

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and decide if each statement (1-10) is True (A) or False (B).

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When most Greek parents receive bad school reports for their children, it seems that they are affected much more negatively than their children. “You can’t attend Senior High School, so you’d better go to a Vocational High School (EPAL)”, parents usually say to a Junior High School leaver whose school report is not really good. They usually believe an EPAL is a kind of school for failures and not a school that may be more suitable for their child’s skills and abilities.



How can one show parents that, if a school report recommends that the child cannot progress in that type of school, they’d better make peace with the fact that:

- a type of school may not be suitable for their child, and
- a society does not need only doctors and lawyers, but also good technicians of all kinds.

How can one tell parents that they must understand the possible effect on their children if they are not ready for a certain type of school, but develop anyway? According to a psychologist, “If the learning load in school is too heavy for the child, hard effort won’t build character but it will actually destroy his/her self-confidence”.

Once parents have realized that their child may not be able to achieve much in a Senior High School, what could they do to make choice of an EPAL school successful for their child?

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	STATEMENTS	A	B
		TRUE	FALSE
1.	This text would probably appear in a scientific magazine.		
2.	The aim of this text is to inform about what an EPAL school offers to students.		
3.	When Greek students get bad marks at Junior High school, their parents usually advise them to choose an EPAL school.		
4.	The underlined pronoun “ <u>whose</u> ” refers to Senior High School students’ school reports.		
5.	The underlined pronoun “ <u>that</u> ” refers to an EPAL school.		
6.	According to the text, when students get bad marks, they should try harder.		
7.	According to the text, all kinds of jobs seem to be equally important for a society.		
8.	According to the text, students develop their personality when they try hard to learn new things.		
9.	The underlined pronoun “ <u>they</u> ” refers to Greek parents.		
10.	The writer appears to have a positive attitude towards EPAL schools.		

ΘΕΜΑ 2^α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	heavy	B.	suitable	C.	ready	D.	certain	E.	anyway
F.	successful	G.	possible	H.	better	I.	hard	J.	according

11. We're leaving at eight o'clock, so you've got about an hour to get _____.
12. We should all play ____ to the rules and never cheat at games.
13. My second attempt to make pizza was more ____ than the first one.
14. A room in this hotel by the lake is the perfect place to relax after a week of ____ work.
15. Of course I don't mind giving you a lift back home; I'm going that way _____.
16. You'd ____ hurry or you'll miss the train.
17. I like living in the countryside; there is no ____ traffic and life is at a much slower and calmer pace than in the city.
18. An environmentalist is an expert on environmental problems; s/he investigates the most urgent environmental problems in our world and suggests ____ solutions to them
19. It's a nice enough dress but it's not really ____ for a wedding.
20. The quiz competitors had to spell difficult words in English really fast and finish at a ____ time.