

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 young 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 aim of the text is to
 - A. warn us about the dangers of various addictive substances.
 - B. raise awareness in terms of teen alcohol use.
 - C. explain why alcohol should be banned in clubs.
2. A suitable title for the text would be
 - A. A national plan.
 - B. Ban alcohol in schools.
 - C. Teens and alcohol use.
3. The Greek law
 - A. allows teens to enter bars and clubs.
 - B. forbids entry to bars and clubs for teenagers.
 - C. bans teen alcohol use in bars and clubs.
4. According to the clinical psychologist, alcohol is
 - A. Illegal.
 - B. harmful.
 - C. innocent.
5. Greek parents encourage their children to try beer or wine
 - A. in order to feel the mystery.
 - B. In order to demystify alcohol.
 - C. for no special reason.
6. Trying alcohol at a young age is a practice that the writer
 - A. approves of.
 - B. finds interesting.
 - C. disapproves of.
7. The clinical psychologist suggests that the rates of alcohol use are
 - A. higher in urban areas.
 - B. lower in big cities.
 - C. higher in Athens.
8. Alcohol use among teens has decreased since 1980s because people
 - A. consider it a drug.
 - B. think it is harmless.
 - C. are more aware of its dangers.
9. The solution to excessive or underage alcohol consumption is to educate children to
 - A. avoid alcohol.
 - B. stay at home.
 - C. listen to their parents.
10. In the text the underlined word "challenge" is closest in meaning to
 - A. threat.
 - B. test.
 - C. danger.

ΘΕΜΑ 2^α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	mysterious	B.	decrease	C.	educator	D.	illegal	E.	economical
F.	consume	G.	addiction	H.	productive	I.	tasty	J.	misguided

11. Teenagers' _____ to computer games can lead to their spending too much time indoors instead of meeting friends or doing any outdoor activities.

12. The man died under _____ circumstances. His neighbours heard nothing strange but there are strong indications that he must have been murdered.

13. My doctor strongly advised me to _____ the amount of fat I eat every day; otherwise, I will definitely end up suffering from high blood pressure.

14. His untidy hair and dirty clothes gave a(n) _____ impression of his financial state and social status; he was a wealthy man dressed in rags!

15. All meals served at this restaurant are really _____ because they are made from naturally-grown organic products.

16. Although he is a kind, well-mannered young man, he has been involved in a number of _____ activities and has been in and out of prison several times over the past few years.

17. This building is really huge! I think it will be rather difficult to find a(n) _____ way to heat it without paying a fortune.

18. Our high living standards cause our present population to _____ 25 percent of the world's oil. If we keep on overusing our natural resources, our survival on Earth will be placed under serious threat.

19. We had a very _____ meeting and managed to sort out a lot of our problems.

20. One of the great things about being a(n) _____ is helping students believe in themselves and follow their dreams.