**ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ**

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

At the far end of the refugee camp stands a lone plastic make-shift hut, as if it has no care for what exists in the world. Mesfin, the owner, is also lonely; he lives by himself in an alien land. Once he almost lost his life because of a bundle of firewood. Shame. On this occasion he walked very far from the camp. He collected fallen trees and branches, tied the pieces together with the rope he had carried with him and started his journey back to the camp. He endured the hot sun from above and the burning heat of the sand under his feet. He took strength from the hope that he would reach home safely with his bundle, to cook and to eat his fill. After travelling much of the distance back to the camp, sweating and taking short breaths under the load of the bundle, the unexpected happened. Unfortunately, he met an aggressive local Turkana armed with knives and arrows and was asked to throw the bundle he was carrying down. Poor guy! He tried to reason with the Turkana forgetting that neither of them could understand the other. He tried to win his heart by showing submissiveness and bowing repeatedly, but in vain. He even tried to cry to evoke sympathy, but without result. The local was determined and uncompromising. He threatened Mesfin with his weapons and military equipment and indicated the place where Mesfin should place the bundle of wood. Finally, when Mesfin understood his position and when he knew that he was beaten, he abandoned the bundle and restarted the interrupted journey back home. Back at home he lay on his mat. He brought his head to his knees as a hungry dog and cried for peace; it was the only way to keep his sanity.

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| **Statements** | | **A** | **B** | **C** |
| **TRUE** | **FALSE** | **NOT MENTIONED** |
|  | Mesfin lives in a hut next to a refugee camp. |  |  |  |
|  | Mesfin narrated his story to a journalist. |  |  |  |
|  | Mesfin lives with his family in a hut. |  |  |  |
|  | Mesfin collects firewood to cook for the day. |  |  |  |
|  | The weather conditions favoured Mesfin’s search for firewood. |  |  |  |
|  | The local Turkana and Mesfin spoke the same language. |  |  |  |
|  | The local Turkana was older than Mesfin. |  |  |  |
|  | The local Turkana was unarmed. |  |  |  |
|  | Mesfin went back to the camp without the bundle of firewood. |  |  |  |
|  | At the end of the story, Mesfin felt desperate. |  |  |  |

**ΘΕΜΑ 2α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ**

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

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| **A.** | shame | **B.** | sweating | **C.** | reason | **D.** | breath | **E.** | sanity |
| **F.** | aggressive | **G.** | lonely | **H.** | interrupted | **I.** | determined | **J.** | uncompromising |
| **K.** | ***~~strength~~ (example)*** | | | | | | | | |

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| **EXAMPLE** | Despite all the exercise he had been doing, he wasn’t as **STRONG** as he should be. |
| **11.** | Unfortunately, the cold I caught last week turned into pneumonia. Now, I am suffering from high fever and I can \_\_\_\_ with difficulty. Sometimes I feel like I am suffocating! |
| **12.** | Experiencing \_\_\_\_ in later life is a social problem that concerns us all. That is why I signed in as a volunteer in a retirement home to keep company to elderly people every weekend. |
| **13.** | She should be \_\_\_\_ of herself – talking to her mother like that is totally unacceptable! |
| **14.** | I worked all morning without \_\_\_\_ and I managed to submit the report right on time! |
| **15.** | Stephanie is characterized by \_\_\_\_; no matter how difficult her goal is, she stays focused and does her best to achieve it. |
| **16.** | The dancers were pouring with \_\_\_\_ after rehearsing all morning! |
| **17.** | For the last ten years of his life he was clinically \_\_\_\_ and had to be hospitalized. |
| **18.** | After his father’s death, John felt helpless and as a reaction he developed verbal and physical \_\_\_\_ towards his classmates but thanks to the support of the school psychologist, he gradually managed to find balance in his life. |
| **19.** | In a \_\_\_\_between management and unions, a four percent pay rise was agreed in return for an increase in productivity. |
| **20.** | It is \_\_\_\_to expect him to work every weekend; he needs to spend some quality time with his kids. |