

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and choose the correct option (A, B or C) for items 1-10.

Leonardo Da Vinci was one of the most creative minds of the Italian Renaissance, hugely influential as an artist and sculptor but also immensely talented as an engineer, scientist and inventor. Leonardo da Vinci was born on 15 April 1452 near the Tuscan town of Vinci, the illegitimate son of a lawyer. He was apprenticed to the sculptor and painter Andrea del Verrocchio in Florence and in 1478 became an independent master. In about 1483, he moved to Milan to work for the ruling Sforza family as an engineer, sculptor, painter and architect. There, he produced the famous 'Madonna on the Rocks' and 'The Last Supper' that has been described as one of the greatest spiritual paintings. Unfortunately, over the time the quality of the original painting has deteriorated despite frequent restoration attempts. During his time in Florence, he painted several portraits, but the only one that survives is the famous 'Mona Lisa' (1503-1506). It is one of the world's most famous and intriguing pictures. It is a portrait of a wife of a Florentine noble. For several days she came to Leonardo and sat for her portrait to be painted. However, she refused to smile; Leonardo even tried hiring musicians but **to no avail**. One day just for a fleeting second, she gave a faint smile and Leonardo was able to capture it. Her smile encapsulates a tremendous mysteriousness, which is both fascinating and intriguing. In 1517, at the invitation of the French king Francis I, Leonardo moved to the Château of Cloux, near Amboise in France, where he died on 2 May 1519. The fame of Da Vinci's surviving paintings has meant that he has been regarded primarily as an artist, but the thousands of surviving pages of his notebooks reveal the most eclectic and brilliant of minds.



(Words: 300)

1. The text is mainly about
 - A. Leonardo Da Vinci's childhood.
 - B. Leonardo Da Vinci's artistic career.
 - C. the creation of the famous 'Mona Lisa'.
2. This type of text can most probably be found in
 - A. a travel guide.
 - B. a history book.
 - C. an encyclopedia.
3. A possible title for the text would be
 - A. 'Leonardo Da Vinci: a brilliant mind'.
 - B. 'Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa'.
 - C. 'Leonardo Da Vinci's early paintings'.
4. The text suggests that Leonardo Da Vinci
 - A. was not famous during his lifetime.
 - B. was a better engineer than an artist.
 - C. had a lot of different artistic skills.
5. Leonardo Da Vinci was taught how to paint by
 - A. his father.
 - B. another painter.
 - C. himself.
6. The 'Last Supper' has lost its original quality because of
 - A. the many repairing attempts.
 - B. the lack of repairing attempts.
 - C. the passing of time.
7. 'Mona Lisa' portrays
 - A. Leonardo Da Vinci's wife.
 - B. an aristocratic lady.
 - C. a humble Italian woman.
8. In the text, the underlined phrase "**to no avail**" means 'with no...'
 - A. effort.
 - B. result.
 - C. inspiration.
9. Leonardo Da Vinci went to France
 - A. following a king's invitation.
 - B. to complete Mona Lisa.
 - C. to visit his relatives.
10. From the text it appears that
 - A. all of Leonardo Da Vinci's paintings have survived.
 - B. Leonardo Da Vinci was also a skilled writer.
 - C. many of Leonardo Da Vinci's paintings are well-known.

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	creative	B.	artist	C.	produce	D.	famous	E.	survive
F.	able	G.	inventor	H.	influential	I.	unfortunately	J.	independent
K.	describe								

EXAMPLE	A witness gave a detailed <u>DESCRIPTION</u> of the man so it is only a matter of time to be arrested.
11.	If you don't patent your _____ as soon as possible, other people may make all the profit out of it.
12.	Fish struggle for _____ when the water level drops in the lake every summer.
13.	We are a charitable organization so we _____ entirely on donations from the public.
14.	She is deaf, but refuses to let her _____ prevent her from doing what she wants to do.
15.	This is a unique opportunity to think _____ and out-of-the-box about how to fix these problems.
16.	An organization's values have been shown to _____ how employees interact with each other.
17.	The _____ of this young but extremely talented singer is spreading fast by way of word of mouth.
18.	Mary's got it all so nice; you remember how _____ she always was with colours!
19.	I am _____ to work in a school where all the children are extremely motivated and willing to learn new things all the time.
20.	We watched a video showing the various stages in the _____ of glass; it was really amazing!