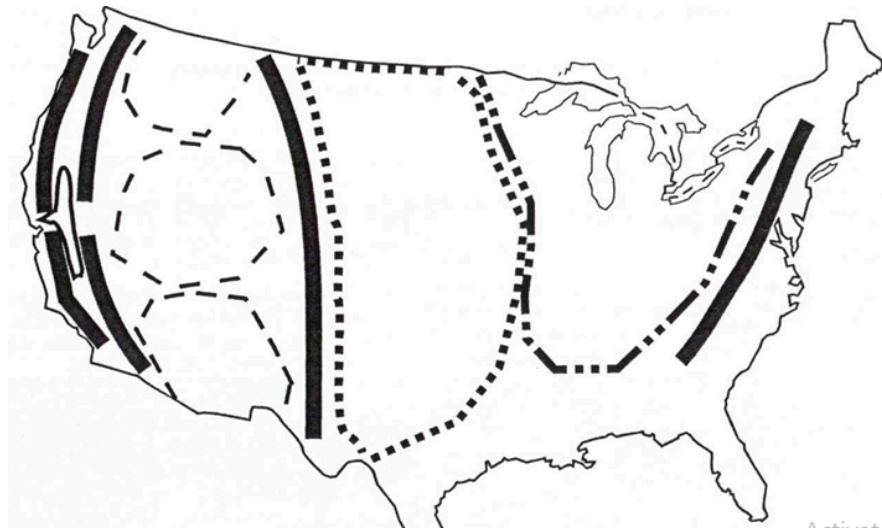## U.S. Geography

I. Choose the correct answer (15 points)

1. What is the major mountain range in the eastern United States?
   a) The Rocky Mountains
   b) The Sierra Nevada
   c) The Appalachian Mountains
   d) The Cascade Range

2. Which large region is characterized by flat, fertile land and is known as the "breadbasket" of the USA?
   a) The Rocky Mountains
   b) The Great Plains
   c) The Coastal Plains
   d) The Intermontane Plateaus

3. The Grand Canyon was carved by which river?
   a) The Mississippi River
   b) The Missouri River
   c) The Colorado River
   d) The Columbia River

4. Which of the following is a vast, dry region located between the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada?
   a) The Great Plains
   b) The Central Valley
   c) The Great Basin
   d) The Coastal Range

5. A large area of subtropical wetlands in Florida is known as:
   a) The Mississippi Delta
   b) The Everglades
   c) The Great Swamp
   d) The Okefenokee

II. Answer the following questions briefly (15 points)

1. Name the two main mountain ranges in the Western U.S.

2. What is the name of the flat, elevated landform west of the Rocky Mountains that includes the Grand Canyon?

3. Which massive river system drains most of the area between the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains?

4. What is the term for the raised land area at the base of the Appalachian Mountains?

5. Which region of the USA is known for its frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity?

III. Identify the following landforms on a blank map of the USA (15 points)

1. The Appalachian Mountains

2. The Great Plains

3. The Rocky Mountains

4. The Great Basin

5. The Gulf Coastal Plain

United Kingdom Geography

I. Choose the correct answer (15 points)

1. What is the most widely used mode of transport for goods (freight) in the UK?

a) Rail

b) Air

c) Road

d) Water (Canals)

2. Which of these is a major advantage of motorways (M roads) in the UK?

a) They are the most scenic routes

b) They carry a high percentage of traffic despite being a small part of the road network

c) They have no speed limits

d) They are free of congestion

3. The Channel Tunnel (Eurotunnel) connects the UK to which country?

a) The Netherlands

b) Belgium

c) France

d) Ireland

4. A key measure to reduce traffic congestion in British towns is:

a) Building more multi-storey car parks in the city center

b) Implementing "Park and Ride" schemes

c) Reducing the number of bus lanes

d) Increasing the number of traffic lights

5. According to the text, what was the primary historical use of Britain's extensive canal network?

a) Leisure boating and tourism

b) Transporting raw materials and goods during the Industrial Revolution

c) Providing drinking water to cities

d) Military defense

II. Answer the following questions briefly (15 points)

1. Name one positive and one negative environmental effect of transport.

2. What is the main purpose of a "bus lane" in urban transport planning?

3. Name one of the major airport that serves London.

4. What is ecotourism?

5. What is the name of the biggest natural protected area of Walles?

III. Identify the following transport or tourist features on a blank map of the UK (15 points)

1. The M25 motorway (circle London)

2. The location of the Channel Tunnel (mark near Dover/Folkestone)

3. Snowdonia National Park (mark in North Wales)

4. A major port city

5. The general region of the Scottish Highlands (as a major tourist area)

Barem de corectare și punctaj:

U.S. Geography

I. Fiecare item corect: 3 puncte

1. c) The Appalachian Mountains

2. b) The Great Plains

3. c) The Colorado River

4. c) The Great Basin

5. b) The Everglades

Total = 15 puncte

II. Fiecare răspuns corect și complet: 3 puncte. Se acceptă răspunsuri apropiate ca sens.

1. The Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada (Se acceptă "The Rocky Mountains and the Cascades")

2. The Colorado Plateau

3. The Mississippi River System (Se acceptă "The Mississippi River" sau "The Mississippi and its tributaries")

4. The Piedmont

5. The Pacific Coast (Se acceptă "West Coast", "Cascade Range", "Ring of Fire")

   Total = 15 puncte

III. Fiecare localizare corectă pe hartă: 3 puncte.

   Total = 15 puncte

United Kingdom Geography

I. Fiecare item corect: 3 puncte

1. c) Road

2. b) They carry a high percentage of traffic despite being a small part of the road network

3. c) France

4. b) Implementing "Park and Ride" schemes which try to limit the number of cars entering the town centre

5. b) Transporting raw materials and goods during the Industrial Revolution

   Total = 15 puncte

II. Fiecare răspuns corect și complet: 3 puncte. Se acceptă răspunsuri apropiate ca sens..

1. Positive: Efficient movement of goods/people, economic benefits, connectivity.
   Negative: Air pollution, noise pollution, congestion, habitat destruction.

2. To give priority to buses / To separate buses from car traffic / To improve the speed and efficiency of public transport.

3. Heathrow/Gatwick / Stansted / Luton

4. Tourism focused on nature and culture that promotes conservation, sustainability, and environmental awareness.

5. Snowdonia

   Total = 15 puncte

III. Fiecare localizare corectă pe hartă: 3 puncte.

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   TOTAL 100 puncte

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