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MODULE 2 Writing and mediation

ACTIVITY 1

Jeremy Hammer, a 15-year-old boy, was a big fan of Harper Lee, an award-winning American novelist. Jeremy wrote a fan letter to her and below is what she answered him. Imagine what Jeremy's **letter** to the famous novelist said and write it (80 words).

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Dear Jeremy

I don't have a picture of myself, so please accept these few lines:

As you grow up, always tell the truth, do no harm to others, and don't think you are the most important being on earth. Rich or poor, you then can look anyone in the eye and say, "I'm probably no better than you, but I'm certainly your equal."

Harper Lee

ACTIVITY 2

Sacia Flowers wrote to J.K. Rowlings, creator of the Harry Potter phantasy series, the following fan letter. Imagine you are J.K. Rowlings. Write a **response letter** to Sacia (100 words) in which you:

- Begin by thanking her.
- Comment on the significance of her letter.
- Finish by wishing her well and by giving her some advice.

Dear Mrs. Rowling,

I have so much I'd like to say, but I know you are a very busy woman. So I'll try not to take up too much of your time. Primarily, I would like to say I absolutely LOVE your books and have at least one copy of each on my bookshelf.

I first heard of the Harry Potter series when I was 11 and I was hooked immediately. I have never enjoyed a series as much as I have every one of your Harry books. First, I noticed that I was the same age as Harry. Then, over the years I have felt a growing strong connection with him. Not only do I wear glasses and have green eyes, thus sharing a bit of his physical appearance, but I'm an orphan too. In addition, I was always picked on and sometimes even bullied before I went to my new school, as Harry was by Dudley and his cronies before he went to Hogwarts. So, I also have a strong emotional understanding with Harry and feel the severity of Harry's loss of Sirius; for these reasons Harry holds a special place in my heart, and he always will.

Being picked on most of my life, I never had many friends due to my own insecurities and fears, but through the most difficult times in my life, Harry was my best friend when I needed him most and he lent me his world in which to escape my own grief and hurt, and for this I thank you from the deepest part of my heart.

I do not expect a reply, as I know you are a very busy woman, mother, and wife, but I do hope you have a chance to read this letter. Mostly I just really wanted to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to you and Harry. I needed for you to know how important he has been to me. Thank you, for everything.

Most Sincerely, Sacia (Say-sha) Flowers

ATTENTION

- Respond to all four activities.
- ☐ Write your texts in your notebook. Use a pen, not a pencil.
- ☐ Do not write your name in or under any of your texts.
- ☐ You have **85 minutes** to complete this part of the exam.

ACTIVITY 3

Your friend Denise wants to buy her Greek neighbour's 12-year son a book for his birthday. Send her an **email message** (80 words) to:

- (a) suggest that she buy the book by Evgenios Trivizas "Twelve to Twelve"
- (b) **explain** why you think it's a good choice for a 12-year-old boy using information from the book review below.

Sign as Alex.

Δώδεκα παρά δώδεκα



Παραμονή Πρωτοχρονιάς στις δώδεκα παρά δώδεκα, συμβαίνει κάτι το απίστευτο που ταράζει ολόκληρο το σύμπαν. Στον μυθικό χώρο συναντιούνται ο Νέος Χρόνος, ο οποίος ανυπομονεί να πάρει στα χέρια του τις τύχες του κόσμου, και ο Παλιός Χρόνος, ο οποίος αρνείται να παραδεχτεί ότι πρέπει να αποχωρήσει. Έτσι, αποφασίζει να δολοφονήσει τον διάδοχό του. Στη διάρκεια της πάλης, και ενώ το σύμπαν βρίσκεται στα πρόθυρα του χάους, επιστρατεύονται όλοι οι πρωταγωνιστές του παλιού παρελθόντος. Άνθρωποι της αρχαίας εποχής, Ρωμαίοι, πολεμιστές του μεσαίωνα, διάφοροι ηγεμόνες, αλλά και φυλακισμένοι, πειρατές, και άλλοι πολλοί. Δεν θα μπορούσαν να λείπουν τα ζώα, όπως οι πιγκουίνοι, ένας λευκός μονόκερος, καθώς και δεινόσαυροι. Όλοι αυτοί συμμετέχουν στη διαμάχη μεταξύ του παλαιού και του νεότερου. Δώδεκα λεπτά πριν από τα μεσάνυχτα η σύγκρουση μεταξύ μέλλοντος και παρελθόντος κορυφώνεται με συναρπαστικό τρόπο...

ACTIVITY 4

Read the book review below and send a **letter** (100 words) to *Flame Publishers* who specialise in international youth literature to:

- a) **propose** that the next book they have translated into English is a Greek book by Eleni Priovolou by giving a brief description of its plot, and
- justify your proposal by explaining why you believe the theme is appealing for an international young readership.

Φως σε μαύρο ουρανό



Η σύγχρονη Αθήνα της κρίσης, με την ανεργία, τη βία, την τρομοκρατία αποτελεί το χρονικό πλαίσιο όπου ο ήρωας μεταβαίνει από την παιδική στην εφηβική ηλικία, στην ωριμότητα. Πρωταγωνιστής ένας δεκαεξάχρονος που κατορθώνει όχι μόνο να επιβιώσει σε ένα αρνητικό και δύσκολο κοινωνικά περιβάλλον, σχολικό και οικογενειακό, αλλά να σταθεί στα πόδια του κυρίως χάρη στην αλληλεγγύη, την ανθρωπιά και την υποστήριξη ανθρώπων «χαμένων».

Ο Ντίνος, μαθηματικό μυαλό, έφηβος μάλλον αντικοινωνικός. Κυκλοφορεί σχεδόν πάντα με κατεβασμένη την κουκούλα για να περνά απαρατήρητος. Ο ήρωας καταφεύγει στον κόσμο των αστέγων για να ξεφύγει από το καταπιεστικό οικογενειακό του περιβάλλον, όπου κυριαρχεί η αυταρχική φιγούρα του πατέρα.

Η λατρεία του στα μαθηματικά τον κάνει ξεχωριστό στον χώρο του σχολείου, σε καθηγητές, συμμαθητές και φίλους. Η αγάπη του για

τους αδικημένους διαμορφώνει σε μεγάλο βαθμό την κοινωνική του συνείδηση, ενώ η αγάπη προς τη μητέρα και την αδερφή του και ο έρωτας προς την Ντόρη ενισχύουν τον συναισθηματικό του κόσμο.

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