ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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

Andrea del Verrocchio (c.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)

1. This kind of text can be found
- **A.** on a website about famous artists.
- **B.** on a tourist website about Rome.
- **C.** in a book about Renaissance architecture.

2. A suitable title for this text could be:
- **A.** "A great artist, a great teacher"
- **B.** "Leonardo da Vinci and his teachers"
- **C.** "Painting the walls of the Venice Cathedral"

3. Lorenzo de Medici was
- **A.** Verrocchio's teacher.
- **B.** Verrocchio's employer.
- **C.** Verrocchio's relative.

4. Verrocchio's family
- **A.** did not approve of him becoming a painter.
- **B.** wanted him to become a tax collector.
- **C.** relied on his financial help.

5. We cannot be certain about
- **A.** the paintings Verrocchio created.
- **B.** the identity of Verrocchio's pupils.
- **C.** Verrocchio's place of birth.

6. The statue of Bartolomeo Colleoni is located in
- **A.** Florence.
- **B.** Pistoia.
- **C.** Venice.

7. The painting "Tobias and the angel"
- **A.** is on display in London.
- **B.** was completed by da Vinci.
- **C.** is in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.

8. Verrocchio wanted to stop painting because
- **A.** he preferred to create sculptures.
- **B.** he was angry with his pupils.
- **C.** he realized that da Vinci was a better painter than him.

9. According to the text, Lorenzo di Credi
- **A.** provided financial support to Verrocchio.
- **B.** completed work that Verrocchio had started.
- **C.** made better sculptures than Verrocchio.

10. The author of the text suggests that Verrocchio
- **A.** spent most of his life in Venice.
- **B.** did not trust the members of his workshop.
- **C.** was more skilled as a sculptor than as a painter.

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ΘΕΜΑ 2α. 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.**	~~paint~~	**D.**	important	**E.**	complete	**F.**	support
G.	private	**H.**	work	**I.**	train	**J.**	include	**K.**	fish		

EXAMPLE	We went to the gallery to admire his **PAINTINGS**. He is such a talented artist!
11.	Tom wanted to become a politician, so he decided to take part in the upcoming general elections. I don't think he has many _____ that will vote for him, though. A total waste of time and money!
12.	My grandfather was a _____. Although he had his own boat, it was hard for him to make a living. Therefore, he encouraged his children to study hard in order to find better-paid jobs.
13.	Eight people, _____ two children, were injured in a fire caused by a huge explosion in south-west France.
14.	He had changed so much that I hardly recognized him; with the beard and the glasses he looked _____ different from the young boy we used to go to school together.
15.	I absolutely loved the horse-riding seminar! I ended up learning so many new things! Our _____ showed us how to ride a horse safely and even gave us special tips for beginners.
16.	Mark was screaming and banging his fist on the table. Such behaviour is totally _____ in our school. I wonder why his parents let him behave this way.
17.	I went to the department store because I wanted to find a nice birthday present for Mary, my mother's private doctor. I am so grateful for all the _____ she has offered to my mother!
18.	Good teachers must be enthusiastic with good communication skills but, most _____, they must be patient with their students.
19.	This is a very personal matter so I would like to speak _____ with the manager. Could I make an appointment with him, please?
20.	Mr. Peterson agreed to meet the members of the committee and discuss the problems of the factory _____ provided they ended the strike.

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