

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 plastic hut. Mesfin, the owner, is 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 refugee 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. 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. He doesn't know how he covered the remaining distance, since he finished it moving as a corpse, cursing the star under which he had been born. Back at home he lay on his mat. He forgot that he had eaten nothing the whole day and that his stomach was empty. He brought his head to his knees as a hungry dog and cried for peace. He wondered if it was proper to cry, but it was the only way to keep his sanity; all he could do to keep himself from self-destruction.



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STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT MENTIONED
1.	Back home, Mesfin used to build huts for a living.			
2.	Mesfin lives with his family in the hut.			
3.	Mesfin lives in a specially designed camp for mentally ill people.			
4.	Mesfin's main feelings are loneliness and despair.			
5.	Mesfin met the local Turkana just outside the camp.			
6.	The local Turkana wanted Mesfin to leave the country.			
7.	The local Turkana and Mesfin started looking for firewood together.			
8.	Mesfin went back to the camp with a bundle of firewood.			
9.	When he got back in his hut, Mesfin started crying.			
10.	Mesfin was not ashamed of crying in front of others.			

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.	distance	B.	vain	C.	moving	D.	sanity	E.	lost
F.	collected	G.	unexpected	H.	threatened	I.	cursing	J.	submissiveness
K.	<i>strength (example)</i>								

EXAMPLE	She must be very STRONG to carry such a weight on her back.
11.	Your friendship, he said, is the one thing that keeps me ____ in this crazy world; you are the only person I can turn to in times of crisis or need.
12.	As a university student, she was active in a number of political ____, including the campaign to put an end to the uncontrolled destruction of the Amazon rainforest.
13.	It is of no surprise that high-tech digital cameras are used extensively in astronomy to capture dim light from ____ galaxies.
14.	We make use of the natural resources thoughtlessly and we don't realize that their depletion will be a ____ to our survival. That is why we should adopt a more environmentally-friendly behaviour.
15.	When I was a kid, I had a big ____ of postcards from all over the world. I bought them when travelling with my family or they were sent to me by friends and relatives. I still have them in a big box in my attic.
16.	Throughout our life we run after time, money, success, fame and we undervalue the small, everyday moments that make us really happy. We forget the value of health, family, friendship and peace. Only when we lose one of them, do we realize the ____ of all our worries.
17.	The ____ of my grandmother cost me a lot. She was the one who took care of me when my parents were busy, who played with me, narrated stories to me and made me laugh.
18.	In the story, the good fairies come to offer gifts to the beautiful little princess. But so does the wicked witch Ursula who puts a ____ on the princess and predicts that one day she will prick her finger and sleep for one hundred years.
19.	Unfortunately, in all of his novels there is little place for women, who, with few exceptions, are no more than ____ wives, rarely seen and never heard.
20.	My ____ of that restaurant were never very high, but I didn't think it would be so bad. Sleepy service, poor food quality, and when we asked why it was like this they stated that their kitchen was backed up, yet the restaurant was nearly empty.