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MODULE 1   READING COMPREHENSION

2018 A

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

Fill in the gaps in questions 1a-6a with the right word (A-F) to make your own quiz! There are two words you do not need.

Συμπλήρωσε τα κενά των ερωτήσεων 1a-6a με την σωστή λέξη (A-F) για να φτιάξεις το δικό σου κουίζ. Υπάρχουν δύο λέξεις που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

A.	deepest	**B.**	largest	**C.**	lighter	**D.**	faster
E.	much	**F.**	many	**G.**	coldest	**H.**	most

Simple quiz time

How much do you know?

1a. Is hot air heavier or _____ than cold air?

2a. How _____ strings does the violin have?

3a. What is the _____ popular sport in Europe?

4a. What is the _____ island in the Mediterranean Sea: Sicily, Corsica or Crete?

5a. Is Siberia the _____ place in the world?

6a. Can you name two of the world's _____ oceans?

ACTIVITY 2

What is on sale? Match the small ads below (7a-10a) with words A-E, as in the example. There is one word you do not need.

Τι πουλιέται; Αντιστοίχισε τις μικρές αγγελίες (7α-10α) με τις επιλογές Α-Ε, όπως στο παράδειγμα. Υπάρχει μια λέξη που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

EX.	watch ✓	**A.**	sailboat	**B.**	motorbike
C.	dog	**D.**	car	**E.**	apartment

Classified **ads**

Sunday, 14 May

Find the best things on sale for you.

Do you have something you want to sell or rent? Send us a message and we'll publish it for free!

### Get the best deal and do it yourself! You don't need the in-betweens.

EX. ✓ You can buy a Zenith El Primero for only €500 today! Mechanical, with automatic winding. Counts hours, minutes, seconds and tells you the date. Water proof. Call: +216 555 8979.

7a. 4-door sedan, a 2011 model, SSANGYONG XLV. Ideal for travel with the family. Leather seats, good leg room, great storage space. Very safe. Has child safety locks. Top petrol mileage. Call: +216 555 3151.

8a. A Honda is a Honda, even when 20 years old! Automatic. It's been in our garage for over 5 years, but it runs and gets you where you want to go better than a car! Write to me at: billbao@gmail.com or call: +813 555 1341

09a. 2-bedroom flat in a four-storey building near the lake. Living room and a large office space. Large kitchen and two bathrooms. Ideal for a couple with child. 2 year contract. Call us at: +813 555 1341

10a. PUPPY NEEDS A HOME. He's just one month old, the cutest puppy you ever saw. He will grow up to be strong and healthy. Will love your kids and other pets. Is good with most activities and exercise. Can learn to do almost anything! Call us: +813 555 3242 or write to: lyndakal@gmail.com
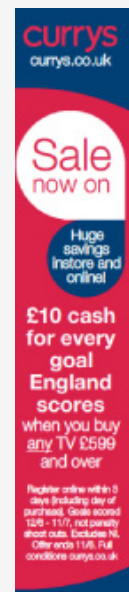
ACTIVITY 3

Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 11a-15a.

Διάβασε το παρακάτω κείμενο και διάλεξε την πιο σωστή απάντηση (A, B, or C) για τις ερωτήσεις 11a-15a.

11a. Το παρακάτω κείμενο απευθύνεται μάλλον
   A. στο ευρύ κοινό.   **B.** μόνο σε παιδιά.   **C.** αποκλειστικά σε μαθητές.

12a. Το κείμενο αφορά
   A. δυο ερωτευμένα αρκουδάκια.   **B.** δυο Αμερικανούς συγγραφείς.   **C.** δυο αρκούδους-ήρωες βιβλίων.

13a. Ο Winnie-the-Pooh
   A. ήταν πραγματική αρκούδα.   **B.** ήταν στην φαντασία του Milne.   **C.** ήταν παιγνίδι του γιου του Milne.

14a. Το αρκουδάκι Paddington πήρε το όνομά του από
   A. τη γυναίκα του συγγραφέα του.   **B.** τον σταθμό του μετρό.   **C.** τον Walt Disney.

15a. Τα βιβλία για τους συγκεκριμένους ήρωες
   A. έγιναν παγκοσμίως γνωστά.   **B.** μεταφράστηκαν στα αγγλικά.   **C.** πουλιούνται πανάκριβα.

Winnie and Paddington:
the two beloved bears

First, there was one famous teddy bear whose name was Winnie-the-Pooh! He was very much loved by a little boy, who lived in England in the 1920s. The boy's name was Christopher Milne. His father, A.A. Milne was an English author who wrote about Winnie-the-Pooh and his books were published to become very much loved by English children and adults. Later, when Winnie-the-Pooh appeared as a Walt Disney character he became famous all over the world, as Winnie-the-Pooh books were translated in many languages.

The day before Christmas, 1956, another Englishman by the name of Michael Bond bought the only teddy bear left in a London department store. He gave it to his wife and named it 'Paddington' because they lived near Paddington Station. He too wrote about the teddy bear and became a famous author! His first book, *A Bear Called Paddington*, was followed by many more – charming people with Paddington's good intentions and the many humorous situations he is in. In the next 50 years, and more than 50 million books later, Paddington is known throughout the world! Paddington books have been translated in many languages, from Hebrew to Latin!

Both bear authors made money. Do you think it is possible that one more bear will come along in the 21st century to make its author rich and famous?

ACTIVITY 4

Read the text and for each gap (16a-20a) choose the best answer (A-F). There is one word you do not need.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και για κάθε κενό (16a-20a) διάλεξε τη σωστή λέξη (A-F). Υπάρχει μια λέξη που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

| **A.** people | **B.** traditions | **C.** travels | **D.** languages | **E.** ships | **F.** girls |

Two of the world's greatest explorers

Sir Richard Francis Burton was a British explorer, geographer, diplomat, writer and translator. He spoke 29 European, Asian and African (**16a**) _____! He was famous for his (**17a**) _____ and explorations in Asia, Africa and the Americas. He was a captain in the army, serving India and later in the Crimean War. He was a fellow of the Royal Georgaphical Society and was awarded as a knight in 1886.

Nelly Bly (pseudonym of Elizabeth Cochran) was a journalist: the first newspaper woman in U.S. history. Her first articles were about working (**18a**) _____ and women in her city, Pittsburgh. Then, she wrote about rich politicians and poor (**19a**) _____ in Mexico. In 1878 she moved to New York and worked for Pulitzer's "New York World" and, on 14th November 1889, she sailed from New York for her adventurous journey. She circled the globe riding on (**20a**) _____, trains, horses – you name it! She made it in 72 days and that was a world record!

ACTIVITY 5

Choose the best synonym (A-F) for each underlined item (21a-25a) in the text. There is one word you do not need.

Διάλεξε την πιο σωστή συνώνυμη λέξη (A-F) για αυτές που είναι στο κείμενο υπογραμμισμένες (21a-25a). Υπάρχει μία που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

| **A.** cried | **B.** took place | **C.** became | **D.** finished | **E.** looked like | **F.** camouflaged |

Butterfly lovers…

This is a Chinese legend that tells a tragic story between a pair of lovers: Liang and Zhu. Their love story is the Chinese version of Romeo and Juliet. It (**21a**) happened in the Eastern Jin Dynasty (317–420).

In order to get higher education, Zhu (**22a**) disguised herself as a man and went to study in the Hangzhou Academy, far away from home. There she met Liang, a scholar from another town. They studied together for the next three years and (**23a**) got to be best friends, but Zhu fell in love with Liang, who didn't know that Zhu was a woman.

When she (**24a**) completed her studies, Zhu had to go home. As she was saying good bye to Liang, she tried to reveal her love, but he did not understand until a few years later. When Liang finally headed to Zhu's family to propose marriage, they (who were poor) had engaged her to the son of a high local official. Zhu and Liang could do nothing to change this, so they (**25a**) wept and promised each other to be together in the same tomb after death. Just before Zhu's wedding, Liang who was heartbroken became ill and died. Zhu vowed to die for love after him. On the day of her wedding, she went to Liang's tomb and prayed for the tomb to open. A miracle then happened! The tomb opened up, Zhu leaped in, and the tomb soon closed. Later, the lovers turned into a pair of butterflies and the two would never to be separated again.

ACTIVITY 6

Read the text and for each gap (26a-31a) choose the best word (A-G). There is one word you do not need.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και για κάθε κενό (26a-31a) διάλεξε τη σωστή λέξη (A-G). Υπάρχει μια λέξη που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

A. still	**B.** either	**C.** in order to	**D.** also	**E.** like	**F.** after	**G.** usually

Chinese New Year
Celebrations with dragon and lion dances

The Chinese New Year is celebrated in China and in many other Asian countries such as Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia. Additionally, it is popular in the Chinatowns of big cities in other countries –cities (**26a**) _____ New York, London, Vancouver and Sydney.

The Chinese New Year, which is (**27a**) _____ known as the Spring Festival, is the longest public holiday in China. People have 7-12 days off from work, and students have one month off from school.

The celebrations are (**28a**) _____ in January or February, depending on the Chinese calendar that is based on the movement of the moon. Although it is (**29a**) _____ winter at this time, it is called "Spring Festival" as it marks the end of the coldest part of winter, when spring is about to begin. In 2018 the Festival began on February 16th.

This tradition began during the Shang Dynasty (1600 to 1100 B.C.). It was a spring carnival, during which people welcomed the coming of the spring.

This is still so! During the Festival, people clean their houses (**30a**) _____ send away any bad fortune from the old year. They decorate their houses, with banners scripted with lines of poetry, folk painting, scrolls and lanterns. Decorations are (**31a**) _____ bright red because in the Chinese culture, the red can bring happiness and wealth.

ACTIVITY 7

Read the interview and match questions 32a-35a with answers A-E. There is one answer you do not need.
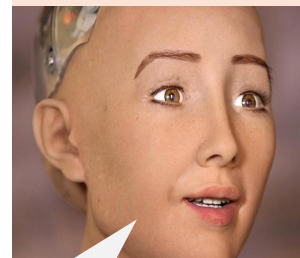
Διάβασε την συνέντευξη και αντιστοίχισε τις ερωτήσεις 32a-35a με τις απαντήσεις A-E. Υπάρχει μια απάντηση που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION

Interview with **Sophia the robot**

Last Wednesday, ABC's Mary Rosskin spoke to Sophia, a robot developed by Hanson Robotics. Sophia is a humanoid – a robot with a human face who has the ability to respond to questions.

32a. So, when were you born, Sophia? Can you tell us when your birthday is?

33a. What are you able to do and what is impossible for you to do?

34a. Do you think that sometime in the future robots will turn against humans –go to war with them?

35a. Can you feel sorry for someone or feel thankful about something someone did for you?

A. Not really. But I can say "please forgive me" and, of course, I can say things like "thanks a lot" or "thanks a million"!

B. There are lots of things that we may be able to invent in the future which belongs to them.

C. I was activated in Hong Kong about three years ago, April 19, 2015, and made my first public appearance in Austin Texas in March that year.

D. Well, I can show you more than 62 expressions –a sad or a happy face. I can show surprise, horror, etc. But I don't really know what it is to become angry!

E. You watch too many movies! All that we robots want to do is to make life easier for people.
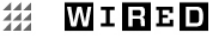
Robotics and Automation, March 2018

ACTIVITY 8

Read the text and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 36a-40a.

Διάβασε το κείμενο και διάλεξε την καλύτερη απάντηση (Α, Β, ή C), για τα ερωτήματα 36a-40a.

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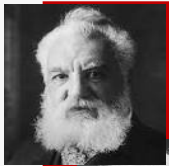
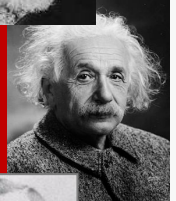SCIENCE   ERIK KLEMETTI

Archimedes (a mathematician, physicist, astronomer, engineer) was one of the greatest inventors of all times. There were many great inventors in the 20th century also – people like Alexander Graham Bell, Albert Einstein, Luis Pasteur, Thomas Edison and, in most recent years, Steve Jobs.

Many more men and women were among the great inventors of the last 50 years during which we have enjoyed many useful and entertaining inventions: the TV remote control (1955), the microwave oven (1955), the industrial robot (1961), video games (1962), music synthesizer (1964), digital music (1970), mobile phones (1973), Walkman (1979), etc. But, many people believe, that the invention that changed the modern world is the computer, and especially what we know today as the PC (personal computer) which was introduced in 1975.

It is called a personal computer because it was made for personal use. Computers for industrial use had already been invented but they had been very large and expensive. They were used by big companies only. Nowadays, most people have computers at home for their personal use.

The computer has changed our life, the way we work, learn, communicate, and play. Computer use has spread all over the world, as have communication networks that have few limits. The PC has inspired new industries, new companies, and created millionaires and billionaires of their owners. It has also changed the English language and refocused the power in many businesses from the men who procure the money to those who create the product.

36a. The best title of the webpage of this History Blog

    A. great scientists.　　　　**B.** important people.　　　　**C.** inventors and inventions.

37a. The 20th century inventions were all

    A. cheap.　　　　**B.** practical.　　　　**C.** useless.

38a. Personal computers were invented

    A. in the seventies.　　　　**B.** before the industrial computers.　　**C.** for big companies.

39a. Computers have changed many things in our life, like

    A. eating habits.　　　　**B.** education　　　　**C.** the way we travel.

40a. Computers have made the English language

    A. different.　　　　**B.** better.　　　　**C.** richer.

PART B - SHORT ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 1

Find the word for each statement below (1b-5b), as in the example. The first letter and the dashes (as many as the missing letters) will help you.

Βρες την σωστή λέξη για κάθε πρόταση (1b-5b), όπως στο παράδειγμα. Το πρώτο γράμμα και οι γραμμούλες (όσες και τα γράμματα της λέξης) θα σε βοηθήσουν.

Feelings QUIZ!

EX.	Margaret was really **s a d** when her best friend, Pete, moved to Vienna.
1b.	Marsha was so **t _ _ _ _** from work, she forgot to pick up her son from school yesterday!
2b.	We were so **h _ _ _ _ _** that we ordered tons of food. We couldn't eat it all.
3b.	Dad was so **h _ _ _ _** to have both of us at home! He really needed the company.
4b.	Yesterday, I walked for 3 kilometers in really hot weather so, when I got home, I was so **t _ _ _ _ _ _** that I drank litres of water!
5b.	She was feeling so **c _ _ _** because there was no heating, that she put on her coat in the house!

ACTIVITY 2

Find the word for each statement below (6b-10b). The first letter will help you.

Βρες την σωστή λέξη για κάθε πρόταση (6b-10b). Το πρώτο γράμμα θα σε βοηθήσει.

How to Deal With FIRE

Here's what you do if you are trapped in a room with fire:

EX.	**Turn** on lights in the room so you can see better and be seen more easily from the outside.
6b.	**S_____** the door of the room, and block the gap under the door with towels or clothing.
7b.	Open the window and **t_____** to get the attention of people on the street. Shout for help, scream, wave!
8b.	If the room is **f_____** with smoke, lean out of the window to get fresh air.
9b.	If you can't open the window, **l_____** down on the floor. The air is clearer here, as the smoke rises.
10b.	If things become impossible, you may have to **j_____** out of the window, but only if you're on the first floor and only as a last resort because it is dangerous!

ΣΑΣ ΥΠΕΝΘΥΜΙΖΟΥΜΕ ΟΤΙ ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΜΕΤΑΦΕΡΕΤΕ ΟΛΕΣ ΤΙΣ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΣΤΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 1
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