

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. 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. 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. However, it also breeds familiarity and the data show that 4.7 percent of under-16s got drunk for the first time when they were younger than 13 years old. Another fact pointing to the cultural aspects of the issue, as well as the effect of having easier access, is that alcohol consumption in general tends to be higher in rural parts of the country than in Athens and other cities. That said, alcohol consumption among minors has decreased steadily since the 1980s, pointing to more public awareness. “People need to acknowledge that alcohol is not harmless. It is an addictive substance like nicotine and narcotics,” said the clinical psychologist. “The main thing is to educate children at school and in the home. Banning it is not the way to really solve the problem, especially when it comes to teens that see breaking a ban as a challenge.” Experts want to see more being done to tackle the phenomenon on every level and point to the proliferation of sweet fizzy drinks that contain alcohol as a sign that there is not enough awareness on the part of both the state and the consumers.



(Words: 300)

- In Greece, it is legal to sell alcoholic drinks to individuals who are
A. under 18 years old. B. over 18 years old. C. over 13 years old.
- According to the text, the Greek law about alcohol consumption is
A. never put into practice. B. sometimes put into practice. C. always put into practice.
- According to the text, the drinks sold in Greek bars are
A. not always harmless. B. always harmless. C. full of sugar.
- According to the text, some Greek parents
A. strongly discourage their children from tasting alcohol. B. do not allow their children to taste alcohol-free drinks. C. encourage their children to taste alcohol at a young age.
- Teen alcohol consumption is a problem in Greece because
A. of the absence of strict regulations. B. the Greek society is rather tolerant. C. alcohol is essential for the country's economy.
- Some Greek parents allow their children to taste alcohol when they
A. get 18. B. get 16. C. are quite young.
- If people become more aware of the risks of alcohol consumption,
A. teenagers will drink less. B. teenagers will drink more. C. alcohol will not be sold in bars.
- If alcohol consumption by teenagers is banned, the problem will
A. be solved. B. be partially solved. C. will not be solved.
- The proliferation of sweet fizzy drinks containing alcohol indicates
A. a rise in demand for healthier beverage options. B. a lack of awareness among consumers and the state. C. a decrease in the consumption of sugary beverages.
- According to the clinical psychologist, alcohol
A. is as harmless as herbal medicines. B. has similar effects as caffeine and other stimulants. C. is an addictive substance like nicotine and narcotics.

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Fill each gap in sentences 11-20 with the correct word from the box below (A-J).

A.	effects	B.	aspect	C.	awareness	D.	minor	E.	tends
F.	consumption	G.	banned	H.	substances	I.	entry	J.	familiarity

11.	The school organized a campaign to raise students' _____ about the importance of recycling and its positive impact on the environment.
12.	We all need to limit the _____ of sugary snacks and beverages if we wish to maintain a healthy lifestyle and avoid facing health issues like obesity and tooth decay.
13.	The warning label on the cleaning product alerted users to the presence of potentially poisonous _____, emphasizing the importance of using it safely and keeping it out of the reach of children.
14.	Her astonishing _____ with pop music made her the go-to person among her friends for discussions about the latest hits, artists and trends.
15.	His passion for learning extended to every _____ of his life, from his studies to his hobbies.
16.	When discussing controversial topics, Julia _____ to get upset if others disagree with her opinions, often engaging in passionate debates to defend her viewpoints.
17.	It's important to take a moment to reflect and think about the possible _____ of your actions before making decisions, as they can have far-reaching consequences on both yourself and those around you.
18.	The unexpected _____ of the clown into the room immediately lightened the atmosphere, filling the room with laughter and joy.
19.	After repeated warnings, he was _____ from participating in the competition for violating the rules.
20.	Since he was still a _____, he could not sign a legal document or make important decisions without parental consent.