ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



The sale of alcoholic drinks to children below the age of 18 as well as their entry to bars or clubs is banned by the Greek law. However, these laws are never actually followed and, what's worse, a lot of these places are even getting away with selling potentially lethal adulterated drinks. "Alcohol-related harm is the third biggest factor in the rise of death and serious disease in Europe. At the same time, it is a legal and widely available product that is economically important to businesses and states. All of this requires a multidimensional approach to such a complex issue, but under no circumstances should we treat alcohol as something innocent, especially when it comes to young people" said a clinical psychologist.

"In Greece children 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," he added. This misguided practice is motivated by the belief that trying alcohol at a young age will take the 'mystery' out of it and make children less eager to get their hands on it. Another fact related to the cultural aspect of the issue, apart from the easy access, is the belief that alcohol consumption tends to be higher in the countryside than in urban areas such as Athens. That said, alcohol consumption among minors has decreased steadily since 1980s, pointing to more public awareness. "People need to realise that alcohol is not harmless. It can cause addiction, such as narcotics or nicotine," said the clinical psychologist. "It is of great importance to educate children at school and in the home. Banning alcohol is not the way to solve the problem, especially when it comes to teens, who see breaking the law as a **challenge**."

(Words: 300)

	STATEMENTS	A TRUE	B FALSE	C NOT MENTIONED
1.	Underage alcohol consumption is forbidden according to the Greek legislation.			
2.	Entrance to bars and clubs is not permitted to teenagers in Greece.			
3.	Alcohol consumption can cause serious health problems.			
4.	Teen alcohol use is an easy to solve problem.			
5.	Allowing teens to try alcohol is bad practice.			
6.	The Greek society appears tolerant of children tasting alcoholic drinks.			
7.	Teen alcohol use is forbidden in many European countries.			
8.	Unlike nicotine and narcotics, alcohol is not addictive.			
9.	Excessive alcohol consumption is common in many European countries.			
10.	Breaking the law is a way for teenagers to question authority.			

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ΘΕΜΑ 2ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Use the correct form of the following words (A-K) to complete the gaps (11-20) as in the example.

A.	practice	**B.**	mystery	**C.**	anxious	**D.**	~~actual~~	**E.**	taste	**F.**	encourage
G.	educate	**H.**	solve	**I.**	innocent	**J.**	regard	**K.**	important		

EXAMPLE	The number of people who attended the conference was **ACTUALLY** higher than it was initially estimated.
11.	It's my daughter's first day at primary school tomorrow; she is really feeling a lot of _____ about her first day at school and she cannot stop biting her nails.
12.	I know we are having dinner together tonight but there's still so much I have to do at work that it's _____ impossible for me to be back home in less than an hour.
13.	The young couple was released on bail after spending two years in prison for a crime they had never committed. Now, they are determined to prove their _____ and find the real murderer.
14.	I could have never achieved so much in my life if it hadn't been for all the _____ I've received from my parents and friends; they believe in me more than I believe in myself.
15.	Our company organises special seminars throughout the year because it places great _____ on its employees' welfare and further development of their working skills.
16.	The chocolate cake looked delicious at first sight, but, in fact, it was really_____ so it ended up in the rubbish bin.
17.	John travelled all the way to Scotland to meet the strange man who had sent him a _____ letter two months ago claiming to be his long-lost uncle.
18.	People all over the world enjoy listening to classical music _____of their age or their social status.
19.	"Creativity is what we are asking for by all our employees; only creative _____ can help us solve complex problems, not expensive ones".
20.	She was probably the most highly _____ minister of the government, having graduated from two well-known universities and having pursued an amazing career as a Market Research Analyst.

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