

## ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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

Andrea del Verrocchio (1435-1488) was born in Florence in or about 1435. His father worked as a tile and brick maker and, later, as a tax collector. Verrocchio never married, and had to provide financial support for some members of his family. He was at first apprenticed to a goldsmith. He was an Italian sculptor, goldsmith and painter who worked at the court of Lorenzo de Medici in Florence in the early Renaissance. Few paintings are attributed to him with certainty, but a number of important painters were trained at his workshop. His pupils included Leonardo da Vinci, Pietro Perugino and Lorenzo di Credi. His greatest importance was as a sculptor and his last work, the equestrian statue of Bartolomeo Colleoni in Venice, is universally accepted as a masterpiece.

A small painting on panel of Tobias ("Tobias and the angel") as he sets out on his journey with the Archangel Raphael, carrying the fish with which he was to heal his father's blindness, was probably painted as a private devotional picture. It is now in London at the National Gallery. "The Baptism of Christ", now in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, was painted in 1474-75. In this work Verrocchio was assisted by Leonardo da Vinci, then a youth and a member of his workshop, who painted the angel on the left and the part of the background above. Andrea resolved never to touch the brush again because Leonardo, his pupil, had far surpassed him. "The Madonna enthroned with John the Baptist and St Donato" is in the Cathedral at Pistoia. It had been left unfinished and was completed by Lorenzo di Credi when Verrocchio was in Venice near the end of his life. He died in Venice in 1488. He is one of the most important Italian sculptors of the Renaissance.



(301 words)

| STATEMENTS |  | A    | B     | C             |
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|            |  | TRUE | FALSE | NOT MENTIONED |
| 1.         | Verrocchio's family did not approve of him becoming a painter.                                       |      |       |               |
| 2.         | Lorenzo de Medici was Verrocchio's employer.   |      |       |               |
| 3.         | Verrocchio created a large number of paintings during his life.                                      |      |       |               |
| 4.         | The statue of Bartolomeo Colleoni is located in Florence.  |      |       |               |
| 5.         | The painting "Tobias and the angel" is on display in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.                 |      |       |               |
| 6.         | When Verrocchio painted "The Baptism of Christ", he received help from one of his pupils.            |      |       |               |
| 7.         | Verrocchio decided to stop painting because he realized that da Vinci was a better painter than him. |      |       |               |
| 8.         | Leonardo da Vinci and Lorenzo di Credi financially supported Verrocchio near the end of his life.    |      |       |               |
| 9.         | "The Madonna enthroned with John the Baptist and St Donato" is Verrocchio's favourite painting.      |      |       |               |
| 10.        | Verrocchio is considered more important as a painter than as a sculptor.                             |      |       |               |

ΘΕΜΑ 2<sup>ο</sup>. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

|    |        |    |        |    |           |    |           |    |          |    |       |
|----|--------|----|--------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|----------|----|-------|
| A. | assist | B. | accept | C. | financial | D. | end       | E. | complete | F. | paint |
| G. | member | H. | work   | I. | train     | J. | important | K. | fish     |    |       |

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| <b>EXAMPLE</b> | We went to the gallery to admire his <b>PAINTINGS</b> . He is such a talented artist!   |
| <b>11.</b>     | I wonder whether it is _____ to ask your employees to cancel their summer holidays in order to finish a project.  |
| <b>12.</b>     | As soon as you pay the subscription fee, you will get a(n) _____ card that allows you to attend all the events our club organizes. In addition, you have a 50% discount on all items at our gift shop.  |
| <b>13.</b>     | Look at that sign! _____ is forbidden in this part of the lake! We'd better go somewhere else. Where is your map?   |
| <b>14.</b>     | I don't like romantic films. They are so predictable! They always have a happy _____. I prefer more realistic plots that highlight social or personal events and mirror everyday life of normal people. |
| <b>15.</b>     | Teachers can't give pupils any _____ in exams; they need to let pupils show what they have learnt to that point.  |
| <b>16.</b>     | Why are you surprised at your exam results? Most of your answers were _____ wrong. I'm afraid you'll have to try harder next time.  |
| <b>17.</b>     | Our company recognizes the _____ of regular staff training; that is why special training seminars are organized every three months.   |
| <b>18.</b>     | Well, she never disagrees with her parents because she is still _____ dependent on them! She needs to find a job, if she wants to become more independent.  |
| <b>19.</b>     | "The company is planning to hire 200 _____ for the construction of the new department store in the center of the city. I think you should apply".<br>"Do you know how much they're paying?"             |
| <b>20.</b>     | Be careful! Excessive or hard _____ may get you in trouble! You may even hurt yourself, and then you won't be able to take part in the race!  |