ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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

It was morning, and the new sun sparkled gold across the tiny waves of a gentle sea. A mile from shore a fishing boat upset the sea and the word for Breakfast Flock flashed through the air, till a crowd of a thousand seagulls flew close to the boat to fight for bits of food. It was another busy day beginning.

But way off alone, out by himself beyond boat and shore, Jonathan Livingston Seagull was practising. A hundred feet in the sky he lowered his feet, lifted his beak, and tried hard to hold a painful twisting curve through his wings. The curve meant that he would fly slowly, and now he slowed until the wind was a whisper in his face, until the ocean stood still beneath him. He narrowed his eyes in fierce concentration, held his breath, forced one... single... more... inch... of... curve... Then his feathers trembled, he stopped and fell. Seagulls, as you know, never stop. To stop in the air is for them disgrace and it is dishonour. But Jonathan Livingston Seagull, unashamed, stretching his wings again in that trembling hard curve - slowing, slowing, and stopping once more - was no ordinary bird.

Most seagulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight - how to get from shore to food and back again. For most seagulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this seagull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else. Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly. This kind of thinking, he found, is not the way to make one's self popular with other birds. Even his parents were disappointed as Jonathan spent whole days alone, making hundreds of attempts to fly low, near the surface of the sea, experimenting.

(301 words)

	STATEMENTS	A TRUE	B FALSE	C NOT MENTIONED
1.	Breakfast Flock is the name of a group of birds.			
2.	Jonathan was never hungry in the morning.			
3.	Jonathan liked to spend time on his own.			
4.	Other seagulls shared Jonathan's interest in practising a special way of flying.			
5.	Jonathan was ashamed of stopping in the air when flying.			
6.	For most seagulls, the main reason for flying is to find food.			
7.	Flying made Jonathan feel free and happy.			
8.	Jonathan loved his parents more than anyone else.			
9.	Jonathan's parents would prefer their son to be an 'ordinary' seagull.			
10.	Jonathan's parents were popular amongst other seagulls.			

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ΘΕΜΑ 2α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	fought	**B.**	slow	**C.**	wings	**D.**	experimented	**E.**	stretch
F.	ordinary	**G.**	practice	**H.**	tiny	**I.**	concentration	**J.**	disappointed

11.	A good friend's love and support is like the wind beneath a bird's _____.
12.	My piano teacher always told me: "_____ makes perfect. You must never forget that!"
13.	He's just a(n) _____ man. He leads a very simple life. No high ambitions, no major goals…
14.	My philosophy in life has been the same since I was young: I never rush things, I believe in "_____ but sure!".
15.	"We have come here today to honour our ancestors who _____ for peace, freedom and democracy", said the Prime Minister.
16.	This game requires great _____: you must pay attention to your opponents' reactions in order to guess their next move.
17.	Come on! You'll feel much better if you _____ your legs and arms a bit! You need to exercise a bit if you want to keep fit.
18.	We were all deeply _____ when we were informed that the concert had to be cancelled due to the severe weather forecast; we had travelled such a long way to watch our favourite band on stage!
19.	Pamela's fingers are really _____ but she can play the piano so well!
20.	We _____ with various photos for our new CD cover but we finally decided to use a plain background.

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