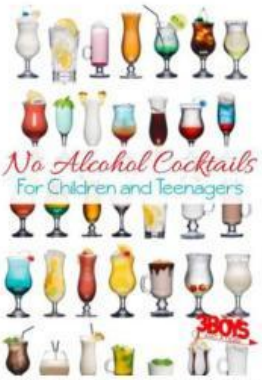
ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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 text focuses on
- **A.** the economic importance of alcohol production.
- **B.** Greek teenagers' habit of trying alcoholic drinks.
- **C.** a study of alcohol consumption in Europe.

2. Who would be most interested in reading this text?
- **A.** Lawyers.
- **B.** Doctors.
- **C.** Parents.

3. A suitable title for this text would be
- **A.** Alcohol & the Greek law.
- **B.** Wine production in Greece.
- **C.** Alcohol & the Greek culture.

4. In the text, the underlined word '**enforced**' means
- **A.** respected.
- **B.** ignored.
- **C.** imposed.

5. According to the text,
- **A.** underage drinking is socially acceptable in Greece.
- **B.** Greek teenagers drink more than other European teenagers.
- **C.** Greek parents do not allow their children to drink alcohol.

6. A study by the University Mental Health Research Institute (UMHRI) in Athens showed that
- **A.** alcohol consumption is the cause of many deaths.
- **B.** very few Greek teenagers drink alcohol systematically.
- **C.** the majority of Greek teenagers have tried alcohol.

7. According to the clinical psychologist, alcohol consumption
- **A.** weakens a country's economy.
- **B.** leads to many deaths.
- **C.** does not damage health.

8. The clinical psychologist appears to be
- **A.** concerned.
- **B.** sympathetic.
- **C.** indifferent.

9. In the text, the underlined phrase "**harmful consequences**" refers to the consequences of
- **A.** alcohol consumption by adults.
- **B.** low wine production in Greece.
- **C.** alcohol consumption by teens.

10. In the text, the underlined pronoun '**it**' refers to
- **A.** teenagers' tasting alcohol.
- **B.** parents' belief.
- **C.** the Greek society.

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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.	socially	**B.**	belief	**C.**	harm	**D.**	widely	**E.**	product
F.	important	**G.**	economically	**H.**	innocent	**I.**	available	**J.**	imagine
K.	~~largely~~								

EXAMPLE	They have **ENLARGED** the kitchen by building over part of the garden.
11.	As she walked through the haunted house, she kept her eyes _____ open, trying to catch every scary detail of the spooky decorations.
12.	Cycling is a(n) _____ means of transport, as it helps save money on fuel and reduces maintenance costs compared to owning a car.
13.	Despite its innocent appearance, the seemingly _____ insect had a venomous bite that could cause severe allergic reactions.
14.	In the captivating novel, the author skillfully weaved a story that sparked the readers' _____, transporting them to distant lands and unforeseen possibilities.
15.	The _____ of high-speed internet nowadays has revolutionized the way people access information and communicate globally.
16.	At first glance, the minor details seemed _____, but they later turned out to be crucial in solving the murder.
17.	After moving to a new city, Jane joined a local club to _____ and meet like-minded people who shared her passion for photography.
18.	By implementing effective time management techniques and maintaining a positive work environment, employees can become more _____ at work and achieve their professional goals efficiently.
19.	"In this university, we strongly _____ that fostering a collaborative work culture and promoting continuous learning are essential for driving innovation and achieving long-term success", said the Director of Studies in his welcoming speech to first-year students.
20.	Despite facing numerous challenges and doubts from the public, the relentless efforts of her legal team and the discovery of crucial new evidence eventually led to proving her _____ beyond any reasonable doubt.

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