ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and decide if each statement (1-10) is True (A) or False (B).

The history of post

Hermes was the first 'postman-god'. According to mythology, Hermes was the son of Zeus and Maia. Besides leading the dead people's souls to Hades, Hermes brought luck, wealth and sleep to people and was the messenger of the gods living on Mount Olympus. His head used to be printed on Greek stamps of the past.

The invention of stamps is closely related to the invention of modern paper and to the Industrial Revolution, when people started to learn how to read and write. In earlier times, only the rich people and the rulers of countries sent messages with their servants. The letters were written on various materials, such as the skin of a sheep and tablets made of clay. Papyrus (a kind of plant that mostly grows in the Nile Valley in Egypt) was used by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

Modern paper started being made in England in the 15th century. Horses and guides carried mail using the five main roads leading to London from different parts of the country. This mail service belonged to the King. It was His Majesty's Mail. It goes without saying that if he wished to read a citizen's private mail, he could easily do so.

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	STATEMENTS	A TRUE	B FALSE
1.	Hermes was the first Greek "postman" who carried gods' messages.		
2.	In our days, Hermes' head is printed on all Greek stamps.		
3.	Rich people in the past wrote their letters only on clay tablets.		
4.	People started sending letters to each other during the Industrial Revolution.		
5.	The papyrus plant grew in ancient Rome and Greece.		
6.	Stamps were invented at about the same time as paper.		
7.	During the Industrial Revolution, more and more people began to read and write.		
8.	By the 15th century, trains carried mail to every part of England.		
9.	In England only the King could use the mail service in the 15th century.		
10.	The King of England was not allowed to read citizens' personal mail.		

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ΘΕΜΑ 2α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each underlined word in the sentences below (11-20) with a word/phrase from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J). Use each word only once.

A.	leader	**B.**	people	**C.**	in addition to	**D.**	past	**E.**	richness
F.	cloth	**G.**	shows	**H.**	personal	**I.**	devices	**J.**	different

11.	She runs a successful business, **besides** looking after her children and her sick mother.
12.	The film **features** James Dean as a worried teenager.
13.	I think that the television is one of the most amazing **inventions** ever made.
14.	He was the **ruler** of the country for over 20 years.
15.	The company has got offices in **various** parts of the country.
16.	My teacher has a small office next to our classroom, which is used for **private** discussions.
17.	Her dress was made of a soft, silky **material**.
18.	People have lived in this valley since **ancient** times.
19.	I think that it is a really good idea to make a film about our town and its **citizens.**
20.	Having an expensive car can be a sign of **wealth.**

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