ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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

Alessandro Filipepi, known as Sandro Botticelli (1444-1510), began his career during the Italian Renaissance period. Botticelli was born in Florence around 1445 where he would live out the rest of his life. As the youngest of five children, Botticelli's father, a tanner, allowed him to become an apprentice to a goldsmith. During this apprenticeship, the goldsmith he worked with gave him the name Botticelli, meaning 'little barrel.' After a time, Sandro convinced his father that he wanted to study painting and was chosen to be apprentice to the well-known painter Fra Filippo Lippi. Botticelli quickly became recognised as a gifted artist all



by himself. By the time he was 15 years old, he was able to open a workshop dedicated to his own work. Botticelli's style evolved into one that was very distinct. His portraits seemed to have a melancholy or sad characteristic to them. Botticelli also included Neo-Platonism in his work. This meant that he would bring together in one painting ideas that belong to Christianity and pagan ideas which may have included mythology. One theme that Botticelli used over and over again was the idea of a very sad young girl that was detached from what was going on around her. This theme appeared in many of his portraits throughout his career. Another theme Botticelli liked tackling were the roles male and females played in society. As Sandro grew older, his style underwent a remarkable change. Many of his works contained a very religious feel to them. Sandro included highly religious symbolism in his paintings; they seemed to be telling a story. After 1490 Botticelli concentrated on paintings with many small figures, so that the entire picture surface seemed more alive. Many works showed this new method such as the Calumny of Apelles. Sandro Botticelli died at the age of 65.

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- 1. This text is mainly about
 - **A.** Botticelli's early years.
- **B.** Botticelli's personal life.
- C. Botticelli's artistic evolution.

- 2. Botticelli was born in
 - A. Florence.

B. Milan.

C. Rome.

- 3. The name Botticelli was given to Alessandro Filipepi by
- A. his father.

- **B.** the painter he worked with.
- C. the goldsmith he worked with.

- 4. In order to study painting, Botticelli became an apprentice to
 - A. Leonardo da Vinci.
- **B.** Fra Filippo Lippi.
- **C.** Michelangelo.

- 5. Botticelli
 - **A.** imitated Christian artists.
- **B.** developed his own style.
- **C.** followed Lippi's style.

- **6.** Botticelli was inspired by
 - **A.** the Greek mythology.
- **B.** Socrates' political philosophy.
- C. other Renaissance artists.

- 7. Botticelli's portraits were
- **A.** happy.

B. mysterious.

C. melancholic.

- 8. Botticelli's favourite theme in many of his portraits was
 - **A.** people's role in a society.
- **B.** human relationships.
- **C.** people's change over time.

- **9.** As Botticelli was getting older, his paintings
 - **A.** became more symbolic.
- **B.** remained unaltered.
- C. became more colourful.

- 10. In the last 20 years of his life, Botticelli included in his paintings
 - A. little gods.

B. little animals.

C. little figures.

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.	included	B.	melancholy	C.	died	D.	dedicated	E.	born	F.	concentrated
G.	appeared	Н.	chosen	I.	sad	J.	convinced	K.	known		

EXAMPLE	As an experienced teacher, Mr. Johnson shared his KNOWLEDGE with enthusiasm, making the learning process engaging and insightful for his students.								
11.	He had to make a difficult between pursuing a stable career or following his passion for art.								
12.	She presented arguments in the debate, swaying the audience to support her viewpoint.								
13.	Despite the efforts of the medical team, the patient's critical condition and the delay in receiving treatment contributed to complications leading to her								
14.	The loss of her closest friend filled her heart with overwhelming and tears streamed down her cheeks as she struggled to cope with the grief.								
15.	As the sun began to set, casting a warm golden glow over the landscape, she took a solitary walk along the beach, feeling a sense of nostalgia for the cherished memories of her youth that seemed like distant echoes in time.								
16.	The mysterious of the hiker in the dense forest prompted a large-scale search and rescue operation, involving skilled trackers and rescue teams.								
17.	The proud parents eagerly shared the news that they had given to a healthy baby boy with their family and friends.								
18.	Despite her best efforts to focus, the constant distractions hindered her, leaving her feeling frustrated and concerned about her academic performance.								
19.	Our school prides itself on its policy of, ensuring that students of all abilities and backgrounds have equal access to education.								
20.	Her unwavering to her profession, coupled with countless hours of hard work and perseverance, allowed her to become a respected leader in the company, admired by her colleagues for her determination and passion.								