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, or their entry to bars and clubs. Yet these laws are never enforced and, unfortunately, a lot of these places are even getting away with selling potentially lethal adulterated spirits. 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. "Greece is a wine-producing country and drinking wine or other alcoholic drinks is part of the country's cultural heritage. You cannot imagine a festive dinner without there being wine, beer or some form of alcohol on the table. The question is how societies can hold onto the positive aspects of such cultural traits and avoid the **harmful consequences**." "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. However, it also breeds familiarity with alcoholic drinks.

(Words: 300)

1. This kind of text can be found in
- **A.** a psychology book.
- **B.** an encyclopedia.
- **C.** a daily newspaper.

2. The main aim of the text is to
- **A.** present celebratory traditions in Greece.
- **B.** raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking.
- **C.** present possible penalties for underage drinking.

3. In Greece, there is a ban on drinking alcohol for
- **A.** adults
- **B.** teens.
- **C.** bar owners.

4. In Greece, many bars and clubs go against the law by
- **A.** offering only beer to the general public.
- **B.** serving alcoholic drinks to teenagers.
- **C.** organizing special dinners for families.

5. The text suggests that it is common for young people in Greece to drink because
- **A.** they are influenced by their friends.
- **B.** they are influenced by marketing campaigns.
- **C.** they are used to drinking at home with their parents.

6. According to the text, consuming alcohol from a young age
- **A.** is legal in Greece.
- **B.** is common all over Europe.
- **C.** may result in harm.

7. When it comes to teenage drinking, the clinical psychologist suggests that we should
- **A.** treat it as harmful.
- **B.** encourage frequent consumption.
- **C.** promote its health benefits.

8. According to the text, some Greek parents
- **A.** discourage their children from consuming alcohol.
- **B.** do not allow alcohol consumption during meals.
- **C.** play a role in shaping their children's drinking habits.

9. In the text, the underlined phrase **'under no circumstances'** means
- **A.** usually.
- **B.** always.
- **C.** never.

10. In the text, the underlined phrase **'harmful consequences'** means
- **A.** damaging results.
- **B.** positive outcomes.
- **C.** beneficial effects.

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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.	required	**B.**	enforce	**C.**	legal	**D.**	prohibited	**E.**	circumstances
F.	factor	**G.**	consequences	**H.**	potentially	**I.**	harmful	**J.**	encouraged

11.	From a young age, her parents have always _____ her to explore her interests and talents, fostering an environment of support and positivity.
12.	Despite the challenging and unpredictable _____ that life often presents, she remained determined and focused on achieving her goals.
13.	The discovery of the new chemical substance brought excitement to the members of the research team, as its unique properties could _____ lead to ground-breaking advancements in various industries.
14.	Smoking is strictly _____ inside the building in an attempt to offer a clean and healthy environment to all our employees.
15.	If temperatures continue to rise, it could have disastrous _____ for agriculture, causing shifts in growing seasons, decreased crop yields and increased vulnerability to pests and diseases.
16.	Smoking is _____ to your health as it significantly increases the risk of various serious medical conditions, including heart disease and respiratory disorders.
17.	The cost of the apartment was a significant_____ in their decision to move to a smaller one in the suburbs of the city.
18.	Before signing a contract, it is always wise to seek _____ advice by a professional in order to ensure that you fully understand the terms included in such a type of document.
19.	The completion of the training program is _____ for all new employees as part of the onboarding process in order to make sure that they are all equipped with the essential knowledge and understanding of company policies.
20.	The local authorities are determined to _____ the new law and will employ all available measures to ensure that everyone adheres to the revised safety protocols.

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