

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and choose the correct option (A, B or C) for items 1-10.

Leonardo da Vinci was born on 15 April 1452 near the Tuscan town of Vinci, the illegitimate son of a local lawyer. He was apprenticed to the sculptor and painter Andrea del Verrocchio in Florence. In about 1483, he moved to Milan. There, he produced the famous 'Madonna on the Rocks' and 'The Last Supper'. During his time in Florence, he painted several portraits, but the only one that survives is the famous 'Mona Lisa' (1503-1506). 'Mona Lisa' is one of the world's most famous and intriguing pictures. It is the portrait of the wife of a Florentine noble. For several days the woman came to Leonardo and sat for her portrait to be painted. However, she refused to smile; Leonardo even tried hiring musicians but to no avail. One day just for a fleeting second, she gave a faint smile and Leonardo was able to capture it. Her smile encapsulates a tremendous mysteriousness, which is both **fascinating** and intriguing. In 1517 Leonardo moved to the Château of Cloux in France, where he died on 2 May 1519. He wrote in left-handed mirror script and drew on subjects including geology, anatomy (which he studied in order to paint the human form more accurately), flight, gravity and optics. He 'invented' the bicycle, airplane, helicopter, and parachute some 500 years ahead of their time. Da Vinci's place as a pioneering scientist is beyond dispute. Yet, his true genius was not as a scientist or an artist, but as a combination of the two: an 'artist-engineer'. His painting was scientific, based on a deep understanding of the workings of the human body and the physics of light and shade. His science was expressed through his art and his drawings and diagrams show what he meant and how he understood the world to work.



(Words: 300)

- This text mainly talks about Leonardo Da Vinci's
 - talents and skills.
 - early career.
 - birthplace.
- Who would be most interested in reading this text?
 - Lawyers.
 - Engineers.
 - Art students.
- A possible title for the text could be
 - 'Leonardo Da Vinci: an artist-engineer'.
 - 'Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa'.
 - 'Leonardo Da Vinci's early life and work.'
- The text suggests that Leonardo Da Vinci became well-known
 - as a talented child.
 - thanks to his father.
 - for his many talents.
- Leonardo Da Vinci painted some of his famous paintings
 - when he was a teenager.
 - in his 30s.
 - during his university years.
- 'Mona Lisa' is the only portrait that
 - Da Vinci painted in Florence.
 - survived over time .
 - shows a woman.
- Leonardo hired musicians to
 - make 'Mona Lisa' smile.
 - help him paint 'Mona Lisa'.
 - entertain him while painting.
- The use of the word '**fascinating**' means that Mona Lisa's smile
 - appeals to many people.
 - is indifferent to most people.
 - is considered to be mysterious.
- Leonardo Da Vinci studied anatomy
 - when he was a student at university.
 - as it was useful for his inventions.
 - as it helped him become a better painter.
- From the text it seems that Leonardo Da Vinci was
 - an innovative artist.
 - the inventor of the bicycle.
 - a well-known scientist.

ΘΕΜΑ 2^α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	born	B.	true	C.	scientific	D.	mysteriousness	E.	form
F.	lawyer	G.	die	H.	combination	I.	accurately	J.	deep
K.	express								

EXAMPLE	The most important person in my life is the person who gave BIRTH to me, my mother.
11.	Advances in medical _____ mean that people will have the opportunity to live longer.
12.	By _____, an advertiser cannot use a person's name for commercial purposes without permission.
13.	The task before us is challenging, but the _____ efforts of all of us will produce positive results.
14.	He went to the Majestic Hotel because he wanted to find out who was the person that had sent him a(n) _____ letter a few days ago.
15.	I don't suppose we'll ever learn the _____ about what actually happened that day.
16.	The seals usually dive to a(n) _____ of 400 meters where they feed on fish such as the Antarctic cod.
17.	A(n) _____ description of the problem is the first step towards solving it.
18.	Judging from her _____, I think the promotion came as a complete surprise to her.
19.	The movie has _____ her almost overnight from an unknown schoolgirl into a megastar.
20.	Legend has it that Sarah was sentenced to _____ for practising witchcraft.