

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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



The sale of alcoholic drinks to children below the age of 18 as well as their entry to bars or clubs is banned by the Greek law. However, these laws are never actually followed and, what's worse, a lot of these places are even getting away with selling potentially lethal adulterated drinks. "Alcohol-related harm is the third biggest factor in the rise of death and serious disease in Europe. At the same time, it is a legal and widely available product that is economically important to businesses and states. All of this requires a multidimensional approach to such a complex issue, but under no circumstances should we treat alcohol as something innocent, especially when it comes to young people" said a clinical psychologist.

"In Greece children 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," he added. This misguided practice is motivated by the belief that trying alcohol at a young age will take the 'mystery' out of it and make children less eager to get their hands on it. Another fact related to the cultural aspect of the issue, apart from the easy access, is the belief that alcohol consumption tends to be higher in the countryside than in urban areas such as Athens. That said, alcohol consumption among minors has decreased steadily since 1980s, pointing to more public awareness. "People need to realise that alcohol is not harmless. It can cause addiction, such as narcotics or nicotine," said the clinical psychologist. "It is of great importance to educate children at school and in the home. Banning alcohol is not the way to solve the problem, especially when it comes to teens who see breaking the law as a challenge."

(Words: 300)

STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT MENTIONED
1.	The Greek law prohibits the consumption of alcohol in bars and clubs.			
2.	Bars and clubs always sell high-quality alcoholic drinks.			
3.	Adulterated drinks are served in many European countries.			
4.	The production and sale of alcoholic drinks supports the state economies.			
5.	High-quality alcoholic drinks are more expensive to buy than low-quality ones.			
6.	The problem of underage alcohol consumption cannot be easily solved.			
7.	Greek people drink more than other Europeans.			
8.	In Greece, older people encourage younger ones to try alcohol.			
9.	There is no connection between alcohol and drugs.			
10.	Teens find breaking the law a rather challenging experience.			

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.	motivate	B.	add	C.	treat	D.	culture	E.	eager	F.	illegal
G.	aware	H.	available	I.	serious	J.	steady	K.	consume		

EXAMPLE	The fact that the number of printed books has STEADILY decreased over the past ten years could be partly explained when considering the significant rise in digital publishing.
11.	I have just checked the _____ of flights online and there's plenty of choice. Do you prefer a morning or an evening flight?
12.	Although you may be an expert in the field of medicine, you can be completely _____ of the basics in other fields such as in engineering or technology.
13.	The boys had an accident on their way back home last night. Fortunately, none of them was _____ injured; they ended up with minor cuts and bruises.
14.	Although money is the main _____ for most people to work, I have also come across many people who offer voluntary work or even work for less money in order to gain relevant experience.
15.	In case you refuse to replace the faulty DVD player I bought from your store last week, I am afraid I will have no other option but to take _____ action against your company.
16.	There is great need to reduce our daily energy _____ by installing solar panels and using geothermal energy to generate electricity. This way, we will help protect the environment and contribute to a healthier world.
17.	If you are interested in visiting historical places, Athens is the perfect destination given its unique _____ and artistic heritage.
18.	I don't expect any special _____, honestly; I just want to be treated fairly, based on my devotion and contribution to your company all those years!
19.	I am a member of an international organisation that helps endangered species around the world; _____, I participate in a non-governmental organisation that tries to protect wild animals' natural habitat and I am really proud of what we have achieved so far.
20.	Mary hasn't received any answer from the publishing company yet. She has applied for the post of an editor and she is _____ waiting for their response; she is in great need of a well-paid job.