

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and choose the correct option (A, B or C) for items 1-10.

At the far end of the refugee camp stands a lone plastic make-shift hut, as if it has no care for what exists in the world. Mesfin, the owner, is also lonely; he lives by himself in an alien land. Once he almost lost his life because of a bundle of firewood. Shame. On this occasion he walked very far from the camp. He collected fallen trees and branches, tied the pieces together with the rope he had carried with him and started his journey back to the camp. He endured the hot sun from above and the burning heat of the sand under his feet. He took strength from the hope that he would reach home safely with his bundle, to cook and to eat his fill. After travelling much of the distance back to the camp, sweating and taking short breaths under the load of the bundle, the unexpected happened. Unfortunately he met an aggressive local Turkana armed with knives and arrows and was asked to throw the bundle he was carrying down. Poor guy! He tried to reason with the Turkana forgetting that neither of them could understand the other. He tried to win his heart by showing submissiveness and bowing repeatedly, but in vain. He even tried to cry to evoke sympathy, but without result. The local was determined and uncompromising. He threatened Mesfin with his heavy military equipment and indicated the place where Mesfin should place the bundle of wood. Finally, when Mesfin understood his position and when he knew that he was beaten, he abandoned the bundle and restarted the interrupted journey back home. He doesn't know how he covered the remaining distance. Back at home he lay on his mat. He brought his head to his knees as a hungry dog and cried for peace.



(Words: 302)

- The text talks about
 - an incident in a refugee's life.
 - a refugee's flee from his country.
 - a refugee's arrival in another country.
- This type of text can be found in a
 - travel blog.
 - refugee stories website.
 - teens' magazine.
- The text talks about a man who lives
 - with his family.
 - with his friends.
 - alone.
- By collecting firewood Mesfin
 - explores the new country.
 - puts his life in danger.
 - makes new friends.
- The weather conditions on the day mentioned in the text
 - favoured Mesfin's task.
 - made Mesfin's task difficult.
 - didn't affect Mesfin's task.
- The local Turkana
 - let Mesfin pass without any objection.
 - wanted to steal all Mesfin's belongings.
 - wanted Mesfin to give him the firewood.
- Mesfin and the local Turkana spoke
 - different languages.
 - the same language.
 - different dialects of the same language.
- The local Turkana was
 - carrying only one knife.
 - totally unarmed.
 - fully armed.
- Mesfin decided to
 - attack the local Turkana.
 - run away with the firewood.
 - leave the firewood and go back to the camp.
- At the end of the story, Mesfin feels
 - extremely sad.
 - quite calm.
 - very relieved.

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.	alien	B.	bundle	C.	reason	D.	breath	E.	load
F.	aggressive	G.	evoke	H.	reach	I.	bow	J.	uncompromising

11.	The truck involved in the accident was carrying a heavy _____ of coal; that is why it overturned on the south-bound carriageway.
12.	Since it was a last-minute decision, we didn't have lots of time to get ready. That's why I made just a _____ of my clothes and put them in my suitcase, along with a pair of shoes.
13.	The boy was staring at the metal box with the biscuits on the top shelf, wondering how he could _____ it. Finally, he stood on a chair, then stepped on the kitchen counter and grabbed the box.
14.	It is astounding to watch a series that reflects so much of what is best in human beings while remaining utterly _____ in its honesty.
15.	The disease may cause cold sweating, nausea, vomiting and shortness of _____.
16.	He was made to _____ down before the king and beg for mercy.
17.	When I was a teenager, I had to _____ with my parents every time I wanted to stay out late at night. Back then, I couldn't understand why, but now, twenty years later, I am thankful to them for that.
18.	It is expected that an economic crisis will _____ different reactions by different groups of people. That is why it is vital for governments to face the situation calmly and systematically.
19.	It is not easy for refugees to settle in a(n) _____ country at first but, gradually, they get used to it and start integrating into the local communities.
20.	If I criticize him, he gets _____ and starts shouting at me; I really cannot keep being his secretary for much longer.