ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



In a short period of ten years Van Gogh made approximately 900 paintings. Van Gogh's finest works were produced in less than three years in a technique that showed his passion in brushstroke, in colour and in the movement of form and line. Dramatic, imaginative, and emotional, the artist was trying to explain either his struggle against madness or his understanding of man and nature.

Van Gogh's influence on expressionism was enormous and can be seen in many aspects of 20th-century art. His brother's wife collected Van Gogh's paintings and letters after his death and dedicated herself to getting his work the recognition it deserved. It would not take long before his fame grew higher and higher. Today, several paintings by Van Gogh rank among the most expensive paintings in the world. On March 30, 1987 Van Gogh's painting "Irises" was sold for a record $53.9 million at Sotheby's, New York. His Portrait of Doctor Gachet was sold for $82.5 million at Christie's, thus establishing a new price record.



Vincent van Gogh was also a passionate letter writer. Of the countless letters he passionately wrote to his friends and family more than 800 have been preserved, as well as approximately 80 letters that he had received. In one of his letters, he supports that "There are so many people, especially among our pals, who imagine that words are nothing. On the contrary, don't you think, it's as interesting and as difficult to say a thing well as to paint a thing."

(Extract: 248 words)

	STATEMENTS	A TRUE	B FALSE	C NOT MENTIONED
1.	In about ten years, van Gogh created over nine thousand paintings.			
2.	He created his best works of art in his house in Paris.			
3.	Van Gogh fought against his mental illness.			
4.	Van Gogh influenced expressionism to a great extent.			
5.	His brother's wife was not interested in Van Gogh's paintings.			
6.	The portrait of Doctor Gachet was sold at a price record.			
7.	Van Gogh enjoyed spending time with his friends.			
8.	Van Gogh sent about 500 letters to his brother.			
9.	According to van Gogh, using the right words to express ideas clearly is a difficult thing.			
10.	According to van Gogh, writing is not as fascinating as painting.			

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ΘΕΜΑ 2ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each of the phrases below (11-20) with a word from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J).

A.	approximately	**B.**	movement	**C.**	dramatic	**D.**	emotional	**E.**	influence
F.	deserve	**G.**	fame	**H.**	support	**I.**	passionately	**J.**	receive

11.	Having and/or expressing strong feelings.
12.	A change of position.
13.	The power to make other people agree with your opinions or do what you want.
14.	Happening suddenly in a very noticeable or surprising way.
15.	To help someone because you want him/her to succeed.
16.	Close to a particular number or period of time.
17.	To receive something because of your actions or qualities.
18.	Doing something in a way that shows strong feelings or beliefs.
19.	To get or be given something.
20.	A situation when one is known or recognized by many people.

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