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MODULE **1**

READING COMPREHENSION

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ATTENTION

- Don't open this booklet until the exam begins.
- Try to answer all 50 questions.
- Provide ONE answer for each item.
- You have **1 hour and 5 minutes** to complete this exam.

ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ







- Μην ανοίξεις το τευχίδιο πριν από την έναρξη της εξέτασης.
- Προσπάθησε να απαντήσεις και στα 50 ερωτήματα.
- Δώσε ΜΙΑ ΜΟΝΟ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΗ σε κάθε ερώτημα.
- Διάρκεια της εξέτασης: **1 ώρα και 5 λεπτά**.

ACTIVITY 1

Match sentences 1-5 with pictures A-F, as in the example.

Αντιστοιχίσε τις προτάσεις 1-5 με τις εικόνες A-F όπως στο παράδειγμα.

EX.	Tommy has a temperature!	A.
1.	John has got a toothache!	
2.	Billy's got a stomachache!	
3.	Peter has a sore throat!	
4.	Andreas has got a headache!	
5.	Alex has got an earache!	

<p>A. </p>	<p>B. </p>	<p>C. </p>
<p>D. </p>	<p>E. </p>	<p>F. </p>

ACTIVITY 2

What season or place are the post card writers referring to? Match options A-F with the content of each card (6-10), as in the example.

Σε ποια εποχή ή τόπο αναφέρεται το κάθε άτομο που γράφει; Αντιστοίχισε τις επιλογές A-F με το περιεχόμενο της κάθε κάρτας, όπως στο παράδειγμα.

A. Autumn	B. Crete	C. Paris
D. New York	E. Winter	F. Summer

EXAMPLE D [city] ✓


Hi Jenny. Here I am, in one of the most famous cities in the world! It has so many tall buildings and so much to see!

PLACE STAMP HERE

6. [season]

We're here at last! Tomorrow we'll go swimming. Sorry you're not with us to enjoy the sun!


Timmy



7. [season]

POSTCARD

We're finally here. The cabin is warm and comfortable and outside the snow is thick and white! We're going skiing early morning. Can't wait!



8. [place]

I'm writing to you from my island, which is in the southern part of Greece. We have a new house here and we love it!

*Love
Katie*


PLACE STAMP HERE

This is a handmade postcard

9. [place]

I'm writing to you from the capital of France, the city of my dreams. Wish you were here to see it with me!

*Love ya
Jamie*



10. [season]

POSTCARD

We arrived last night. This morning I can see how beautiful it is at this time of year. The leaves on the trees are yellow and red!

PLACE STAMP HERE

ACTIVITY 3

3.1 Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 11-13, as in the example.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και διάλεξε την καλύτερη απάντηση (A, B, or C) για τις ερωτήσεις 11-13, όπως στο παράδειγμα.

EX. Το παρακάτω κείμενο μας λέει για τα τρίκυκλα ATV.

- A. Εξηγεί τι είναι. B. Τα διαφημίζει. C. Δίνει οδηγίες χειρισμού.

11. Απευθύνεται σε

- A. μοτοσικλετιστές. B. σε μικρά παιδιά. C. ενδιαφερόμενους αγοραστές.

12. Μια ανησυχητική πληροφορία σχετικά με αυτά τα οχήματα αφορά

- A. στον αριθμό ατυχημάτων που έχουν συμβεί. B. στην καταστροφή του περιβάλλοντος που προκαλούν. C. στο φοβερό θόρυβο που κάνουν.

13. Το κείμενο παροτρύνει τους αναγνώστες _____ ένα τέτοιο όχημα.

- A. να αγοράσουν B. να σκεφτούν πριν αγοράσουν C. να νοικιάσουν

ATVs: beautiful but ... dangerous!



A. ATVs look like motorcycles for all kinds of beaches, hills or rocky mountains. They can be very big, colourful, with three or four wheels, and for one or two riders. For those who love ‘racing’, there are quite a few models.

B. ATVs first appeared around 1970 and are in fashion today. You can see lots of them everywhere, especially in the countryside and near holiday resorts for tourists.

C. However, they can be very dangerous because they are very ‘light’. So, their riders are not as safe as in cars, even if they wear a helmet. Because of the great number of accidents, some companies have stopped producing three-wheel ATVs, and in some areas in the USA, Canada and Australia you can’t ride one.

D. So, be careful: ATVs may look beautiful, but they are dangerous. Think twice before you buy or simply ride one!

3.2 Which part of the text contains the following information? Match parts A-D with statements 14-16 as in the example.

Ποιο τμήμα του κειμένου περιλαμβάνει τις παρακάτω πληροφορίες; Αντιστοίχισε τα τμήματα A-D με τις προτάσεις 14-16, όπως στο παράδειγμα.

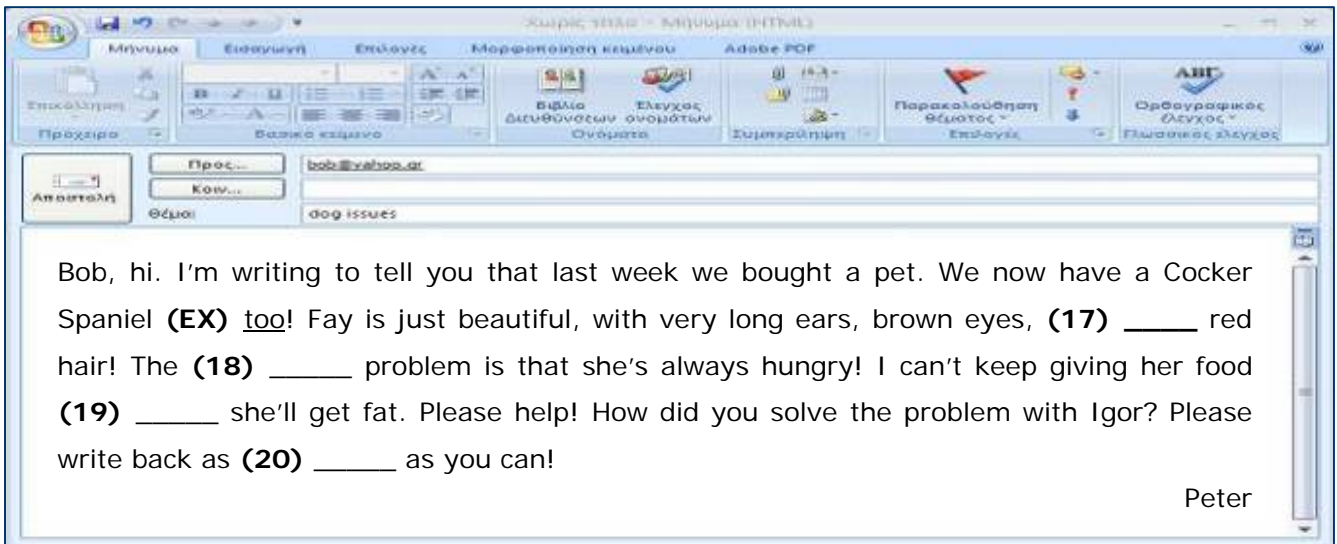
EX.	Μας συμβουλεύει να είμαστε πολύ προσεκτικοί.	D <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.	Μας πληροφορεί ότι τα οχήματα αυτού του τύπου έχουν γίνει της μόδας.	
15.	Αναφέρεται σε χώρες που τα απαγορεύουν.	
16.	Δίνει πληροφορίες για τα χαρακτηριστικά τους.	

ACTIVITY 4

Read the email below and for each gap (17-20) choose the best word (A-F), as in the example. There are two words you do not need.

Διάβασε το παρακάτω email και για κάθε κενό (17-20) διάλεξε τη καλύτερη λέξη (A-F), όπως στο παράδειγμα. Υπάρχουν δύο λέξεις που δεν τις χρειάζεσαι.

- EX. too A. soon B. and C. but D. only E. well F. because



ACTIVITY 5

Fill in gaps 21-25 with the right word, as in the example. The first letter will help you.

Συμπλήρωσε τα κενά 21-25 με τη σωστή λέξη, όπως στο παράδειγμα. Το πρώτο γράμμα θα σε βοηθήσει.

COUNTRYSIDE * COUNTRYSIDE * COUNTRYSIDE * COUNTRYSIDE

EX. The island has a wonderful h_____ with boats and ships, and a few cafeterias by the sea. H A R B O U R

21.	In July, my parents and I often go to the b_____ and swim there all day, till late in the afternoon!	B					
22.	My little brother likes swimming but he also likes making castles in the s_____!	S					
23.	In winter you can ski on this m_____. It's got a lot of snow from November till April or May!	M					
24.	I don't really like big cities. I prefer places like my uncle's v_____ where everything's so quiet!	V					
25.	This is the most beautiful f_____ in Greece. It's full of pine trees, rare birds and other wild animals.	F					

ACTIVITY 6

Read the text below and for each gap (26-28) choose the best word (A-E), as in the example. There are two words you do not need.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και για κάθε κενό (26-28) διάλεξε την καλύτερη λέξη (A-E), όπως στο παράδειγμα. Υπάρχουν δυο λέξεις που δεν τις χρειάζεσαι.

- EX. ~~then~~ ✓ A. if B. around C. between D. with E. so

The History of Ice cream...

Did you know that ice cream was first made in China around 200 BC? People ‘invented’ it (EX) then, but we know that it was also popular in Rome. Nero, for instance, was very keen on ice cream and regularly mixed it (26) _____ fruit!

Italian and French kings soon discovered ice cream, too. But the kind of ice cream we have come to know today appeared in the USA around the middle of the 19th century. The first recipes were sold in the eighteen hundreds. However, it was (27) _____ 1926 that we had the first freezer for ice cream. (28) _____ you want to learn more about ice creams, you can go to www.icecream.com/info.



ACTIVITY 7

Match statements 29-32 (COLUMN A) with the appropriate answers A-F (COLUMN B), as in the example. There is one answer you do not need.

Αντιστοίχισε τις προτάσεις 29-32 (COLUMN A) με τις απαντήσεις A-F (COLUMN B), όπως στο παράδειγμα. Υπάρχει μια απάντηση την οποία δεν χρειάζεσαι.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
EX.	My car broke down this morning!	A.	I hope he brings me a present!
29.	Shall we buy this souvenir?	B.	That's right and I will.
30.	You don't need to wash the dishes!	C.	Gee, sorry, I'll come and pick you up! ✓
31.	You must return the book today.	D.	I know but I don't mind helping!
32.	Uncle Peter may visit us today.	E.	That's a good idea! It's very nice!
		F.	How nice to see you here!

ACTIVITY 8

Match the questions on the left (33-36) with the answers on the right (A-E). There is one answer you do not need.

Αντιστοίχισε τις ερωτήσεις στα αριστερά (33-36) με τις απαντήσεις (A-E) στα δεξιά. Υπάρχει μια απάντηση που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

The squirrel: a pet for you?

Interview with Jim Handling, pet shop owner



33. Jim, is it true that pet shops are selling more and more squirrels nowadays?

34. What do you have to buy if you want a squirrel at home?

35. Sounds great but ... what about its food? I suppose that can be a problem for some?

36. Are there many kinds of squirrels, like cats or dogs, and how can we choose one?



A. Oh, not much! You will of course need a cage, big or small, but you will also need some branches: squirrels love to climb up and down all day long!

B. The pet shop owner will help you for sure: there are more than 280 kinds to choose from! So, you will certainly find the kind of squirrel you like best!

C. Yes, this kind of pet can be dangerous. Actually, there have been quite a few accidents lately.





D. Well, yes! A lot of people - children in particular - love little animals. But people love them not only for their tiny size: they are also fond of their soft fur, their big tail, their soft feet and their big eyes!

E. No, not really! Don't worry about it. Squirrels eat almost anything: seeds, nuts, fruits...

ACTIVITY 9

Read the 4 texts below and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 37-41, as in the example.

Διάβασε τα 4 κείμενα και διάλεξε την καλύτερη απάντηση (A, B, ή C) για τα ερωτήματα 37-41, όπως στο παράδειγμα.

<p>A.</p> <p>The best way to really enjoy the tropical beauty of the island is by booking a round-the-island tour. Our cruise ships offer a great number of tours from €20.00 - €60.00 per person. All are popular in the summer time, so book as early as possible. More info available at all hotel receptions.</p> 	<p>B.</p> <p>The Silver Scarf</p> <p>Peter Ryan is an ordinary teenager who suddenly starts to bring a girl's silver scarf to school with him every day. No one knows why. Everyone in school starts to wonder about him. Until one day...</p>  <p>This is a story about feelings and friends, and what sometimes makes people suddenly change. Written by Ernest Halley.</p>
<p>C.</p>  <p>In a large bowl, mix the dried fruits, the apple bits, and half a cup of sweet wine. Heat the orange juice for 1 -2 minutes. Pour it over the fruits. Cover and wait for about 2 hours, or keep in the fridge for at least 30 minutes.</p>	<p>D.</p>  <p>Start with one card and make sure you use your right hand. Hold the card between two fingers and have the face of the card towards the audience. Throw it up into the air and make sure it lands on the table in front of you. As you do this, with your left hand take the hidden card from the middle of the table and place it on top of the first card. Then, ...</p>

EX. Text A may be useful to

- A. hotel receptionists. B. ship captains. C. tourists. ✓

37. Text A is from

- A. a brochure. B. a recipe. C. a poster.

38. Text B is probably about

- A. a new theatrical play. B. two teenagers. C. a teacher and a student.

39. Text C is

- A. an announcement. B. an advertisement. C. a recipe.

40. Text D gives information about

- A. doing a card trick. B. playing a card game. C. using your hands.

41. All four texts


- A. are only for kids. B. are informative. C. give a solution to a problem.

ACTIVITY 10


Read the text and for each gap (42-45) choose the best word (A-F). There is one word you do not need.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και για κάθε κενό (42-45) διάλεξε την πιο κατάλληλη λέξη (A-F). Υπάρχει μία λέξη που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

A. much-loved B. lonely C. ready D. wrong E. thin F. typical



Harry Potter



Since 1997, Harry Potter has become one of the **(EX) much-loved** idols of millions of teenagers all over the world. But how? Well, the answer is very simple: he looks like a **(42)** _____ English boy with a kind face who knows how to deal with life and solve problems on his own. In the seven books about the years of his life, Harry Potter is not afraid of danger. So, he never gives up, he is always **(43)** _____ to fight and always tries to be nice to everyone. He knows what is right and what is **(44)** _____, and although he feels very **(45)** _____ at times, he has friends ready to help him and fight with him.

ACTIVITY 11

Use the correct form of the words in parentheses in statements 46-50, as in the example.

Χρησιμοποίησε τη σωστή μορφή των λέξεων σε παρένθεση στις προτάσεις 46-50, όπως στο παράδειγμα.

Cleaning products: who said they are all safe?

We all like to have a clean home. But are all cleaning products safe? No, Not really!



- Always wear gloves: some products are not very skin-**(EX) friendly** (friend)!
- Breathing detergents may be **(46)** _____ (danger) to your health!
- Keep products away from the sun, in a safe place, and **(47)** _____ (natural) keep them away from children!
- If you need a short **(48)** _____ (relax) break, just stop cleaning for a while!
- **(49)** _____ (Final), wash your hands very well after using any of these products!
- Be very **(50)** _____ (care) and remember to have doors and windows open while using cleaning products.



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ΤΕΛΟΣ ΜΗΝΥΜΑΤΟΣ