ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and decide if each statement (1-10) is True (A), False (B) or Not Mentioned (C).



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, what is worse, a lot of these places are even getting away with selling potentially lethal adulterated spirits. Unfortunately, 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. 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 and the data show that 4.7 percent of under-16s got drunk for the first time when they were younger than 13 years old. Another fact pointing to the cultural aspects of the issue, as well as the effect of having easier access, 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 has decreased steadily since the 1980s, pointing to more public awareness. "People need to acknowledge that alcohol is not harmless. It is an addictive substance like nicotine and narcotics," said the clinical psychologist. "The main thing is to educate children at school and in the home. Banning it is not the way to really solve the problem, especially when it comes to teens that see breaking a ban as a challenge." Experts want to see more being done to tackle the phenomenon on every level and point to the proliferation of sweet fizzy drinks that contain alcohol as a sign that there is not enough awareness on the part of the state and consumers.

(Words: 300)

	STATEMENTS	A TRUE	B FALSE	C NOT MENTIONED
1.	In Greece, alcohol consumption is closely connected with celebratory occasions and cultural events.			
2.	The Greek law permits the sale of alcohol to people over 18 years old.			
3.	Some drinks sold at Greek bars could potentially be fatal.			
4.	In Greece, parents bear no responsibility for increased alcohol consumption observed among teenagers.			
5.	Statistics show that some individuals in Greece have experienced their first episode of intoxication before turning 13 years old.			
6.	Excessive alcohol consumption is a problem in Greece because it is a wine producing country.			
7.	Alcohol consumption can be controlled if there is more public awareness.			
8.	According to the clinical psychologist, alcohol constitutes an addictive substance.			
9.	Implementing a ban on alcohol consumption is an effective solution to address the issue.			
10.	Clinical psychologists are satisfied with the educational workshops on addictions offered to school children in Greece.			

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ΘΕΜΑ 2α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Use the correct form of the following words (A-K) to complete the gaps (11-20) as in the example.

A.	educate	**B.**	taste	**C.**	prohibit	**D.**	consumer	**E.**	effective
F.	entry	**G.**	addict	**H.**	harmless	**I.**	eager	**J.**	proliferation
K.	~~familiarity~~								

EXAMPLE	As she walked down the street, the houses and shops started to look more and more **FAMILIAR**, reminding her of the neighbourhood where she grew up.
11.	The misinformation spread through social media can cause significant _____ to public understanding and decision-making.
12.	The government's _____ of certain types of fireworks aims to reduce the risk of accidents and injuries during festive celebrations.
13.	In recent years, the use of smartphones has _____ among children and teenagers, becoming almost omnipresent in their daily lives.
14.	He _____ showed his enthusiasm by volunteering for every task and taking the lead in group discussions.
15.	The excessive _____ of sugary beverages has been linked to an increased risk of obesity and related health issues.
16.	The homemade lasagne she prepared was incredibly _____, earning compliments from everyone at the dinner table.
17.	His uncontrolled use of painkillers led to a severe _____ that impacted his personal and professional life.
18.	Regular exercise has a positive _____on both our physical and our mental well-being, promoting overall health and reducing stress levels.
19.	Access to primary, secondary and tertiary _____ equips individuals with the essential skills in order to navigate life's challenges and pursue fulfilling opportunities in various aspects of life.
20.	With a sense of anticipation and excitement, they stepped through the main gate, eager to _____ the enchanting garden that had been described as a hidden paradise.

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