

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, what's worse, 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 and could even be taking place in the home. According to a study on youngsters aged up to 16 years old 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 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** later in their adult life.



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- This kind of text can be found in a
A. fiction book. B. daily newspaper. C. history website.
- The target group of the UMHRI's study was
A. Greeks aged 18-40. B. people aged up to 16. C. university students.
- According to the clinical psychologist, control over alcohol consumption is
A. a complex issue. B. an easy task. C. a trivial matter.
- In Europe, health problems associated with alcohol consumption
A. are successfully treated. B. threaten citizens' lives. C. bring profits to medical companies.
- According to Greek law, the sale of alcoholic drinks
A. is permitted to all ages. B. is prohibited in bars. C. is allowed to adults only.
- According to the text, alcohol is a profitable product for
A. consumers. B. states. C. institutes.
- According to the text, the Greek laws related to alcohol are not followed by
A. wine producers. B. clinical psychologists. C. bar owners.
- According to the text, concerning Greek children's alcohol use, many parents seem to be
A. strict. B. misconceived. C. careful.
- In the text, the underlined phrase '**take the mystique out of alcohol**' means
A. treat alcohol as common. B. make alcohol tastier. C. sell alcohol at a higher price.
- In the text, the underlined phrase '**get their hands on it**' means
A. consume it. B. clean it. C. produce it.

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.	socially	B.	taste	C.	widely	D.	available	E.	legal	F.	profitable
G.	consume	H.	sale	I.	certainly	J.	encourage	K.	acceptable		

EXAMPLE	I had to wait for 45 minutes before the show started; that was an UNACCEPTABLE delay!
11.	He already had a driving license, so by that time he could _____ drive his own car.
12.	The doctor had some _____ news - I would soon be able to walk again.
13.	Although little is known about these ancient people, it is more than _____ that they grew a number of crops. For example, in several places in the Middle East, wheat was grown soon after 8000 BC.
14.	There is no question that hatred and violence have no place in a modern _____ like ours.
15.	For the first time, the company's annual _____ were over \$1 million.
16.	We couldn't find any tickets for the match. All of them had already been _____ out!
17.	If we want quality in eggs, we shall certainly not go to a battery, because there is nothing on earth more _____ than a battery egg; no taste at all I assure you!
18.	There have been complaints from _____ groups about the high prices charged by some companies.
19.	He was asleep when I got there, lying on his back with his mouth _____ open, like a drowning man trying to breathe all the oxygen in the room.
20.	You know that I am very busy! Therefore, it is essential that you take account of my _____ when booking a trip abroad!