ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



Greece is a wine-producing country and drinking wine or other alcoholic drinks is part of the country's culture. "You cannot imagine a festive dinner without there being wine, beer or some form of alcohol on the table", said a clinical psychologist. The difficult thing is how societies can keep the positive aspects of such cultural elements 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. Parents do so because they mistakenly believe that it will take the mystique out of alcohol and make children less eager to get their hands on it later in their adult life. A university study on Greek youngsters aged up to 16 years old showed that the vast majority (94.1%) of those answered had consumed alcohol at some point. Teenagers in Greece consume alcohol largely because it is considered socially acceptable, even when taking place in the home. However, alcohol-related harm is the third biggest factor in the rise of serious diseases and deaths in Europe. Alcohol is a legal and very widely available product that is economically important to businesses and states. Nevertheless, Greek law officially forbids both the sale of alcoholic drinks to children younger than 18 years old and their entry to bars and clubs. Yet, these laws are not always obeyed, and, what is worse, the owners of these places do not get a fine when they mix alcohol with other substances. As a result, youngsters may even consume dangerous or fatal alcoholic drinks. Thus, in order to control alcohol drinking, we should find various solutions at many different levels. The certain thing is that we should not treat it as something innocent.

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	STATEMENTS	A TRUE	B FALSE	C NOT MENTIONED
1.	Alcohol consumption during celebrations is common for Greek people.			
2.	Young people in other European countries drink more beer than Greek teenagers.			
3.	All Greek parents encourage their children to drink alcohol.			
4.	According to the study, only a few teenagers seem not to have tasted alcohol at some point of their life.			
5.	Drinking impairs the ability to drive and increases the risk of causing an accident.			
6.	In Greece, alcohol consumption is nowhere allowed by law.			
7.	In Greece, teenagers are officially allowed to enter clubs.			
8.	According to the text, Greek citizens are not always willing to obey the law.			
9.	In Greece, bar owners never mix alcohol with other substances.			
10.	According to the text, there is one easy solution to the problem of alcohol consumption by teenagers.			

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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.	encourage	**B.**	eager	**C.**	majority	**D.**	control	**E.**	entry	**F.**	mix	**G.**	economically
H.	young	**I.**	wide	**J.**	taste	**K.**	~~harm~~						

EXAMPLE	Smoking is **HARMFUL** to your health. It can cause serious diseases.
11.	''These sausages are really _____. Where did you buy them from?''
12.	Public speaking is not a(n) _____ problem for her nor does she suffer from stage-fright. She has participated in several school competitions.
13.	''Stir the sugar and butter together in a bowl until the _____ becomes fluffy. Then add the eggs.''
14.	In their _____ to find a solution, they have overlooked certain difficulties.
15.	Have you made up your mind? Are you going to _____ the photography competition?
16.	Last night, the local police carried out a _____ explosion on a suspicious vehicle.
17.	What's the most _____ way of heating this flat? I have to admit that I'm on a very tight budget!
18.	She measured the length and _____ of the table. Then she went to the mall to buy a new tablecloth.
19.	With _____ unemployment rate still rising these days, it is not surprising that many school-leavers with qualifications fail to find a decent job.
20.	Independent thinking is highly beneficial to children because it can protect them from apparently dangerous situations. That is why children should be _____ to depend on themselves and use their critical thinking skills when they have to make a decision.

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