

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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

Michelangelo was a painter, sculptor, architect and poet and one of the great artists of the Italian Renaissance. Michelangelo Buonarroti was born on 6 March 1475 in Caprese near Florence (Italy) where his father was the local magistrate. A few weeks after his birth, the family moved to Florence. In 1488, Michelangelo was apprenticed to the painter Domenico Ghirlandaio. He then lived in the household of Lorenzo de' Medici, the leading patron of the arts in Florence. After the Medici were expelled from Florence, Michelangelo decided to move to Bologna and then to Rome. His primary works were sculptures in these early years. His 'Pietà' (1497) made his name and he returned to Florence a famous sculptor. Here he produced his 'David' (1501-1504). In 1505, Pope Julius II summoned Michelangelo back to Rome and commissioned him to design Julius' own tomb. Due to quarrels between Julius and Michelangelo, and the many other demands on the artist's time, the project was never completed, although Michelangelo did produce a sculpture of Moses for the tomb. Michelangelo's next major commission was the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican (1508-1512). It was recognised at once as a great work of art and from then on Michelangelo was regarded as Italy's greatest living artist. Michelangelo was greatly affected by another artist of the day, Leonardo da Vinci. The two artists battled for different commissions in the city, but Michelangelo was summoned by the Pope to complete a vast number of projects. None of these were ever completed in their full mastery, as was the Sistine Chapel. In 1534, Michelangelo returned to Rome where he was commissioned to paint 'The Last Judgment' on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel. From 1546 he was increasingly active as an architect. He died in Rome on 18 February 1564.



(Words: 303)

- This text mainly talks about
 - famous artists of the Italian Renaissance.
 - Michelangelo's most famous artwork.
 - the life and career of a great Italian artist.
- This text is addressed to
 - the general public.
 - graphic designers.
 - architects.
- Domenico Ghirlandaio was
 - Michelangelo's greatest influence.
 - Michelangelo's first employer.
 - Michelangelo's first mentor.
- Michelangelo left Florence
 - as he was expelled due to his political beliefs.
 - after the family that hosted him was forced to leave.
 - because he wanted to follow Lorenzo de' Medici.
- The first piece of art that made Michelangelo popular was
 - the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.
 - Pieta.
 - The Last Supper.
- Michelangelo was asked to create Pope Julius'
 - statue.
 - burial place.
 - portrait.
- Pope Julius' tomb was not completed because
 - Michelangelo went back to Bologna.
 - Michelangelo asked for a higher payment.
 - the Pope had disagreements with Michelangelo.
- Michelangelo was regarded as one of the most important Italian artists of his time after
 - painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.
 - his death.
 - creating Moses' sculpture.
- Leonardo Da Vinci
 - influenced Michelangelo's style.
 - was Michelangelo's mentor.
 - was Michelangelo's patron.
- In the last years of his life, Michelangelo was mainly engaged in
 - painting the Last Supper.
 - the design of buildings.
 - completing Julius' tomb.

ΘΕΜΑ 2^α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

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

A.	moved	B.	major	C.	local	D.	quarrels	E.	apprenticed
F.	expelled	G.	battled	H.	project	I.	increasingly	J.	active

11.	During his youth, he was _____ to a skilled blacksmith to learn the intricate art of metalworking.
12.	After years of living in the city, Sarah and her family finally decided to make a fresh start and _____ to a new house in the countryside.
13.	It is common for siblings to have _____ and fight with each other but they always make up.
14.	The students had to work in teams in order to finish their science _____ on the solar system.
15.	Although long-distance phone calls are increasing in cost, the charges for _____ calls will remain unchanged.
16.	Fresh fruits are a(n) _____ source of vitamin C, contributing to the support of our immune system.
17.	She has a(n) _____ imagination that constantly fuels her creativity and makes it possible for her to come up with new ideas all the time.
18.	Marketing techniques are becoming _____ more and more sophisticated, integrating data-driven insights and cutting-edge technology to attract potential customers.
19.	Firefighters _____ the flames bravely throughout the night and managed to successfully put out the fire before it could spread to neighbouring buildings.
20.	He was _____ from school for his continued bad behaviour.