ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

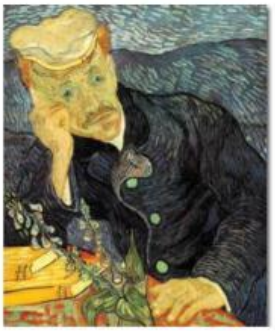
Read the text and decide if each statement (1-10) is True (A), False (B) or Not Mentioned (C).

Vincent van Gogh



Vincent van Gogh was born in Holland. Being the son of a priest, he was brought up in a religious and cultured atmosphere. His sister described him as a serious and introspective child, highly emotional and lacking self-confidence. In spring 1886 Vincent went to Paris. There he met famous impressionist painters, like Edgar Degas, Paul Gauguin, etc. Van Gogh is regarded as a post-impressionist because he uses strong colours and lines to express an emotional response to the subject.

Vincent was an unstable man, well known as the 'tortured artist' with a nervous temperament. He went to Arles to create a school of art. Gauguin joined him but, after a serious argument, Van Gogh pursued him with an open razor. He was stopped by Gaugin, but ended up cutting a portion of his own ear lobe off.



Van Gogh was sent to an asylum because he was suffering from depression. During his staying there he painted some 150 paintings. The only painting he sold during his lifetime was "The Red Vineyard". On July 27 of the same year Van Gogh shot himself in the chest. He died two days later. Theo unable to come to terms with his brother's death died 6 months later. Vincent's brother's wife collected Vincent's paintings and letters after his death and dedicated herself to getting his work the recognition it deserved. His portrait of "Doctor Gachet" was sold for $82.5 million at Christie's, thus establishing a new price record.

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	STATEMENTS	A TRUE	B FALSE	C NOT MENTIONED
1.	Vincent van Gogh was a low profile child, closed to himself.			
2.	Vincent van Gogh had a good relationship with his sister.			
3.	Vincent van Gogh used bright colours in his paintings.			
4.	Vincent van Gogh injured himself with a pair of scissors.			
5.	Vincent van Gogh was known for his calm character.			
6.	Vincent van Gogh made a lot of paintings while he was at the asylum.			
7.	Vincent van Gogh sold most of his paintings at high prices.			
8.	Vincent van Gogh died because he was seriously ill.			
9.	"The Red Vineyard" was Vincent van Gogh's first painting.			
10.	Vincent van Gogh's brother collected his letters after his death.			

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ΘΕΜΑ 2ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Fill each gap in sentences 11-20 with the correct option from the box below (A-J). Use each option only once.

A.	nervous	**B.**	self-confidence	**C.**	lifetime	**D.**	serious	**E.**	record
F.	depression	**G.**	subject	**H.**	emotional	**I.**	atmosphere	**J.**	response

11.	My mother is very _____and couldn't stop crying during my brother's wedding ceremony.
12.	There is a very relaxed _____in our office; we all work together as a team so we never get anxious.
13.	He always feels very _____ before an exam because he doesn't want to fail.
14.	People who suffer from _____.feel very unhappy and need to get professional help.
15.	I still have not received a_____to my e-mail complaining about the hotel room.
16.	I remember her as a very _____ child; she never laughed at our jokes!
17.	He holds the world _____ for 100 metres; it's very difficult for other athletes to break it.
18.	She has made a series of documentaries on the _____of family relationships.
19.	During his _____ he wrote more than 200 poems.
20.	You need to believe in yourself and have a lot of _____ in order to talk in front of many people.

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