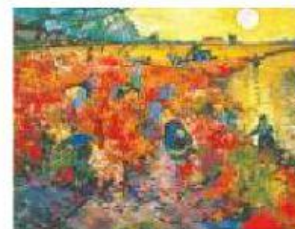


ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and decide if each statement (1-10) is True (A), False (B) or Not Mentioned (C).

Van Gogh was an unstable and unpredictable man, well-known as the 'tortured artist'. His nervous temperament made him a difficult companion. Near the end of 1888, he had a serious argument with his friend, Gauguin. After that, he began to experience frequent episodes of madness. He often changed from being normal to losing his mind. He was finally sent to an asylum in Saint-Remy suffering with depression. He spent much time in the asylum, though it was later believed that he suffered from epilepsy. While staying in the asylum, he painted some 150 paintings. His most famous work "The Starry Night" was painted while staying in the asylum. The only painting he sold during his lifetime, "The Red Vineyard", was created in 1888. In May 1890, Vincent van Gogh left the clinic and went to the physician Paul Gachet, in Auvers-sur-Oise near Paris, where he was closer to his brother Theo, who had recently married. Here van Gogh created the portrait of the melancholic "Dr. Gachet". In two months, Van Gogh painted on average one painting per day.



His depression got worse. On July 27 of the same year, at the age of 37, van Gogh shot himself in the chest. He died two days later, with Theo at his side, who reported his last words as "The sadness will last forever". He was buried at the cemetery of Auvers-sur-Oise; Theo, unable to come to terms with his brother's death, died 6 months later and was buried next to him.

(Words: 251)

| STATEMENTS | | A | B | C |
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| | | TRUE | FALSE | NOT MENTIONED |
| 1. | Van Gogh is described as a calm and reliable person. | | | |
| 2. | After an argument with Gauguin, van Gogh started losing his mind. | | | |
| 3. | Van Gogh stayed in the asylum for a long period of time. | | | |
| 4. | Van Gogh's most famous painting is 'The Red Vineyard'. | | | |
| 5. | When Van Gogh left the asylum, he stopped painting. | | | |
| 6. | Paul Gachet asked van Gogh to make his portrait. | | | |
| 7. | Van Gogh carried a gun to protect himself. | | | |
| 8. | Van Gogh shot himself in the stomach. | | | |
| 9. | Van Gogh was all alone when he died. | | | |
| 10. | Theo wrote van Gogh's biography just after van Gogh's death. | | | |

ΘΕΜΑ 2^α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each underlined word in the sentences below (11-20) with a word from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J). Use each word only once.

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| A. | unpredictable | B. | nervous | C. | serious | D. | finally | E. | famous |
| F. | believed | G. | suffered | H. | recently | I. | argument | J. | sadness |

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| 11. | He felt so <u>worried</u> before the test that his hands started trembling. |
| 12. | Soon after his wife's death, a feeling of <u>unhappiness</u> settled in his heart. |
| 13. | He was afraid of speaking in front of others but, <u>in the end</u> , he managed to overcome all his fears. |
| 14. | On stormy days, weather scientists study <u>irregular</u> changes in temperature. |
| 15. | He had a <u>bad</u> head injury which caused him not to understand or remember anything. |
| 16. | New York is a city <u>well-known</u> for its theaters and nightlife. |
| 17. | The company opened a new shopping center in Athens <u>not long ago</u> . |
| 18. | She is strong and determined because she has <u>been through</u> a lot of hardships in her life. |
| 19. | The children had a(n) <u>disagreement</u> over what game to play. |
| 20. | I never <u>thought</u> that someone could be so kind-hearted and unstable at the same time. |