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 is mainly addressed to
- **A.** wine producers.
- **B.** bar owners.
- **C.** the general public.

2. The main focus of this text is to discuss
- **A.** the results of a Greek study on alcohol consumption.
- **B.** alcohol consumption in many European countries.
- **C.** the damaging effects of alcohol consumption.

3. A suitable title for this text would be
- **A.** The Greek wine and alcohol industry.
- **B.** Are Greek teenagers alcohol consumers?'
- **C.** How much alcohol a day is damaging?

4. The text suggests that
- **A.** Greek people never obey the laws.
- **B.** Greek teenagers go to bars despite the law.
- **C.** people selling alcohol to teenagers are always punished.

5. According to the text, many Greek teenagers drink alcohol
- **A.** when they feel lonely.
- **B.** only on special occasions .
- **C.** as it is culturally approved.

6. The respondents in the study by the University Mental Health Research Institute (UMHRI) in Athens were
- **A.** university students.
- **B.** teenagers.
- **C.** mostly adults.

7. In the text, the underlined expression "**under no circumstances**" means
- **A.** in no way.
- **B.** on account of.
- **C.** as a matter of fact.

8. The clinical psychologist believes that
- **A.** alcohol consumption in Greece must stop.
- **B.** wine should not be served in festivities.
- **C.** drinking wine is part of the Greek culture.

9. The clinical psychologist compares Greece to other European countries in order to show that
- **A.** the situation is similar everywhere.
- **B.** Greek parents do not need to worry.
- **C.** the Greeks start drinking alcohol at a younger age.

10. Many Greek parents urge their children to taste alcohol in order to
- **A.** make them get used to it.
- **B.** help them grow up.
- **C.** demystify alcoholic drinks.

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ΘΕΜΑ 2ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each underlined word in the sentences below (11-20) with a word from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J). Use each word only once.

A.	prohibit	**B.**	consumes	**C.**	rise	**D.**	avoided	**E.**	taste
F.	considered	**G.**	require	**H.**	imagined	**I.**	obey	**J.**	eager

11.	All these problems, ranging from financial losses to environmental damage and public health issues, could have been **prevented** if the necessary precautions were taken and proactive measures were implemented in a timely manner.
12.	It is essential for road safety that laws **forbid** talking on the phone when driving, as it poses a significant risk of distraction and accidents.
13.	Implementing effective public awareness campaigns and fostering a sense of civic responsibility are essential strategies to make people willingly and consciously **follow** the law and contribute to a harmonious society.
14.	I would really like to **sample** the new flavour of ice cream that they have just released.
15.	The innovative technology introduced by the company is **regarded** as a ground-breaking achievement in the industry, earning them well-deserved recognition for their exceptional contribution to advancing the field.
16.	The factory **utilizes** a large amount of energy to operate its heavy machinery and production lines.
17.	The demand for electric vehicles is expected to **increase** significantly in the coming years as more consumers prioritize environmentally-friendly transportation options.
18.	As she read the adventure novel, she **pictured** herself embarking on a thrilling journey to far-off lands, just like the brave protagonist in the story.
19.	The ambitious construction project, with its intricate design and stringent safety standards, will undoubtedly **need** a highly skilled and experienced workforce, state-of-the-art machinery, and meticulous planning to ensure its successful completion within the scheduled timeline.
20.	The young students were **enthusiastic** to explore the interactive science museum and learn about various scientific phenomena through hands-on exhibits.

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