

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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

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 especially good. They usually believe that an EPAL is a kind of school for ‘failures’ and not a school that may be more suitable for the 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? 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 realised 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 could appear in a scientific magazine.		
2.	Another title for this text could be: ‘Which type of school do most students prefer?’		
3.	When Greek students get bad marks at school, their parents don’t mind at all.		
4.	Many Greek parents believe that an EPAL is suitable for students who get bad grades in Junior High School.		
5.	In the text, the underlined phrase “ <u>make peace with</u> ” means ‘start to accept’.		
6.	According to the text, doctors and lawyers are more important than all other professionals.		
7.	In the text, the underlined word “ <u>they</u> ” refers to Greek parents.		
8.	According to a psychologist, students may not feel confident when they have to learn too many things at school.		
9.	In the text, the underlined word “ <u>it</u> ” refers to students’ character.		
10.	The writer of the text suggests that Senior High School may not be an appropriate type of school for all students.		

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each of the phrases below (11-20) with a word from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J). Use each word only once.

A.	receive	B.	destroy	C.	attend	D.	recommend	E.	progress
F.	believe	G.	suitable	H.	build	I.	achieve	J.	show

11.	To get or be given something.
12.	To make it possible for something to be seen.
13.	Movement to an improved or more developed state.
14.	To damage something so badly that it cannot be used.
15.	Acceptable or appropriate for someone or something.
16.	To succeed in finishing something or reaching an aim, especially after a lot of work or effort.
17.	To think that something is true, correct or real.
18.	To go officially to a place, such as a particular school.
19.	To make something by putting bricks or other materials together.
20.	To suggest that someone or something would be good or suitable for a particular job, action, etc.