ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



The sale of alcoholic drinks to children below the age of 18 as well as their entry to bars or clubs is banned by the Greek law. However, these laws are never actually followed and, what's worse, a lot of these places are even getting away with selling potentially lethal adulterated drinks. "Alcohol-related harm is the third biggest factor in the rise of death and serious disease in Europe. At the same time, it is a legal and widely available product that is economically important to businesses and states. All of this requires a multidimensional approach to the issue, but under no circumstances should we treat alcohol as something innocent, especially when it comes to young people" said a clinical psychologist.

"In Greece children first taste alcohol much sooner than in other European countries, and many parents actually encourage their children –wrongly, of course- to taste beer or wine at a very your age," he added. This **misguided** practice is motivated by the belief that trying alcohol at a young age will take the 'mystery' out of it and make children less eager to get their hands on it. Another fact related to the cultural aspect of the issue, apart from the easy access, is the belief that alcohol consumption tends to be higher in the countryside than in urban areas such as Athens. That said, alcohol consumption among **minors** has decreased steadily since 1980s, pointing to more public awareness. "People need to realise that alcohol is not harmless. It can cause addiction, such as narcotics or nicotine," said the clinical psychologist. "It is of great importance to educate children at school and in the home. Banning alcohol is not the way to solve the problem, especially when it comes to teens, who see breaking the law as a challenge."

(Words: 300)

1. The purpose of the text is to
- **A.** warn about the dangers of illegal drinks.
- **B.** inform people about teen alcohol consumption.
- **C.** explain the most common causes of alcoholism.

2. Who would be most interested in reading this text?
- **A.** Wine producers.
- **B.** Parents and teachers.
- **C.** The general public.

3. Clubs and bars
- **A.** forbid the consumption of alcoholic drinks by teenagers.
- **B.** may sell illegal drinks to their customers.
- **C.** are sent to court for selling illegal drinks.

4. Alcohol consumption
- **A.** has a financial impact on states.
- **B.** is legal and innocent.
- **C.** can be found only in bars.

5. Greek children
- **A.** taste alcoholic drinks after the age of 18.
- **B.** are not allowed by their parents to try alcohol.
- **C.** taste alcoholic drinks earlier than other European children.

6. According to the text, more alcohol is consumed by
- **A.** people in Athens.
- **B.** people in the countryside.
- **C.** teens all over Greece.

7. Nicotine and alcohol
- **A.** have a lot in common.
- **B.** have nothing in common.
- **C.** are both harmless.

8. According to the text, it is important to educate teens
- **A.** not to drink at school.
- **B.** to stay away from alcohol.
- **C.** not to break the law.

9. In the text, the underlined word **"misguided"** is closest in meaning to
- **A.** incorrect
- **B.** unpredictable
- **C.** confusing

10. In the text, the underlined word **"minors"** is closest in meaning to people who are
- **A.** under the age of 18.
- **B.** not important.
- **C.** over the age of 18.

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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 word only once.

A.	availability	**B.**	solution	**C.**	innocence	**D.**	illegally	**E.**	harmful
F.	discourage	**G.**	eagerly	**H.**	accessible	**I.**	unaware	**J.**	challenging

11.	A psychologist may help you talk through your problems, but you will still need to find the _____ to them yourself.
12.	After four years of studying abroad, Sarah is coming back home soon and her parents are _____ awaiting her arrival.
13.	All citizens have welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to close the factory; its owners had repeatedly refused to take any measures against the emission of _____ gases.
14.	Her parents tried to_____ her from taking up an extreme hobby but she was determined to test her limits!
15.	"I am planning a business trip to Madrid next month but I haven't checked the ____ of flights yet. Can you please check it out for me and let me know of any cheap morning flights?"
16.	According to her attorney, Ms Smith has always maintained her _____ and is very happy to move on with her life and put the episode behind her.
17.	Mary is an expert in Mathematics and finds particular interest in solving _____ crosswords, Sudoku puzzles or brain teaser games with no easy answers.
18.	The new shopping center is very _____ because it is situated in the city centre; you can easily get there by bus.
19.	The criminals were arrested by the police while they were trying to _____ cross the borders with the stolen money hidden in the boot of their car.
20.	The actor was totally _____ of the fact that he was being filmed while eating out with his family; he couldn't believe his eyes when he came across a video published online without his permission!

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