

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 funny 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 lovely but poor 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.

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STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT MENTIONED
1.	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> is a sentimental novel.			
2.	A movie based on <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> has recently been released.			
3.	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> was the first title of the book.			
4.	The main theme of <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> is love.			
5.	The book presents the 18 th century values in a dramatic way.			
6.	The Bennet family's future depends on their daughters' education.			
7.	The Bennet family's cousin is a priest.			
8.	Mr. Bingley and his guests spend the whole year in Hertfordshire.			
9.	The Bennet sisters finally find their way to happiness.			
10.	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> shows the gradual change of Elizabeth Bennet.			

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Fill each gap in sentences 11-20 with the correct word/phrase from the box below (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.	in a hurry

11.	It is a [] that in some countries children are treated like slaves.
12.	Laws against racial [] must be strictly enforced in all countries.
13.	There is a rumour [] that they are closing this car factory next month.
14.	As we left home [], we forgot to take our plane tickets.
15.	Some communities place a great deal of [] on women to get married at an early age.
16.	He is such a(n) [] young man; he thinks he is better than everyone else.
17.	The readers of the magazine said they wanted more stories about [] people and fewer stories about the rich and famous ones.
18.	Have you heard the latest [] about this singer? There is a rumour that she is pregnant!
19.	My elder sister is really []. She keeps telling me what to do.
20.	She felt a great sense of [] as she watched her son winning a gold medal in the Olympic Games.

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

Bingley has inherited a hundred thousand pounds from his father, but for now, in spite of his sisters' complaints, he rents a house. His friendship with Darcy is "steady", despite the difference in their characters, shown in their reactions to the Meryton ball. Bingley, cheerful and sociable, has an excellent time and falls in love with Jane; Darcy, cleverer but less polite, finds people dull and even criticizes Jane for smiling too often. Bingley's sisters exchange visits with the Bennets and try to become friends with Elizabeth and Jane. Meanwhile, Bingley continues to pay attention to Jane, and Elizabeth decides that her sister is very much in love with him but hides it very well. Elizabeth says it is better for a young woman to be patient until she is sure of her feelings. Darcy finds himself attracted to Elizabeth. He begins listening to her conversations at parties, much to her surprise. At one party at the Lucas house, Sir William attempts to persuade Elizabeth and Darcy to dance together, but Elizabeth refuses. Shortly afterwards, Darcy tells Bingley's single sister that "Miss Elizabeth Bennet" is now the object of his admiration. Miss Bingley spends the following night trying to attract Darcy's attention: first by reading, then by criticizing the silliness of balls, and finally by walking about the room. The next morning, Elizabeth writes to her mother to say that she and Jane are ready to return home.



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1. This text is part of
A. a story. B. a report. C. an article.
2. This type of text can be found in a
A. literature book. B. dance book. C. travel book.
3. Mr. Bingley's sisters
A. agree with his rental of the villa. B. disagree with his rental of the villa. C. express no opinion about his rental of the villa.
4. Bingley and Darcy have a
A. problematic friendship. B. toxic friendship. C. firm friendship.
5. Darcy
A. likes talking to the people in the ball. B. finds the people in the ball boring. C. expresses no opinion about the people in the ball.
6. Bingley's sisters
A. avoid the Bennet sisters. B. dislike the Bennet sisters. C. try to become friends with the Bennet sisters.
7. Elizabeth thinks that a woman should
A. express her feelings straight away. B. express her feelings only when she is sure. C. never express her feelings.
8. At the Lucas house, Elizabeth
A. dances with Darcy once. B. dances with Darcy several times. C. never dances with Darcy.
9. Darcy admits to Miss Bingley that he
A. likes Elizabeth. B. finds Elizabeth boring. C. dislikes Elizabeth.
10. Miss Bingley seems to
A. dislike Darcy. B. like Darcy. C. find Darcy boring.

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	inherited	B.	exchange	C.	reaction	D.	ball	E.	cheerful
F.	sociable	G.	polite	H.	dull	I.	criticized	J.	attempt

11.	In order to attend the <u>formal dance</u> of the company you need to be smartly dressed.
12.	You should not <u>try</u> to help him if he does not ask for your help.
13.	The movie was so <u>boring</u> that I fell asleep.
14.	Her <u>reply</u> to the threats was going to the police straight away.
15.	Jonathan is a <u>well-mannered</u> young man; he treats everyone with respect.
16.	Mary is always <u>happy and optimistic</u> .
17.	He <u>disapproved of</u> the government's handling of the crisis.
18.	She is so <u>friendly</u> that she knows everyone at school.
19.	After his parents died, he <u>received</u> three houses, one of which he sold to raise funds for his first film.
20.	Every month the group meets so its members can <u>share</u> their views.

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

The news that a rich young gentleman named Charles Bingley has rented the villa known as Netherfield Park causes great activity in the neighbouring village of Longbourn, especially in the Bennet family. The Bennets have five single daughters, and Mrs. Bennet sees Bingley's arrival as an opportunity for one of the girls to get a rich husband. She, therefore, insists that her husband visit the new arrival immediately. The Bennets invite Mr. Bingley to dinner shortly afterwards, but he is called away to London. Soon, however, he returns to Netherfield Park with his two sisters, his brother-in-law and a friend named Darcy.



Mr. Bingley and his guests go to a ball in the nearby town of Meryton. The Bennet sisters attend the ball with their mother. The eldest daughter, Jane, dances twice with Bingley. Within Elizabeth's hearing, Bingley says to Darcy that Jane is "the most beautiful creature" he has ever seen. Bingley suggests that Darcy dance with Elizabeth, but Darcy refuses, saying that "she is bearable, but not handsome enough to attract me." He continues to declare that he has no interest in women who are "ignored by other men." Elizabeth takes an immediate dislike to Darcy. Because of Darcy's comments and refusal to dance with anyone not rich and of aristocratic family, the villagers take a similar dislike; on the other hand, they declare Bingley to be quite "friendly".

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STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT MENTIONED
1.	This text presents Mr. Bingley's first period of staying in a villa near Longbourn.			
2.	Mr. Bingley buys a villa near the village of Longbourn.			
3.	The news about Mr. Bingley's arrival spreads quickly.			
4.	Mrs. Bennet sees Mr. Bingley as a potential friend for her daughters.			
5.	The Bennets invite Mr. Bingley to dinner.			
6.	The ball takes place two weeks after Mr. Bingley's arrival.			
7.	In the ball, Jane Bennet dances with Mr. Bingley.			
8.	Bingley and Darcy's conversation is overheard by Jane Bennet.			
9.	Elizabeth Bennet dislikes Mr. Darcy from the first moment she meets him.			
10.	People in Longbourn village find Mr. Bingley a pleasant person.			

ΘΕΜΑ 2^α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each of the words or phrases below (11-20) with a word from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J). Use each word only once.

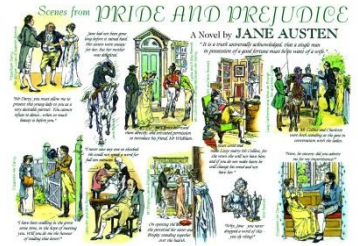
A.	named	B.	single	C.	arrival	D.	ball	E.	nearby
F.	bearable	G.	handsome	H.	attract	I.	declare	J.	aristocratic

11.	Not married or not having a romantic relationship with someone.
12.	Belonging to a rich and socially powerful family.
13.	To cause people to pay attention to or be interested in someone/something.
14.	When someone or something reaches a place.
15.	Someone or something physically attractive or beautiful.
16.	Not far away.
17.	To announce something publicly or officially.
18.	Something you feel you can accept or deal with.
19.	The word or words that a person, thing or place is known by.
20.	A formal event during which people dance.

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

When Elizabeth realized her misunderstanding of Mr. Darcy's behaviour, she declared, "How cruelly I have acted! I, who have been proud of my opinion! I, who have been proud of my abilities! I, who have often looked down on the generous honesty of my sister! How embarrassing is this discovery! If I had been in love, I could not have been more miserably blind! But pride, not love, has been my madness. I have developed obsession and misunderstanding, and driven reason away. Till this moment I never knew myself."



Later on, Mr. Darcy also confessed, "I have been a selfish being all my life. As a child I was taught what was right, but I was not taught to correct my anger. I was given good values, but left to follow them in pride and arrogance. My father, particularly, despite being kind and friendly, allowed, encouraged, almost taught me to be selfish and arrogant; to care for none except my own family circle; to think badly of all the rest of the world. I was like that, from eight to twenty-eight; and like that I might still have been if it were not you, dearest, loveliest Elizabeth! You taught me a lesson, hard indeed at first, but most useful. By you, I was properly made to feel ashamed. I came to you without a doubt of my acceptance. You showed me that all my claims to please a woman who deserves to be pleased were not enough".

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1. A suitable title for this text could be
 - A. Love at First Sight.
 - B. Time to Be Honest.
 - C. Best Friends Forever.
2. The main purpose of this text is to present the
 - A. ideal relationship between Darcy and Elizabeth.
 - B. evolution of Darcy's and Elizabeth's characters.
 - C. strong friendship developed between Darcy and Elizabeth.
3. Elizabeth believes that she has been
 - A. cruel.
 - B. dishonest.
 - C. impolite.
4. Elizabeth blames herself for being
 - A. angry with her sister.
 - B. rude to her parents.
 - C. too proud to see clearly.
5. The discovery of her mistake makes Elizabeth feel
 - A. depressed.
 - B. happy.
 - C. embarrassed.
6. Elizabeth feels that until this moment she
 - A. hasn't known herself.
 - B. has always been right.
 - C. has never been rude.
7. Mr. Darcy criticizes his
 - A. friendships.
 - B. upbringing.
 - C. social class.
8. The person mainly responsible for Darcy's way of thinking appears to be his
 - A. aunt.
 - B. mother.
 - C. father.
9. Mr. Darcy admits acting in an arrogant way for
 - A. twenty years.
 - B. fifteen years.
 - C. ten years.
10. Mr. Darcy has come to realize that his way of thinking was wrong thanks to
 - A. his family.
 - B. his friends.
 - C. Elizabeth.

ΘΕΜΑ 2^ο. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each of the phrases below (11-20) with a word from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J). Use each word only once.

A.	generous	B.	honesty	C.	obsession	D.	ability	E.	selfish
F.	arrogant	G.	misunderstanding	H.	encourage	I.	embarrassing	J.	please

11.	Willing to give more of something, especially money, than is usual or expected.
12.	Believing that you are better or more important than other people.
13.	Spending too much time thinking about someone or something.
14.	To give someone confidence or hope in order to do something.
15.	Failure to understand something properly, for example a person's remarks.
16.	A quality or skill people have that makes it possible for them to do something.
17.	Making someone feel uncomfortable or guilty about something.
18.	Caring only about yourself and not about other people.
19.	Making someone feel happy and satisfied.
20.	The quality of always telling the truth instead of deceiving people.