ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



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, unfortunately, a lot of these places are even getting away with selling potentially lethal adulterated spirits. Alcohol consumption among teenagers in Greece is widespread, largely because it is considered socially acceptable, even taking place in the home. According to a study on youngsters aged up to 16 by the University Mental Health Research Institute (UMHRI) in Athens, 94.1 percent of respondents in Greece had consumed alcohol at some point. "Alcohol-related harm is the third biggest factor in the rise of morbidity and mortality in Europe. At the same time, it is a legal and very widely available product that is economically important to businesses and states. All of this requires a multidimensional approach to the issue, but under no circumstances should we treat alcohol as something **innocent**, especially when it comes to young people," said a clinical psychologist. "Greece is a wine-producing country and drinking wine or other alcoholic drinks is part of the country's cultural heritage. You cannot imagine a festive dinner without there being wine, beer or some form of alcohol on the table. The question is how societies can hold onto the positive aspects of such cultural traits and avoid the harmful consequences." "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," added the clinical psychologist. 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 with alcoholic drinks.

(Words: 300)

1. This text mainly talks about

A. wine production in Greece. **B.** teenagers' alcohol drinking. **C.** alcohol consumption worldwide.

2. This kind of text can most likely be found in a

A. law textbook. **B.** wine guide. **C.** parents' magazine.

3. The aim of the text is to

A. advise teenagers not to drink wine. **B.** promote Greek wine production. **C.** discuss the results of a Greek research.

4. The text suggests that Greek teenagers

A. are allowed to drink alcohol in clubs. **B.** sometimes buy alcohol despite the law. **C.** do not consume alcohol as it is against the law.

5. A study conducted by the University Mental Health Research Institute (UMHRI) in Athens

A. involved both teenagers and adults. **B.** focused on wine consumption in Greece. **C.** showed that most Greek teenagers have tried alcohol.

6. According to the clinical psychologist

A. certain businesses rely on alcohol consumption. **B.** most deaths in Europe are caused by alcohol. **C.** alcohol does not always harm teenagers.

7. In the text, the underlined word "**innocent**" is closest in meaning to

A. harmless. **B.** simple. **C.** lawful.

8. The clinical psychologist believes that

A. Greek celebrations should be banned. **B.** alcohol consumption should be addressed in a holistic way. **C.** people should celebrate without alcohol.

9. According to the clinical psychologist, many Greek parents

A. prevent their children from drinking alcohol. **B.** do not care at all if their children try alcohol. **C.** are tolerant about their kids tasting alcohol.

10. The writer of the text uses the word '**misguided**' to express the belief that

A. parents take ill-informed decisions at times. **B.** parents feel ashamed of their actions . **C.** the results of the study were confusing.

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ΘΕΜΑ 2ᵅ. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	law	**B.**	consumption	**C.**	acceptable	**D.**	mental	**E.**	respondent
F.	prohibit	**G.**	socially	**H.**	study	**I.**	health	**J.**	harm
K.	~~largely~~								

EXAMPLE	They have **ENLARGED** the kitchen by building over part of the garden.
11.	So, I waited for 45 minutes until the show started; that was a(n) _____ delay!
12.	I really have to _____ to his e-mail today; he needs my help to decide on whether to accept the job offer or politely decline it.
13.	Participating in group activities and engaging in conversations with peers helps children in developing the _____ skills necessary for building meaningful relationships.
14.	Following his arrest, he demanded to see his _____ before making any statement.
15.	The environmental group is demanding a complete _____ against the hunting of whales.
16.	Most schools in Norway have special classes for _____ with learning difficulties.
17.	The consequences of a(n) _____ lifestyle include a higher risk of diabetes and heart diseases.
18.	The small plastic toy posed no danger and was completely _____ for the children to play with.
19.	Engaging in creative activities, such as painting or storytelling, is beneficial for children's development, as it stimulates them both _____ and physically.
20.	There is no doubt that _____ in today's digital age have access to a vast array of products, which empowers them to make more informed choices when shopping.

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