

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and choose the correct option (A, B or C) for items 1-10.



At the far end of the refugee camp in Kenya stands a plastic make-shift hut. Mesfin, the owner of the hut, is lonely; he lives by himself in an alien land. Once he almost lost his life because of a bundle of firewood. Shame. On this occasion he walked very far from the camp. He collected fallen trees and branches, tied the pieces together with the rope he had carried with him and started his journey back to the camp. He endured the hot sun from above and the burning heat of the sand under his feet. He took strength from the hope that he would reach home safely with his bundle, to cook and to eat his fill. After travelling much of the distance back to the camp, sweating and taking short breaths under the load of the bundle, the unexpected happened. Unfortunately, he met an aggressive local Turkana armed with knives and arrows and was asked to throw the bundle he was carrying down. Poor guy! He tried to reason with the Turkana forgetting that neither of them could understand the other. The local was determined and uncompromising. He threatened Mesfin with his weapons and indicated the place where Mesfin has to place the bundle of wood. When Mesfin understood his position and he knew that he was beaten, he showed submissiveness, abandoned the bundle and restarted the interrupted journey back home. He doesn't know how he covered the remaining distance, since he finished it moving as a corpse, cursing the star under which he had been born. Back at home he lay on his mat. He wondered if it was proper to cry at the age of 40 or so, but it was the only way to keep his sanity; all he could do to keep himself from self-destruction.

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1. The text talks about a refugee in a(n)
A. African country. B. Central European country. C. Central American country.
2. This type of text can be found in a(n)
A. environmental magazine. B. website about refugees. C. a travel blog.
3. The tone of the narration is
A. neutral. B. optimistic. C. pessimistic.
4. In the camp, Mesfin lives
A. with his family. B. with his dog. C. on his own.
5. Despite the burning heat, Mesfin was hopeful because he would have
A. enough firewood for the winter. B. enough food to eat for the rest of the week. C. at least something to eat on that day.
6. When he met the local Turkana, Mesfin
A. started crying. B. was surprised. C. tried to hide.
7. After the incident with the local Turkana, Mesfin left for the camp
A. leaving the firewood behind. B. taking some of the firewood. C. taking all of the firewood.
8. After the incident with the Turkana, Mesfin remembers
A. every detail from his way back to the camp. B. nothing from his way back to the camp. C. seeing a dead man on his way back to the camp.
9. According to the text, Mesfin was a(n)
A. middle-aged man. B. young boy. C. old man.
10. The author of the story appears to feel..... Mesfin.
A. angry with B. disapproval towards C. pity for

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Use the correct form of the following words (A-K) to complete the gaps (11-20) as in the example.

A.	armed	B.	owner	C.	beaten	D.	sanity	E.	lost
F.	moving	G.	unexpected	H.	threatened	I.	forgetting	J.	submissiveness
K.	strength								

During the Greek Revolution of 1821 the Greek army (ex.) was mainly funded by Philhellenes from Europe and Greeks from abroad. The revolution burst out with high (11) _____. It started in Peloponnese and gradually spread towards the North. On the other hand, the Ottomans' most lethal military corps was the Janissaries, physically (12) _____ and well-trained soldiers, who were kidnapped at a young age and were trained to become (13) _____ killers. They had (14) _____ their origins and not even their (15) _____ mothers could (16) _____ their hearts. They were (17) _____ to the Sultan and constituted a great (18) _____ for the unarmed population as they used to slaughter civilians. Nevertheless, mothers whose children had been kidnapped by the Ottoman army always looked for them among the Janissaries. The (19) _____ of their children haunted them throughout their life; that is why some of them even became (20) _____ when they realized that the hope to find their children again was a vanity.