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MODULE 1 READING COMPREHENSION

2016 A

ATTENTION

- Don't open this booklet until the exam begins.
- Try to answer all 50 questions.
- Provide ONE answer for each item.
- You have **1 hour and 5 minutes** to complete this exam.

ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ

- Μην ανοίξεις το τευχίδιο πριν από την έναρξη της εξέτασης.
- Προσπάθησε να απαντήσεις και στα 50 ερωτήματα.
- Δώσε ΜΙΑ ΜΟΝΟ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΗ σε κάθε ερώτημα.
- Διάρκεια της εξέτασης: **1 ώρα και 5 λεπτά.**



ACTIVITY 1

What are the characters in the comics below saying or thinking? Fill in the gaps in pictures (B-F) with one of the options (1a-5a), as in the example.

Τι σκέπτονται ή λένε οι χαρακτήρες στα παρακάτω κόμικς; Συμπλήρωσε τα κενά στις εικόνες B-F με τις επιλογές 1a-5a, όπως στο παράδειγμα.

EX.	my new tablet!	A
1a.	a word.	
2a.	stupid.	
3a.	a mouse.	
4a.	she goes...	
5a.	I will.	

A.

How are you enjoying your new e-reader, Mimi?

This is not just an e-reader. It's my new tablet.

B.

AAAAHHH!!!

Don't scream! It's only a word.

C.

That's the wrong way to class!

I don't care. I'm going where I want.

D.

I like you. Will you go out with me?

Of course, I will.

E.

EVERYTHING LIZ DOES IS CUTE

And everything he does is cute.

F.

Stop talking and listen!

But, I didn't say anything.

ACTIVITY 2

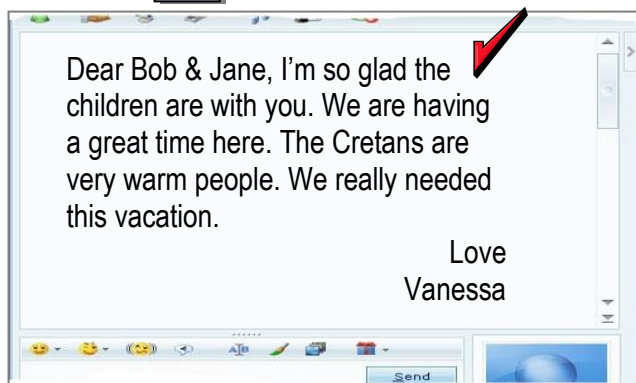
Which place are Vanessa and Peter referring to in each message? Match options A-E with the content of each email (6a-10a), as in the example.

Σε ποιο μέρος αναφέρονται η Βανέσσα και ο Peter σε κάθε μήνυμα; Αντιστοίχισε τις επιλογές A-E με το περιεχόμενο κάθε μηνύματος (6a-10a), όπως στο παράδειγμα.

A. restaurant B. theatre C. football stadium D. concert hall E. clinic F. Greek island

EXAMPLE

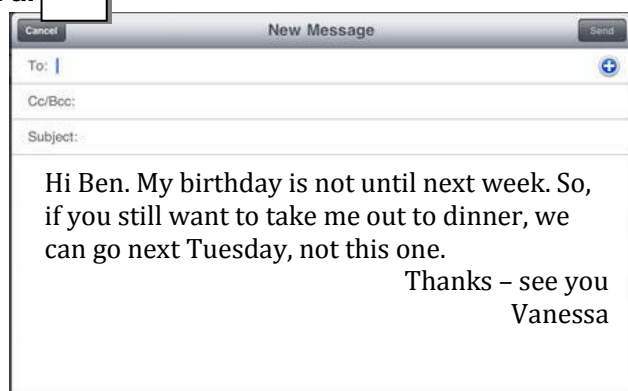
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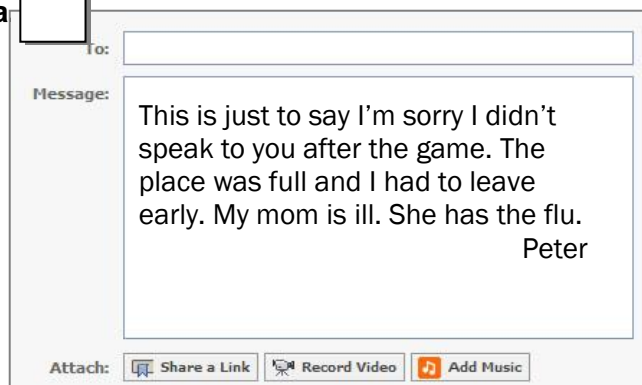
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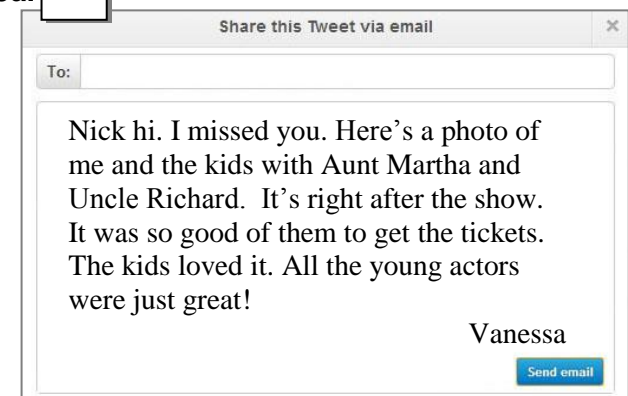
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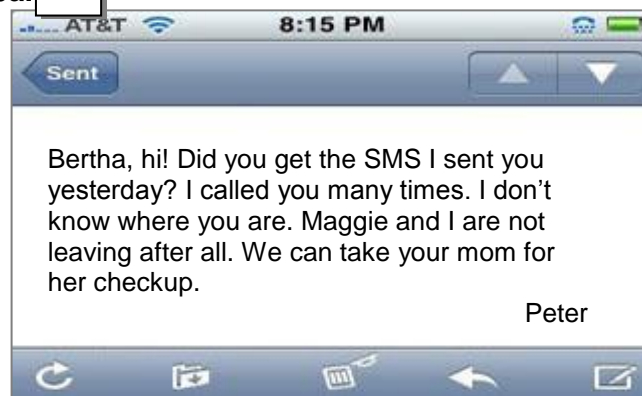
8a



9a



10a



ACTIVITY 3

Read the three jokes and decide if statements 11a-15a are True (A) or False (B).

Διάβασε τα τρία ανέκδοτα και αποφάσισε αν οι δηλώσεις 11a-15a είναι Σωστές (A) ή Λάθος (B).

STATEMENTS		A	B
		TRUE	FALSE
11a.	Στο ανέκδοτο 1 ο γιος καταφέρνει να μην απαντήσει ευθέως στην ερώτηση που του κάνει ο πατέρας του.		
12a.	Στο ανέκδοτο 1 ο πατέρας στο τέλος τιμωρεί τον γιο του.		
13a.	Στο ανέκδοτο 2 ο ασθενής κάνει ακριβώς αυτό που πρέπει, σύμφωνα με τον γιατρό του.		
14a.	Στο ανέκδοτο 3 όλα τα άτομα είναι της ίδιας ηλικίας και νοημοσύνης.		
15a.	Στο ανέκδοτο 3 το παιδί σώζει τον εαυτό του και τον παππά.		

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Dad: Son!

Kid: What?

Dad: Where's your homework?

Kid: Oh, it's done.

Dad: I said WHERE.

Kid: In the world.

Dad: Where in the world?

Kid: In our home!

Dad: Where in the home?

Kid: Which home?

Dad: Our home!

Kid: Who is "our"?

Dad: You, your mother and I.

Kid: Which "eye"? Left or right?

Dad: Stop it!

Kid: Who?

Dad: You!

Kid: When?

Dad leaves home...

1

My doctor told me that the way to feel really good about myself is to always finish what I start. That's exactly what I am doing: I have now finished two bags of candy, and a chocolate cake. I feel better already!

2

There was an airplane and in that airplane there were 4 people: a pilot, a lawyer, a priest, and a kid. The plane is going down fast, but there were only 3 parachutes.

The pilot says:
"I have a family, and my wife is going to have a baby." He takes one parachute and jumps off the plane.

The lawyer says:
"I'm the smartest man on earth, so I have to live." He takes a parachute and jumps off.

There is only 1 parachute left. The priest sees it and tells the kid:
"Son, go ahead take the last parachute, I've lived my life."

The boy looks around the plane and says "Wait... We can both live!"

"How?" asks the priest, and the boy answers:
"Here is the last parachute! The smartest man in the world just jumped off the plane with my backpack."

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ACTIVITY 4

Read the message and for each gap (16a-20a) choose the best answer (A-F). There is one word you do not need.

Διάβασε το μήνυμα και για κάθε κενό (16a-20a) διάλεξε τη σωστή απάντηση (A-F). Υπάρχει μια λέξη που δεν χρειάζεται.


A.	for	B.	most	C.	next	D.	in	E.	between	F.	because
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Friends ▾
Inbox ▾

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Inbox
Sent Messages
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Updates

Compose Message



Dear Athena,

I know you are going to your mother's home town **(16a)** ____ week. I love it there! It's one of the **(17a)** ____ beautiful towns in Greece. I am writing to you **(18a)** ____ my friends from Denmark are coming to Greece, **(19a)** ____ about a month. I told them to visit Pilio, and its lovely towns. Can you help them with a place to stay? Here is a photo of the guest house where I stayed, when I was in Makrinitisa. Can you find something like this **(20a)** ____ my Danish friends? It should be clean, comfortable, with two rooms, living room, bathroom and a separate toilet.

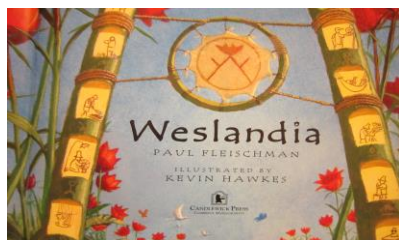
Daniela

ACTIVITY 5

Which words (A-F) are synonyms of the underlined words in the text (21a-25a)? There is one word you do not need.

Ποιες λέξεις (A-F) είναι συνώνυμες με τις υπογραμμισμένες λέξεις του κειμένου (21a-25a); Υπάρχει μια λέξη που δεν χρειάζεται.

A.	over	B.	discover	C.	different	D.	great	E.	protagonist	F.	enjoy
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A **(21a)** wonderful book for children written by Paul Fleischman, and illustrated by Kevin Hawkes.

The story is about Wesley, an imaginative boy who creates a new land: Weslandia! Why? Because he wants to live in a place where things are unusual, just like he is **(22a)** unusual. He wants to live in a land, where things are just as he imagines them to be.

Wesley, the **(23a)** main character, does not fit in at his school, or even in his own home! He is different from other children. For example, he doesn't like pizza, coca-cola or football. He does things differently from others and this is why they don't like him. So, he feels lonely.

Loneliness can make you a miserable and hateful person. But not Wesley! When school is **(24a)** out and summer comes, he decides to make something fantastic. So, he plants not a garden, but his own new land. He plants Westlandia -- a land where things grow like flowers!

The story has a happy end. Wesley makes lots of friends and the people around him like, understand and appreciate him. Read the book to **(25a)** find out how this comes about!



ACTIVITY 6

Read the text and for each gap (26a-28a) choose the best word (A-E), as in the example. There are two words you do not need.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και για κάθε κενό (26a-28a) διάλεξε την σωστή λέξη (A-E), όπως στο παράδειγμα. Υπάρχουν δύο λέξεις που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

EX.	that	A.	who	B.	when	C.	within	D.	under	E.	around
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Pocahontas. Who is she?

Pocahontas is the protagonist of a Disney animated feature film of the same name. Pocahontas is the 7th official Disney Princess.

The character of Pocahontas is based on a real historical figure. She is a member of the Powhatan Indian tribe (EX) that makes their home in Virginia. She is the 18-year old daughter of Chief Powhatan, whose mother died (26a) _____ she was young.

Pocahontas inherited her father's strong will and free spirit. She is the only member of her tribe (27a) _____ is not afraid of the white "enemy" and becomes friends with John Smith.

Pocahontas is presented as a noble, free-spirited and highly spiritual young woman. She expresses wisdom beyond her years, and offers kindness and guidance to those (28a) _____ her. She loves adventure and nature. In the film, she appears to have shamanic powers since she was able to communicate with nature, talk to spirits, empathize with animals and understand unknown languages.

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ACTIVITY 7

Match statements 29a-32a (COLUMN A) with the appropriate answers A-F (COLUMN B), as in the example. There is one answer you do not need.

Αντιστοίχισε τις προτάσεις 29a-32a (COLUMN A) με τις απαντήσεις A-F (COLUMN B), όπως στο παράδειγμα. Υπάρχει μια απάντηση την οποία δεν χρειάζεσαι.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
EX.	Let me know if you're coming tonight.	A.	I have already done that. Here they are. Please don't be late.
29a.	Where have you been? I've been worried sick!	B.	Oh, it's your birthday! I didn't know.
30a.	Please write down her address and what time I should be there.	C.	Yes, I'm sorry too, but I couldn't leave Martha all alone. She's very ill.
31a.	Did you receive my message? I haven't heard from you.	D.	We were kept after school and then I missed the bus!
32a.	It was amazing to watch such a young person dance so beautifully. Too bad you didn't come with me.	E.	I will. I'll ask Don when he comes home.
		F.	I did, but didn't have time to answer. I was so busy!

ACTIVITY 8

Read the text and match the questions (33a-36a) with the answers (A-E). There is one answer you do not need.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και αντιστοίχισε τις ερωτήσεις (33a-36a) με τις απαντήσεις (A-E). Υπάρχει μια απάντηση την οποία δεν χρειάζεσαι.

Young blogger!



- 33a.** Hi Rojan and thank you so much for coming in. What would you like to tell us about yourself?
- 34a.** How and when did you get the idea to start a blog and how long did it take you to get serious about blogging?
- 35a.** Today many people start their own blogs on topics like making money online, learning online, etc. In your opinion, which are the best topics for a new blogger who wants to become successful?
- 36a.** Can you please tell me which is the best alternative to earn money from your blog?

- A.** I'm not sure I can. As I said before, I'm not a money blogger. But I know friends who earn money from other sources too, like freelance writing, ghost writing, designing, selling ad spaces on blogs, and paid posts.
- B.** I love helping people. My friends have been equally helpful to me. I am into blogging only to learn and not to make money, at least for now.
- C.** One of my good friends got me interested, about four months ago. When I joined the "Aha! NOW ABC" blog community, I became really involved and learned a lot from my fellow bloggers. I am still learning.
- D.** Well, I am Rojan Chaubey, a blogger from Mumbai, India. I write about Programming, Social Media, Blogging, Technology, and Designing. People know me as a guest author on various blogs. I have also appeared as an expert on a few tech blogs.
- E.** There are many blogs with the same themes, but bloggers don't have to worry if they are really creative. Yet, I think that a multi-niche blog will draw more fans than a single-niche one. I think multi-niche blogs are the best!

An interview with a famous teenager:

Rojan Chaubey



I ♥ BLOGGING



ACTIVITY 9

Read the text and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 37a-40a.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και διάλεξε την καλύτερη απάντηση (Α, Β, ή C), για τα ερωτήματα 37a-40a.

George Seferis

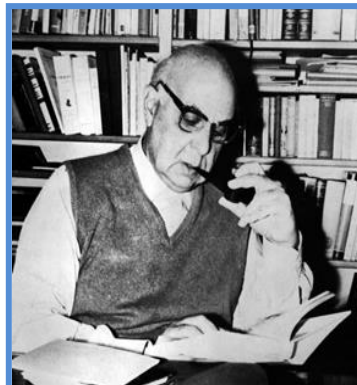
Seferis (real name Giorgos Seferiadis), famous Greek writer, was born near Smyrna, in Asia Minor, Turkey. His father, Stelios Seferiadis, was a lawyer, and later he was a professor at the University of Athens. He too was a poet and translator, like his son later.

In 1914 the Seferiadis family moved to Athens, where Seferis finished his basic education. Then, he continued by studying law at the University of the Sorbonne in Paris. While he was in France, in September 1922, Smyrna was seized by the Turkish Army. Many Greeks, including the Seferiadis family, fled from Asia Minor. They became exiles. Seferis did not return to Smyrna until 1950 –as a visitor.

Seferis lived in Athens and was admitted to the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1926, where he began his diplomatic career. He worked as a Greek diplomat in England, Albania and Turkey.

From 1941 to 1944, the Germans invaded and occupied Greece. During these terrible years, Seferis accompanied the Free Greek Government in exile to Crete, Egypt, South Africa, and Italy. He returned when Athens was free from the Germans, in 1944.

Seferis, named as “the poet of the future”, received many honours and prizes for his lyric poetry. He also received honorary doctoral degrees from the universities of Cambridge, Oxford, Thessaloniki and Princeton.



Seferis, George
Born 1900
Died 1971

**Nobel prize for
literature 1963**

37a. George Seferis finished school in

A. Asia Minor.

B. Athens.

C. Paris.

38a. Seferis became a

A. Minister of Foreign Affairs.

B. a university professor.

C. a career diplomat.

39a. When the Germans occupied Greece, Seferis

A. went to France.

B. went back to Turkey.

C. went into exile.

40a. Seferis is best known as

A. a great Greek poet.

B. a Greek patriot.

C. a Greek writer.


PART B - SHORT ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 1

Find the word for each statement below (1b-5b), as in the example. The first letter and blanks will help you.

Βρες την σωστή λέξη για κάθε ορισμό (1b-5b), όπως στο παράδειγμα. Το πρώτο γράμμα και τα κενά θα σε βοηθήσουν.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS * FURNITURE * ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES * HOUSE

EX.	It's a sort of a divan, sometimes called a sofa.	C O U C H 
1b.	A table used when we eat in the afternoon or evening.	D _ _ _ _ _ TABLE
2b.	Electric machine that sucks the dust and dirt.	V _ _ _ _ _ CLEANER
3b.	Heavy fabric to cover the floor.	C _ _ _ _ _
4b.	An electric appliance in which we keep food and drinks.	R _ _ _ _ _
5b.	A piece of furniture for one person to sit on.	A _ _ _ CHAIR

ACTIVITY 2

Fill in the gaps in the sentences below (6b-10b) and make your own quotes. The first letter is given to you.

Βρες τη σωστή λέξη συμπληρώνοντας τα κενά στις παρακάτω προτάσεις (6b-10b). Το πρώτο γράμμα θα σε βοηθήσει.

ANIMAL QUOTES



- 6b. "Animals are very good friends. They don't ask you q _ _ _ _ _ and they don't criticize like people do!"
- 7b. "Animals kill other animals when they want to e _ _ . People do it to other people for what they believe!"
- 8b. "Some people talk to animals, but not many people l _ _ _ _ _ to them. But animals do send us messages."
- 9b. "How it is that animals u _ _ _ _ _ things I don't, like when it is going to rain. Maybe there is a language that is not made of words..."
- 10b. "Animals know more than we think, and think a great deal more than we k _ _ _ ."

ΣΑΣ ΥΠΕΝΘΥΜΙΖΟΥΜΕ ΟΤΙ ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΜΕΤΑΦΕΡΕΤΕ ΟΛΕΣ ΤΙΣ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΣΤΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 1
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