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 and 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)

1. Who would be most interested in reading this text?
A. Grandparents. **B.** The general public. **C.** Doctors.

2. The aim of this text is to
A. analyze Greek legislation. **B.** promote alcohol consumption. **C.** show that alcohol is harmful.

3. Bar owners that sell alcoholic drinks to teenagers
A. are always punished. **B.** are not always punished. **C.** sometimes pay a fine.

4. Many Greek parents believe that if the get their children to taste alcohol, they
A. won't drink when they get older. **B.** will never get drunk. **C.** will become more sociable.

5. In the text, the underlined phrase '**to get their hands on it**' means
A. to buy something. **B.** to try something. **C.** to throw something away.

6. According to the text, people in Greek villages
A. get drunk quite often. **B.** go to bars every night. **C.** drink more than urban residents.

7. According to the text, the root cause of teen alcohol consumption in Greece is
A. social tolerance. **B.** the lack of strict laws. **C.** the Greek tradition.

8. The clinical psychologist compares alcohol to
A. caffeine. **B.** nicotine. **C.** natural supplements.

9. In order to tackle the problem of teen alcohol consumption it is necessary to
A. forbid alcohol consumption altogether. **B.** teach teenagers about the dangers of alcohol. **C.** encourage teenagers to taste alcoholic drinks.

10. Drinking fizzy drinks that contain alcohol is an indication that people
A. know the risks of alcohol consumption. **B.** do not know the risks of alcohol consumption. **C.** will certainly become addicted to alcohol later in life.

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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.	prohibit	**B.**	young	**C.**	consumers	**D.**	encourage	**E.**	addictive
F.	familiarity	**G.**	tend	**H.**	awareness	**I.**	cultural	**J.**	steadily
K.	~~educate~~								

EXAMPLE	The role of an **EDUCATOR** extends beyond conveying knowledge; it involves inspiring students, nurturing their curiosity, and fostering a lifelong love for learning.
11.	The international community has come together to establish a _____ against the hunting of whales, recognizing the need to conserve these magnificent marine mammals for future generations.
12.	The rise in health issues like obesity and heart disease is often attributed to the increased _____ of processed foods high in sugars and unhealthy fats.
13.	There is no doubt that the ways the _____ embrace digital technology and social media nowadays stands in stark contrast to the ways of the older generation, highlighting the generational shift in communication.
14.	With consistent effort and dedication, she made _____ progress in mastering the intricate art of playing the piano.
15.	In this globalized world, the exchange of ideas and experiences has led to a blending of _____, resulting in a rich tapestry of customs and traditions.
16.	Over time, his _____ to seek out new experiences and embrace change had enriched his life with a diverse range of memories and insights.
17.	His gambling _____ grew out of control, leading to significant financial losses and tense relationships with family and friends who were concerned about his well-being.
18.	I have to admit that the _____ of my family was the driving force that propelled me to overcome challenges and pursue my dreams with unwavering determination all these years.
19.	As the expedition leader, he had to be constantly _____ of the changing weather conditions to ensure the safety of the team during their journey.
20.	She was _____ with the intricate details of the ancient manuscript, having spent years studying its contents and working out its meaning.

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