

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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

The invention of stamps is closely related to the invention of modern paper during the Industrial Revolution. At that time, everyday people also started to learn how to read and write. In earlier times, only the rich people and the rulers of countries sent messages with their servants. The messages were written on various materials, such as the skin of a sheep and tablets made of clay. Papyrus was used by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.



Modern paper started being made in England by the 15th century. Horses and guides carried mail using the five main roads leading to London from different parts of the country. This mail service belonged to the King. It was His Majesty's Mail. It goes without saying that if he wished to read a private citizen's mail, he could it easily do so. The first mail coaches started being used in 1784. It must have been quite picturesque to watch them entering a castle while the uniformed guards of the castle were blowing their horns. A number of years later, in 1840, the first stamp was issued. It was called the 'penny black' because it cost a penny. Postcards were introduced by 1870. Post offices in the past offered services of all kinds of communication, not only of letter delivery.

(Words: 216)

STATEMENTS		A	B
		TRUE	FALSE
1.	Stamps were invented when rich people first started sending messages.		
2.	In the 15 th century, horses were used to deliver mail and messages around England.		
3.	The messages rich people sent in the past were written on clay tablets.		
4.	The Egyptians used to write on pieces of papyrus.		
5.	By 1784 mail was sent all over England by trains.		
6.	The mail service belonged to the postmen of England.		
7.	The underlined phrase ' <u>It goes without saying</u> ' means 'It is generally accepted'.		
8.	The castle guards used to wear special uniforms.		
9.	The 'penny black' was a special coin made of gold.		
10.	Post offices in the past delivered only postcards and letters.		

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	servants	B.	introduced	C.	stamps	D.	papyrus	E.	delivery
F.	picturesque	G.	industrial	H.	horn	I.	skin	J.	invention

11.	The old city of Buenos Aires has a lot of old, [] buildings whose walls are covered with murals from local artists.
12.	When driving, I cannot stand hearing the sound of a car [] behind me; I get really anxious.
13.	Recently, new measures have been [] by the local police to fight crime.
14.	The world changed rapidly after the [] of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell.
15.	The new government promised to clean up chemically polluted [] sites near big factories.
16.	His father's family lived in a big house with many [].
17.	[] has been used as a writing material for centuries.
18.	Don't let that glue come in contact with your []; it's toxic and will cause you serious burns.
19.	Although home [] is available, I don't think you should have everything shipped to your house; you need to check products before buying them online.
20.	You can buy [] from the shop on the corner; you don't need to go to the post office.