## ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



Van Gogh was an unstable and unpredictable adult man, well-known as the 'tortured artist'. His nervous **temperament** made him a difficult companion. Near the end of 1988, he had a serious argument with his friend, Gaugin. After that, he began to experience frequent fits 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 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, after a fit of painting activity, 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: 254)**

**1.** The text talks about Vincent van Gogh's
**A.** childhood. **B.** family life. **C.** adult life.

**2.** A suitable title for this text could be
**A.** "Van Gogh's final years". **B.** "Van Gogh's fame". **C.** "Van Gogh's paintings".

**3.** In the text the underlined word "**temperament**" is closest in meaning to
**A.** opinion. **B.** temperature. **C.** character.

**4.** After his argument with Gaugin, van Gogh
**A.** moved to a new house. **B.** started losing his mind. **C.** started seeing Dr. Gachet.

**5.** Vincent van Gogh was sent to an asylum because he suffered from
**A.** migraines. **B.** epilepsy. **C.** depression.

**6.** "The Starry Night" was
**A.** painted in the asylum. **B.** Van Gogh's first painting. **C.** bought by Dr. Gachet.

**7.** While van Gogh was still alive,
**A.** all of his paintings were sold. **B.** one of his paintings was sold. **C.** few of his paintings were sold.

**8.** In the text the underlined word "**on average**" is closest in meaning to
**A.** less than. **B.** more or less. **C.** more than.

**9.** The writer describes the portrait of Dr. Gachet as
**A.** passionate. **B.** cheerful. **C.** sad.

**10.** van Gogh's brother died because
**A.** he couldn't accept Vincent's death. **B.** he caught an illness while in hospital. **C.** Vincent shot him in the chest.

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## ΘΕΜΑ 2ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

**Fill each gap in sentences 11-20 with the correct word from the box below (A-J). Use each option only once.**

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| **A.** | unpredictable | **B.** | nervous | **C.** | serious | **D.** | finally | **E.** | depression |
| **F.** | believed | **G.** | suffered | **H.** | recently | **I.** | activity | **J.** | well-known |

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| **11.** | After the earthquake, there were no reports of _____ injuries. |
| **12.** | None of us _____ the old man's story. It all sounded so crazy! |
| **13.** | There was a lot of _____ in preparation for the Prime Minister's visit to our school. |
| **14.** | They decided to have their wedding in July or August, as the weather can be quite _____ in March or April. |
| **15.** | We could try to invite some _____ artists to next year's festival. |
| **16.** | John _____ a lot when he lost his parents in a car accident. |
| **17.** | After searching for months, he _____ managed to find a job in a big car company. |
| **18.** | People who are diagnosed with _____ need professional help or medical treatment. |
| **19.** | It is natural to feel _____ before an exam. Everyone wonders if they will be able to answer the questions or if they will remember what they have studied. |
| **20.** | Until very _____ he worked as a teacher, so he still misses being in a classroom. |

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