

## ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and decide if each statement (1-10) is True (A), False (B) or Not Mentioned (C).

Pride and Prejudice is a romantic novel by Jane Austen, dealing with the idea of love during the late 18th century in England. In fact, Austen first titled her novel '*First Impressions*'. The novel talks about the importance of marrying for love, not simply for money, despite the social pressures to choose a good (which means rich) partner. The comedy of the writing lies in the presentation of manners, education, marriage and money during that period.



Mr. Bennet is an English gentleman who lives in Hertfordshire with his bossy wife and their five daughters. The family's future happiness and security depend on the girls' marriages since their house, after Mr. Bennet's death, will be left to a cousin they have never met before. They all lead an ordinary life until the arrival of a rich gentleman in their neighbourhood. Mr. Bingley, who rents a large house in order to spend the summer in the countryside, brings along his sister and his attractive, rich and proud friend, Mr. Darcy. Love is soon in the air for one of the Bennet sisters. Yet many difficulties stand between the Bennet sisters and their happiness due to social class differences, gossip and scandals.

Pride and Prejudice is a story of romance between the lively and lovely but poor and prejudiced Elizabeth Bennet and the arrogant, proud and interesting aristocrat Mr. Darcy. The story shows the emotional development of Elizabeth, who learns from her mistakes, regrets having formed her opinion in a hurry and comes to understand the difference between superficial and essential.

(Words: 258)

STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT MENTIONED
1.	Pride and Prejudice is a short funny story for kids.			
2.	This text first appeared on a literature blog.			
3.	' <i>First Impressions</i> ' was the first title of Pride and Prejudice.			
4.	The main theme of Pride and Prejudice is social life in Hertfordshire.			
5.	The book presents the 18th century values in a comical way.			
6.	The Bennet family's future depends on their daughters' education.			
7.	The Bennets meet their cousin during the story.			
8.	The Bennets' daily life changes after the arrival of their cousin.			
9.	The Bennet sisters find their way to happiness easily.			
10.	The story of the book shows the gradual change of the Bennet sisters from young ladies to successful housewives.			

ΘΕΜΑ 2<sup>ο</sup>. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each underlined word/phrase in the sentences below (11-20) with a word or phrase from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J). Use each word or phrase only once.

A.	pride	B.	prejudice	C.	social pressure	D.	bossy	E.	ordinary
F.	in the air	G.	gossip	H.	scandal	I.	arrogant	J.	hurry

11.	Their secret relationship has created a <b><u>negative talk</u></b> in the office; nobody approved of such a relationship.
12.	In the USA white people behaved with <b><u>unfairness</u></b> to black people.
13.	You could feel the tension <b><u>overhanging</u></b> as everyone was waiting to hear the announcement.
14.	As he was in a <b><u>rush</u></b> , he forgot his glasses on the kitchen table.
15.	In the 1950s, the <b><u>popular belief</u></b> that women should become good housewives was high.
16.	He was so <b><u>proud of himself</u></b> that he always considered his work to be the best.
17.	His life was <b><u>common</u></b> until he met his wife, who was really adventurous.
18.	Have you heard the latest <b><u>news</u></b> about Justin Timberlake?
19.	His mother is so <b><u>controlling</u></b> that she never lets him decide by himself.
20.	Mary feels great <b><u>satisfaction</u></b> every time she talks about the achievements of her son.