

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and decide if each statement (1-10) is True (A) or False (B).

The history of post

Hermes was the first 'postman-god'. According to mythology, Hermes was said to be the son of Zeus and Maia. Besides leading the dead people's souls to Hades, Hermes brought good luck, wealth, sleep and was the messenger of the gods living on Mount Olympus. His head used to be printed on Greek stamps of the past.



The invention of stamps is closely related to the invention of modern paper during the Industrial Revolution. At that time, people also started to learn how to read and write. In earlier times, only the rich people and the rulers of countries sent messages with their servants. The messages were written on various materials, such as the skin of a sheep and tablets made of clay. Papyrus (a kind of plant that mostly grows in the Nile Valley in Egypt) was used by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

Modern paper started being made in England by the 15th century. Horses and guides carried mail using the five main roads leading to London from different parts of the country. This mail service belonged to the King. It was His Majesty's Mail. It goes without saying that if he wished to read a private citizen's mail, he could easily do so.

(Words: 210)

STATEMENTS		A	B
		TRUE	FALSE
1.	The first postman in human history was Zeus.		
2.	Hermes was believed to write all gods' letters.		
3.	Hermes was believed to bring bad luck to people.		
4.	In the past, Greek stamps had Zeus' head printed on them.		
5.	Stamps were invented during the industrial revolution.		
6.	Rich people and rulers used to send messages with their servants.		
7.	The messages rich people sent in the past were written on sheep skin.		
8.	The ancient Romans used to write messages on papyrus paper.		
9.	In the 15th century mail could not be sent outside London.		
10.	The King of England could read other people's personal mail.		

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	material	B.	skin	C.	messenger	D.	industrial	E.	stamps
F.	servants	G.	besides	H.	ancient	I.	papyrus	J.	invention

11.	She runs a successful business █ looking after her children.
12.	The documents were delivered by a special █ who worked undercover for the local police.
13.	Clay is the █ most frequently used to make flower pots and construction products, such as bricks and floor tiles.
14.	The world changed rapidly after the █ of the telephone in 1876.
15.	Houses near █ areas are not easily bought because of the noise and air pollution caused by the nearby factories.
16.	She is so rich that she has more than a dozen █ to do all the work for her.
17.	In ancient Egypt, █ was used to make paper.
18.	There are many creams on the market but every person's █ is unique.
19.	Many █ castles have received extensive repair work throughout the centuries and most of them are nowadays open to the public as tourist attractions.
20.	My favourite hobby is collecting █; these small pieces of paper have taught me many things about the history, culture and art of other countries.