

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

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

In Carcassonne, southern France, a police officer who exchanged himself for hostages during a French supermarket siege has died, bringing the number of victims to four. After a series of attacks claimed by the Islamic State, the attacker was shot dead.



It all happened last Friday when Radouane Lakdim, 25, a Moroccan who lived in Carcassonne, drove in a stolen Opel Corsa to a Super U supermarket 8km away in Trebes and walked into the shop shouting “Allahu Akbar” and claiming he was a soldier of the Islamic State. Then, Lakdim opened fire, killing one supermarket worker and one customer. A police officer, named Lt Col Arnaud Beltrame, volunteered to change places with the hostages Lakdim was holding. The gunman agreed to the swap, so the policeman stayed with him while others were evacuated. The security forces outside the supermarket could hear what was going on inside because Lt Col Arnaud Beltrame had left his mobile phone line open on a table. When gunshots were heard, the security forces immediately stormed the supermarket and shot Lakdim dead. Beltrame was found seriously injured and died from his injuries a day after the attack.

The interior minister, Gerard Collomb, **praised** the officer’s heroism. The state lawyer Francois Molins said that Lakdim had been on an intelligence watchlist since 2014. Lakdim had been found guilty twice in 2011 and 2015 for minor crimes, including drug dealing. He had served one month in prison in 2016. He also said that throughout this time he had shown no signs he was going to carry out an attack.

(Words: 259)

1. The text talks about a French
 - A. soldier who was killed in an attack.
 - B. soldier who attacked a supermarket.
 - C. officer who saved other people’s lives.
2. A suitable title for this text is:
 - A. “Runaway attacker”
 - B. “Dying for others”
 - C. “Saving oneself”
3. Lakdim was
 - A. a Moroccan in the French army.
 - B. born in Morocco but lived in France.
 - C. French but lived in southern Morocco.
4. Lakdim drove in a car that
 - A. he had borrowed from Allahu Akbar.
 - B. belonged to the Super U supermarket.
 - C. he had stolen before the supermarket attack.
5. During the supermarket attack, Lakdim
 - A. killed the hostages before the evacuation.
 - B. kept Beltrame among the hostages.
 - C. accepted Beltrame’s offer for an exchange.
6. The security forces could hear what was happening inside the supermarket because
 - A. Lakdim was shouting at them.
 - B. Beltrame’s phone was left open.
 - C. Beltrame was talking to them on his phone.
7. The security forces entered the supermarket when
 - A. Beltrame ordered them.
 - B. Lakdim let them in.
 - C. they heard shootings.
8. Lt Col Arnaud Beltrame was
 - A. shot dead by Lakdim.
 - B. was killed by accident.
 - C. was seriously wounded.
9. In the text, the underlined word “**praised**” is closest in meaning to
 - A. admired.
 - B. ignored.
 - C. proved.
10. The security forces
 - A. had already been informed about the attack.
 - B. did not expect an attack by Lakdim.
 - C. expected Lakdim to carry out an attack

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 option only once.

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| A. | customer | B. | minister | C. | guilty | D. | victim | E. | evacuate |
| F. | injury | G. | exchange | H. | volunteer | I. | security | J. | forces |

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| 11. | Someone who has suffered the effects of a violent act, natural disaster, accident, etc. |
| 12. | A person who buys goods or products from a shop. |
| 13. | The damage done to one's body usually after an accident. |
| 14. | All the measures taken for the protection of a person, building or organization against any threat. |
| 15. | Someone who has broken the law by committing a crime or an offence. |
| 16. | To offer to do something without being asked or forced to do it. |
| 17. | A group of people who work together for a particular purpose. |
| 18. | To remove people or things from a place usually for reasons of safety. |
| 19. | A member of the government of a country in charge of a particular department. |
| 20. | To give something in order to get something else. |