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MODULE 1 READING COMPREHENSION

2021 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.

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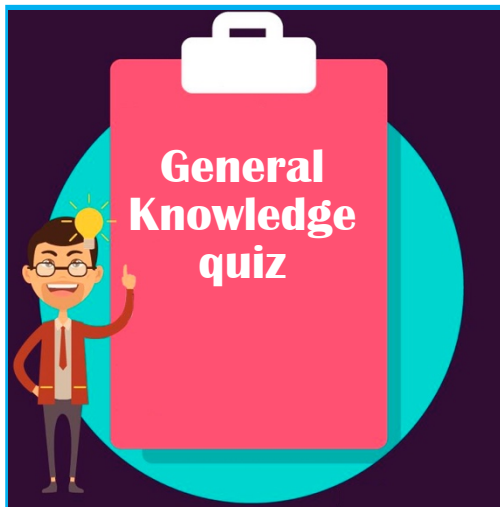
- Μην ανοίξεις το τευχίδιο πριν από την έναρξη της εξέτασης.
- Προσπάθησε να απαντήσεις και στα 50 ερωτήματα.
- Δώσε ΜΙΑ ΜΟΝΟ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΗ σε κάθε ερώτημα.
- Διάρκεια της εξέτασης: **1 ώρα και 5 λεπτά.**

ACTIVITY 1

Fill in the gaps in questions 1a-6a with the right word (A-H) to make your own quiz! There are two words you do not need.

Συμπλήρωσε τα κενά των ερωτήσεων 1a-6a με την σωστή λέξη (Α-Η) για να φτιάξεις το δικό σου κουίζ. Υπάρχουν δύο λέξεις που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

A.	mountains	B.	country	C.	year	D.	Earth
E.	food	F.	eyes	G.	glasses	H.	letter



How much do you know?



1a. What is the last _____ of the English alphabet?

2a. Why do people get tears in their _____ when they cry?

3a. What are the highest _____ in Europe?

4a. What is the largest _____ in the world?

5a. What is the hottest continent on _____?

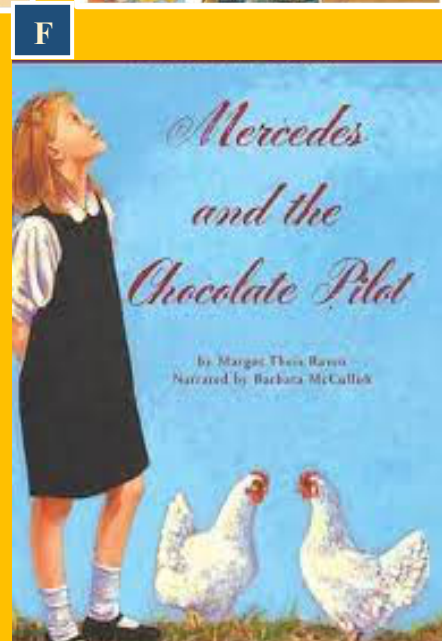
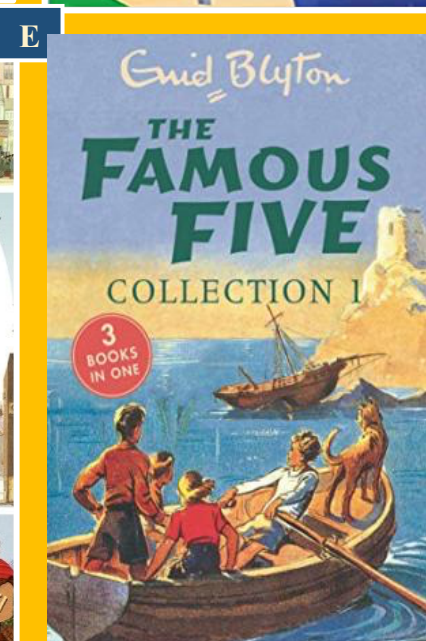
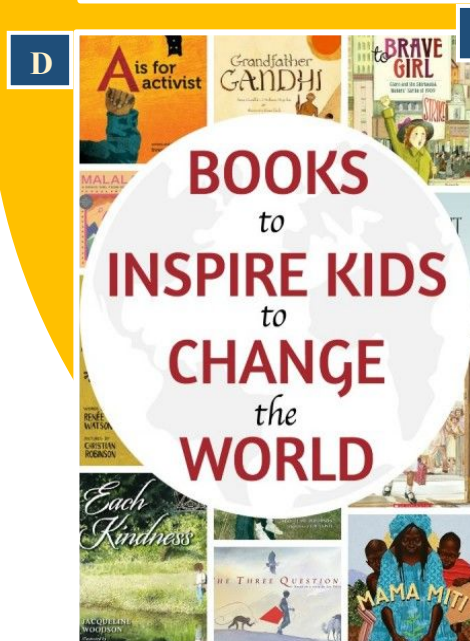
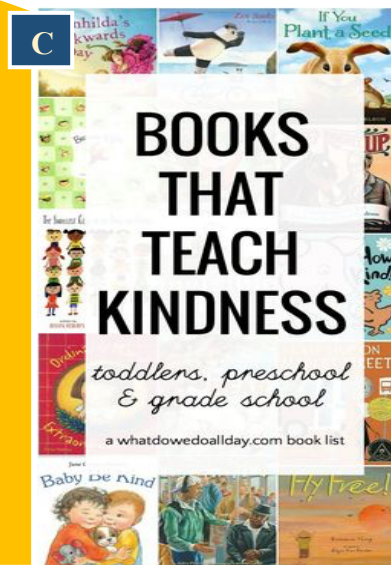
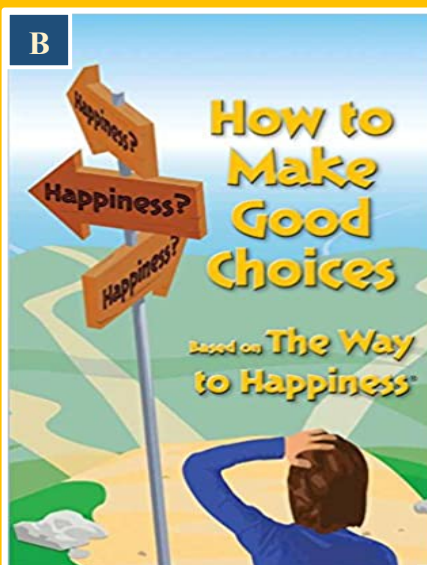
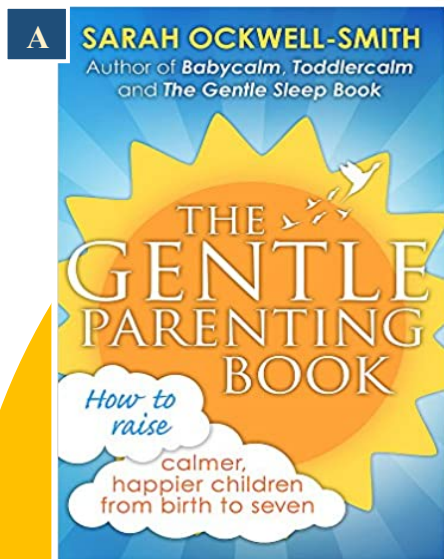
6a. What _____ did the Second World War end?

ACTIVITY 2

Match the book descriptions (7a-10a) with book covers A-F. There are two book covers you do not need.

Αντιστοίχισε τις περιγραφές των βιβλίων (7α-10α) με τα εξώφυλλα (Α-Ε). Υπάρχουν δυο εξώφυλλα που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

- 7a. This book is about how to be good to others – it has stories about being nice and caring.
- 8a. This is the true story of a seven-year old girl living in West Berlin in 1945, and an American pilot who became a hero when he started dropping food and candy from his plane to German children.
- 9a. This book is not about children but about mothers and fathers and how to bring up their young children.
- 10a. Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog are sailing to Treasure Island when they see a ship wreck...

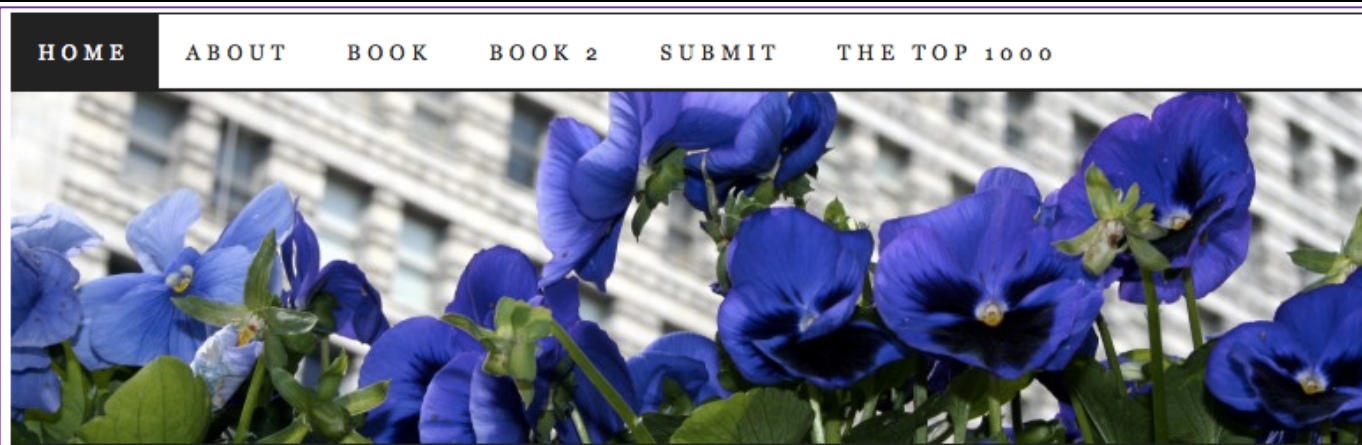


ACTIVITY 3

Which of the following phrases (11a-15a) best summarizes each of the good life tips below (A-E), as in the example (F)?

Ποια από τις ακόλουθες φράσεις (11a-15a) συνοψίζει καλύτερα την κάθε μία από τις παρακάτω συμβουλές για μια καλύτερη ζωή (A-E), όπως στο παράδειγμα (F);

EX.	Μην νομίζεις ότι μόνο εσύ έχεις προβλήματα.	F
11a.	Βρες χρόνο για τα πράγματα που είναι σημαντικά για σένα.	
12a.	Ξέχνα το παρελθόν.	
13a.	Προγραμματίσε το μέλλον σου.	
14a.	Δεν μπορείς να χωρέσεις τα πάντα σε μια μέρα.	
15a.	Μην βιάζεσαι να τελειώσεις αυτό που κάνεις τώρα. Απόλαυσέ το!	

**FOLLOW THESE TIPS AND LIVE A GOOD LIFE!**

- A.** Every day is a new beginning. Don't think about what you said and what you did yesterday. What is important is that you do your best to make today a good day.
- B.** You're always doing something in a hurry. What for? Every time you rush to do something, you can't find the joy in it.
- C.** So, today, you want to finish all your tasks: study, go to the gym, have lunch with a friend, go shopping, AND go to the movies? Well, you can't. You can't fit everything in one day!
- D.** Take time today to think about the future, what you want from life. Plan your next steps and make the decisions that are best for you.
- E.** Ok, you don't have time to read, exercise, buy a gift for your loved one, and cook a good meal for yourself. You only have 24 hours in a day. But you can **MAKE** time for the things that are really important to you.
- F.** Everybody has problems. You're not the only person with problems or a difficult life. Just knowing that we're all in the same boat makes us feel less alone.

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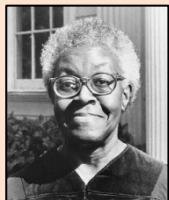
ACTIVITY 4

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

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

A. woman **B.** worked **C.** old **D.** prize **E.** was **F.** died

Two of the greatest African American women



GWENDOLYN ELIZABETH BROOKS (1917-2000) was an American poet, author, and teacher. Her work **16a.** _____ often about everyday people in her community. She won the Pulitzer for Poetry on May 1, 1950 and was the first African American to receive such a **17a.** _____.



SHIRLEY ANITA CHISHOLM was born on November 30, 1924 and **18a.** _____ on January 1, 2005, when she was 81 years **19a.** _____. She was an American politician, educator, and author. In 1968, she became the first black **20a.** _____ elected to the United States Congress. In the 1972 presidential election, she became the first black candidate to run for US presidency. In 2015, Chisholm was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

ACTIVITY 5

Choose the best synonym (A-F) for each underlined word (21a-25a) in the text. There is one word you do not need.

Διάλεξε το πιο σωστό συνώνυμο (A-F) για κάθε υπογραμμισμένη λέξη στο κείμενο (21a-25a). Υπάρχει μία λέξη που δεν χρειάζεται.

A. great **B.** grown-up **C.** well-known **D.** curious **E.** unusual **F.** also

Greatest loves in history...

Love is one of the strongest feelings. In all of history couples in love were the cause of fighting and even wars, but also of beautiful novels, music, and paintings. Among the most **(21a)** famous love stories in history were that of Helen of Troy and Paris, whose love caused the Trojan War. Another one was the love between Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, and the Roman General Mark Anthony. There are famous couples in love nowadays **(22a)** as well. For example, the Hollywood actor George Clooney, who fell in love with British human-rights lawyer Amal.

However, the love story of Dante and Beatrice is **(23a)** amazing. The Italian poet Dante Alighieri was in love with Beatrice and he wrote poetry about her, including the celebrated "Divine Comedy". What is **(24a)** different about this love affair is that Dante had only met her twice in his life! The first time was when he was nine years old, and she was eight. The second time was when he was **(25a)** an adult and she happened to be walking on the street in Florence. The tragedy is that Beatrice died in 1290, at the young age 24, without Dante ever seeing her again.



ACTIVITY 6

Read the text and choose the best word (A-F) for each gap (26a-31a)

Διάβασε το κείμενο και διάλεξε τη σωστή λέξη (A-F) για κάθε κενό (26a-31a).

A.	many	B.	often	C.	of	D.	before	E.	from	F.	between
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American Indians



The first people to live in a land are its “indigenous” peoples. They’re the native people (26a) _____ that land.

The first people in North America arrived (27a) _____ 26,500 and 19,000 years ago! This was a time when ice covered much of what is the northern part of the U.S.A. and Canada.

There were (28a) _____ different groups of Native Americans – different tribes with different cultures and different languages. They lived in peace until Columbus and the Europeans arrived.

Did Columbus discover America?

The answer is no! There were people in the Americas many thousands of years (29a) _____ Christopher Columbus’ ships arrived in the Bahamas.

In fact, it was another group of people who had discovered America: the forefathers of modern American Indians, who crossed a “land bridge” (30a) _____ Asia to what is now Alaska, thousands of years ago.

In fact, by the time Europeans arrived, in the 15th century, more than 50 million people were already living in the Americas and about 10 million lived in what is the United States today.



These indigenous people of America are (31a) _____ called “Indians” or “American Indians” because of a... mistake!

When Columbus arrived in America, he thought he had come to India! He called the people he found there “Indians” and the name just stuck!

ACTIVITY 7

Read the interview and match questions 32a-35a with answers A-E. There is one answer you do not need.

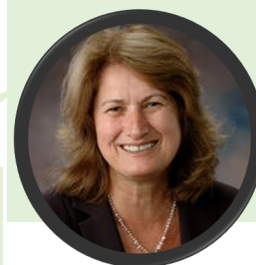
Διάβασε τη συνέντευξη και αντιστοίχισε τις ερωτήσεις 32a-35a με τις απαντήσεις A-E. Υπάρχει μια απάντηση που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

FAMOUS GREEKS OF THE DIASPORA**MARY KALANTZIS**

An amazing woman, who has accomplished so much in her life! She is famous for her academic work. Her theories and books are internationally known. She left Greece when she was very young, but she loves her homeland and comes back almost every year.

Interview

with
**Mary
Kalantzis**



☐ **32a.** So, Professor Kalantzis, your last name is Greek. Were you born in the USA?

A. Yes, and university, with a scholarship. Then I taught university students for many years – in Australia and later in the USA.

☐ **33a.** And did you go to school in Australia?

B. Well, my area is education – what and how children learn – literacy and multiculturalism.

☐ **34a.** You are a university professor, right? What do you teach? What are you an expert in?

C. Yes, I'm married. My husband, Professor Bill Cope, and I work together and share everything in life.

☐ **35a.** And which place do you consider "home"?

D. No, in Greece. In Akrata, a village in the Peloponnese. But my parents moved to Australia when I was about 4 years old and I went to school there.

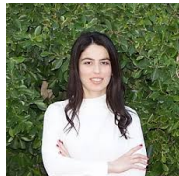
E. Well, I am Australian, but I enjoy living in the USA, even though things are difficult in recent years. But Greece will always have a special place in my heart.

ACTIVITY 8

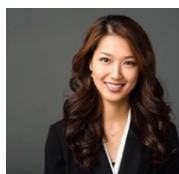
Read the text and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 36a-40a.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και διάλεξε την καλύτερη απάντηση (A, B, ή C), για τα ερωτήματα 36a-40a.

Young leaders who are improving the world



Basima Abdulrahman: an Iraqi engineer, passionate about our ecosystem, founder of KESK, a company that gives advice on how to build greener buildings. Her company helps other businesses in her homeland to make better buildings. Basima hopes to build her first green building in the next two years, and a whole green city in the northern part of Erbil in the next decade.



Kwiri Yang created “LifeGyde”, an online platform for young people who need advice, guidance and support. It is a platform for individuals and businesses. Her first project was to help immigrant owners of small businesses in California. The idea for “LifeGyde” was born when she went through problems herself and she realized how many people, like her, needed help.



Abi Ramanan co-created “ImpactVision”, a software platform that uses technology to help us not waste food. The company uses a special software to take a picture of food and analyze how good and fresh it is. The system helps reduce waste and not only. As technology advances, you could have a special camera on your smartphone to help you know more about the food you’re eating.



Doreen Kessy is head of “Ubongo”, a multimedia educational platform in Africa that provides good quality educational material at a very low cost. More than six million households in 31 countries watch, listen and learn from Ubongo’s cartoons. The cartoons help hundreds of students do better in school. In “Akili and Me”, children aged 3-6 join Akili in Lala Land, where they learn English, arithmetic, art, and more.



Nafez Dakkak is Head of the Queen Rania Foundation office in London. Started in 2013 by Queen Rania of Jordan, this foundation is a great educational resource in Jordan and the rest of the Arab world. It helps the development of new ideas and projects and offers Arabic courses and Arabic language versions of courses taught by other important online educational platforms. The platform reaches more than 1.5 million Arabic-speakers.

- 36a. Basima Abdulrahman, the Iraqi engineer is also
 A. a builder. B. an ecologist. C. an economist.
- 37a. Kwiri Yang has developed a platform that offers help to
 A. parents. B. new firms. C. those who need it.
- 38a. Abi Ramanan has created a platform that helps us
 A. cook frozen food. B. eat fresh food. C. get cheaper food.
- 39a. Doreen Kessy’s platform helps children
 A. learn more. B. go to school. C. learn to have fun.
- 40a. At the Queen Rania Foundation, Nafez Dakkak
 A. is a university student. B. teaches Arabic. C. is the top man.

PART B - SHORT ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 1

Complete the gaps in the sentences below (1b-5b) with the right word, as in the example.

Συμπλήρωσε τα κενά σε κάθε μία από τις παρακάτω προτάσεις (1b-5b) με την πιο σωστή λέξη, όπως στο παράδειγμα.

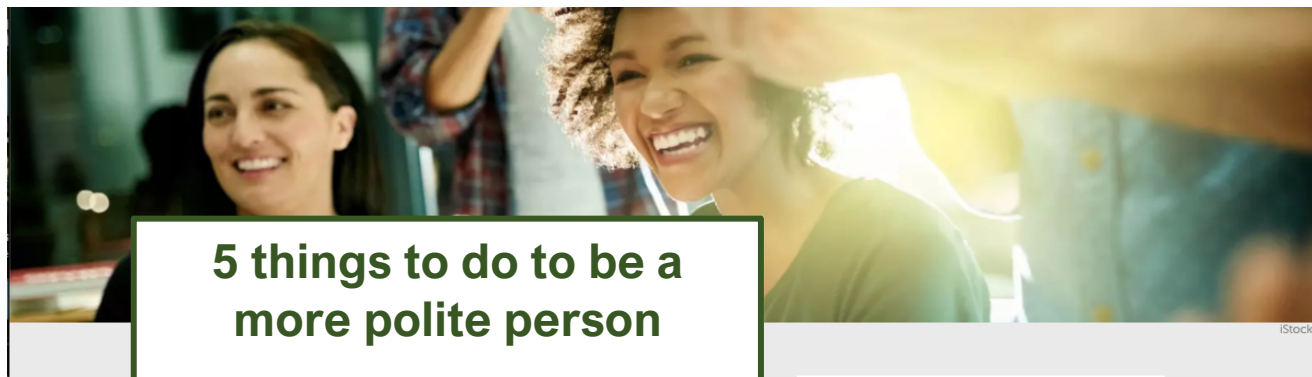
Once upon a time....

EX.	...there was a little girl who did not want to <u>play</u> with her dolls.
1b.	...there was a mighty King who _____ in a big castle.
2b.	...there was a boy who _____ his dog very much. When his dog died, he was heartbroken, and he stopped talking to people.
3b.	...there was a young woman with beautiful blue eyes, but she could not _____. Eyeglasses did not help. Her parents were very unhappy and took her to many doctors, but they could do nothing.
4b.	...there was a lion and a tiger who were always fighting because each one _____ to be king of the jungle.
5b.	...there was a rich man. He _____ a lot of money, but always wanted more and more.

ACTIVITY 2

Complete the gap in each of the statements below (6b-10b) with the right word.

Συμπλήρωσε το κενό της κάθε μίας από τις παρακάτω προτάσεις (6b-10b) με την πιο σωστή λέξη.



- 06b.** Greet people when you see them. Say hello, how are you, and _____ at them in the eyes.
- 07b.** Always use “please” to ask for something, “thank you” when someone does or gives you something, and answer “you’re _____” as an answer when someone thanks you.
- 08b.** Congratulate people for their success and say “Well _____!” when they’ve done a good job.
- 09b.** Apologize for your mistakes. Say “I’m _____” if you are wrong or if you have done something that others do not like.
- 10b.** Respect other people’s time. Don’t be _____ for your appointment or your date! People do not like to wait for us.

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