ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



Greek law prohibits the sale of alcoholic drinks to children younger than 18 years old. Yet these laws are never enforced Alcohol consumption among teenagers in Greece is **widespread**, largely because it is considered socially acceptable, even taking place in the home. According to a study on youngsters aged up to 16 by the University Mental Health Research Institute (UMHRI) in Athens, 94.1 percent of respondents in Greece had consumed alcohol at some point. "Alcohol-related harm is the third biggest factor in the rise of morbidity and mortality in Europe. At the same time, it is a legal and very 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. "Children in Greece 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," added the clinical psychologist. This misguided practice tends to be spurred by the belief that it will take the mystique out of alcohol and make children less **eager** to get their hands on it later. However, it also breeds familiarity with alcoholic drinks and the data show that 4.7 percent of under-16s got drunk for the first time when they were younger than 13. Another fact pointing to the cultural aspects of the issue as well as the effect of having easier access to large amounts of alcohol is that alcohol consumption in general tends to be higher in rural parts of the country than in Athens and other cities. That said, alcohol consumption among minors in Greece has decreased steadily since the 1980s, pointing to more public awareness.

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1. This kind of text can most probably be found in a
A. news website. **B.** scientific journal. **C.** wine guide.

2. In Greece, the age limit for the sale of alcoholic drinks to individuals is
A. 16 years old. **B.** 18 years old. **C.** 13 years old.

3. In Greece, alcohol consumption among teenagers is widespread because of
A. social acceptability. **B.** limited parental control. **C.** strict law enforcement.

4. In Athens, the majority of Greek teenagers under sixteen
A. are forced to consume alcohol at home during family gatherings. **B.** have experienced alcohol consumption at some stage. **C.** believe that alcohol consumption causes no harm.

5. Some Greek parents encourage their children to taste alcohol at a young age in order to
A. increase their imagination. **B.** promote responsible drinking. **C.** reduce alcohol's mystique.

6. A possible consequence of children tasting alcohol at a young age is
A. increased curiosity about alcohol. **B.** higher level of familiarity with alcoholic drinks. **C.** reduced interest in alcohol at an older age.

7. The clinical psychologist suggests that the consumption of alcohol by teenagers
A. should not be allowed at social events. **B.** should be allowed only at social events. **C.** is a serious matter that requires careful consideration.

8. Alcohol consumption is higher in rural parts of Greece compared to cities because of
A. the limited availability of alcohol in urban areas. **B.** the strict law enforcement in urban areas. **C.** the increased availability of alcohol in rural areas.

9. In the text, the underlined word **'widespread'** means
A. unfavorable. **B.** popular. **C.** limited.

10. In the text, the underlined word **'eager'** means
A. enthusiastic. **B.** anxious. **C.** hesitant.

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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.	cultural	**B.**	steadily	**C.**	innocent	**D.**	consumption	**E.**	available
F.	awareness	**G.**	rural	**H.**	pointing	**I.**	access	**J.**	data

11.	As a step towards reducing our carbon footprint and minimizing air pollution, individuals should stop using cars with high petrol _____ and opt for more eco-friendly transportation alternatives.
12.	The star Polaris, commonly known as the North Star, serves as a reliable navigational aid for travellers, always _____ to the north in the night sky.
13.	The vibrant festivals and traditional ceremonies showcase the rich _____ heritage of the region, inviting both locals and tourists to immerse themselves in the different types of celebrations.
14.	Tickets for the concert are _____ for purchase at the box office or through our online booking platform.
15.	There continues to be a shortage of jobs for young people in many _____ areas, leaving them with limited employment opportunities and often leading to their migration to urban centers in search of better prospects.
16.	Ensuring equal _____to education for all children, regardless of their background, is a fundamental principle of inclusive and equitable societies.
17.	According to recent survey _____, people's participation in sports varies significantly based on factors such as age, gender and geographical location.
18.	After a thorough examination of the evidence presented during the trial, the court found him _____ of all charges, leading to his immediate release.
19.	Over the past decade, the popularity of renewable energy sources has been _____ increasing, reflecting a global shift towards more sustainable energy options.
20.	The documentary aimed to raise public _____ about a number of endangered species in the Amazon rainforest and to stress the urgent need to protect their habitats and ensure their survival.

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