ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



Greek law prohibits the sale of alcoholic drinks to children younger than 18 years old, or their entry to bars and clubs. Yet these laws are never enforced and, what is worse, a lot of these places are even getting away with selling potentially lethal adulterated spirits. Unfortunately, children in Greece 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. This misguided practice tends to be spurred by the belief that it will take the mystique out of alcohol and make children less eager to get their hands on it. However, it also breeds familiarity and the data show that 4.7 percent of under-16s got drunk for the first time when they were younger than 13 years old. Another fact pointing to the cultural aspects of the issue, as well as the effect of having easier access, is that alcohol consumption in general tends to be higher in rural parts of the country than in Athens and other cities. That said, alcohol consumption among minors has decreased steadily since the 1980s, pointing to more public awareness. "People need to acknowledge that alcohol is not harmless. It is an addictive substance like nicotine and narcotics," said the clinical psychologist. "The main thing is to educate children at school and in the home. Banning it is not the way to really solve the problem, especially when it comes to teens that see breaking a ban as a challenge." Experts want to see more being done to tackle the phenomenon on every level and point to the proliferation of sweet fizzy drinks that contain alcohol as a sign that there is not enough awareness on the part of the state and consumers.

(Words: 300)

	STATEMENTS	A TRUE	B FALSE	C NOT MENTIONED
1.	Greek law allows the sale of alcoholic drinks to children younger than 18 years old under special conditions.			
2.	Enforcement of the law as regards teen alcohol consumption is virtually non-existent in Greece.			
3.	In Greece, bars and clubs that sell alcoholic drinks to teenagers are sometimes forced to pay a fine.			
4.	Compared to other European nations, children in Greece experience their initial exposure to alcohol at an earlier age.			
5.	In Greece, alcohol consumption generally exhibits higher rates in the rural regions of the country.			
6.	In Greece, teenagers in rural areas get drunk more often than teenagers who live in big cities.			
7.	Alcohol consumption contributes to a country's economy.			
8.	Engaging in a prohibited behavior is seen as a challenge by adolescents.			
9.	Individuals can develop an addiction to alcohol consumption just as easily as they can to consuming coffee.			
10.	The increasing availability of sugary beverages infused with alcohol is an indication of sufficient public awareness.			

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ΘΕΜΑ 2ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	ban	**B.**	minors	**C.**	potentially	**D.**	tackle	**E.**	rural
F.	decreased	**G.**	access	**H.**	steadily	**I.**	misguided	**J.**	substances

11.	The lack of proper infrastructure in remote villages can limit residents' _____ to essential healthcare services.
12.	Herbal remedies often claim to be made from natural _____, promising alternative solutions for various health problems.
13.	Engaging in extreme sports without proper training and equipment can expose participants to _____ dangerous situations.
14.	The new regulations aim to protect _____ from exposure to inappropriate content on streaming platforms by implementing strict age verification processes and ensuring that age-appropriate content filters are in place.
15.	In an effort to protect endangered wildlife, the government decided to _____ the hunting of certain species within designated conservation areas.
16.	Despite his good intentions, his advice was often _____, lacking the necessary expertise to provide accurate solutions to complex problems.
17.	Over the past few months, the company's profits have been _____ increasing, reflecting a consistent growth trend.
18.	The government has launched a comprehensive campaign to _____ the issue of plastic waste, including initiatives to reduce single-use plastics and promote recycling.
19.	Regular exercise is known to lead to _____ stress levels and improved mental well-being.
20.	Life in _____ areas often offers a slower pace and a stronger sense of community compared to the hustle and bustle of urban living.

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