ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



A police officer who switched places with the hostages during a French supermarket attack has died, bringing the number of victims to four. Police shot dead the attacker after having committed a series of attacks in Carcassonne, southern France that ended in the three-hour supermarket hostage-taking. The attacker, named as Radouane Lakdim, 25, was born in Morocco but lived in Carcassonne.

Lt Col Arnaud Beltrame, the police officer who had swapped places with the hostages, was found seriously hurt. Early on Saturday morning, the French interior ministry said Beltrame had died from his injuries, and praised the officer's **heroism**. Two other officers were hurt by gunshots during the attack.

The situation at the supermarket lasted just over three hours, during which the gunman had asked for the release of Salah Abdeslam, the only surviving member of the group that carried out the November 2015 Paris attacks, French state TV reported. Abdeslam is kept in a prison cell alone in a French prison as the investigation into the Paris attacks continues. The interior ministry said Lakdim was acting alone in Friday's attack. The state lawyer said he had been on an intelligence watchlist since 2014 because of his contacts with the Islamic state in Carcassone. Lakdim had been convicted twice in 2011 and 2015 for minor crimes, including drug dealing. He had served one month in prison in 2016. The lawyer said that while he was being watched, security services had not seen signs that suggested Lakdim would commit an attack.

(Words: 243)

1. The text talks about an attack that took place in
A. Paris. **B.** Morocco. **C.** Carcassonne.

2. Lakdim is responsible for
A. the supermarket attack only. **B.** a number of attacks. **C.** killing three policemen.

3. When the police entered the supermarket the police officer
A. was dead. **B.** was wounded. **C.** had killed the attacker.

4. Lakdim carried out the attack because he wanted to
A. help another attacker. **B.** become famous. **C.** kill a policeman.

5. Lakdim carried out the attack
A. with a group of supporters. **B.** with the help of Abdeslam. **C.** on his own.

6. Lakdim was being watched by the police because of his connections with
A. other drug dealers. **B.** the Islamic State. **C.** the French State.

7. Lakdim had
A. escaped from prison twice. **B.** been sent to prison twice. **C.** spent a month in prison.

8. The French authorities believed that Lakdim would
A. never carry out an attack. **B.** try to help Salah Abdeslam. **C.** escape to Morocco.

9. The French police is still investigating
A. the supermarket attack. **B.** the Paris 2015 attacks. **C.** signs for new attacks.

10. In the text, the underlined word "**heroism**" is closest in meaning to
A. certainty. **B.** bravery. **C.** honesty.

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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.

A.	minor	**B.**	claiming	**C.**	investigation	**D.**	crimes	**E.**	praised
F.	hostages	**G.**	released	**H.**	switched	**I.**	swapped	**J.**	suspect

11.	She started studying Computer Science at college but ____ to Business Studies in her second year.
12.	A group of terrorists attacked the Radisson bank last Monday morning and three of the security guards were taken ____.
13.	The number of people ____ unemployment benefit has risen sharply in recent years.
14.	Would you mind if Dave ____ places with you for a while? I haven't talked to him for ages!
15.	She was ____ for her amazing performance in the international dance competition.
16.	People about to be ____ from prison often experience mixed feelings of fear, anxiety and excitement.
17.	No one is allowed to talk to the Press until the police ____ is over and suspects of the attack are arrested.
18.	Last Friday the police arrested a ____ for a series of burglaries in our neighbourhood.
19.	He lost control of the car and crashed into a telephone pole but, luckily, he got out of the car with ____ injuries.
20.	He has admitted committing several ____, including two bank robberies.

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