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MODULE 1 READING COMPREHENSION

2025 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

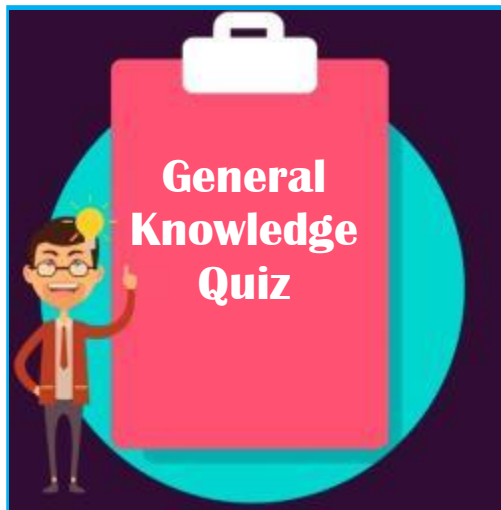
- Μην ανοίξεις το τευχίδιο πριν από την έναρξη της εξέτασης.
- Προσπάθησε να απαντήσεις και στα 50 ερωτήματα.
- Δώσε ΜΙΑ ΜΟΝΟ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΗ σε κάθε ερώτημα.
- Διάρκεια της εξέτασης: **1 ώρα και 5 λεπτά.**

ACTIVITY 1

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

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

A.	penguins	B.	country	C.	capital	D.	food
E.	cities	F.	language	G.	mountain	H.	legs



How much do you know?



1a. What _____ do people speak in Canada?

2a. Do _____ live in the Arctic?

3a. Which _____ is famous for the Eiffel Tower? France or Germany?

4a. How many _____ are there in France?

5a. How many _____ does a spider have?

6a. Which is the tallest _____ in the world?

ACTIVITY 2

Match descriptions 7a-10a with photos A-F. There are two photos you do not need.

Αντιστοίχισε τις περιγραφές 7α-10α με τις φωτογραφίες Α-Ζ. Υπάρχουν δύο φωτογραφίες που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

- 7a.** It's so small, you can take it with you wherever you go to keep you cool, especially when it's hot!
- 8a.** This special book lets you write, scan your notes, and erase them, so you can use it again and again!
- 9a.** Amazing! It changes colours when it gets wet. Watch it turn into a panorama of colours on rainy days!
- 10a.** Love reading at night? This small clip-on lets you read and not wake up someone sleeping next to you.

GREAT GIFTS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES!

ACTIVITY 3

Match recommendations 11a-15a with the meaning in Greek (A-F). There is one phrase you do not need.

Αντιστοίχισε τις συστάσεις 11a-15a με την έννοιά τους στα ελληνικά (A-F). Υπάρχει μια φράση που δεν χρειάζεται.



Online Safety: Follow the SMART rules to stay safe online

11a.	Keep Safe by being careful not to give out personal information –such as your full name, phone number, photos– to people you are chatting with online.	
12a.	M eeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so after you ask your parents.	
13a.	A ccepting emails, pictures or texts from people you don't know can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!	
14a.	Not everything online is R eliable. People online are strangers and you can't always believe what they say.	
15a.	Tell your parents or your teachers if anything happens online that you don't like.	

Όταν σερφάρεις στο διαδίκτυο...	
A.	...να ελέγχεις τα μηνύματα που σου στέλνουν άγνωστοι πριν τα ανοίξεις.
B.	...να αποδέχεσαι αιτήματα φιλίας μόνο από άτομα που γνωρίζεις.
C.	...να μην πιστεύεις ό,τι σου λένε οι διαδικτυακοί φίλοι σου.
D.	...αν σε ανησυχήσει κάτι, να το πεις στους γονείς ή στους δασκάλους σου.
E.	...απόφυγε να συναντήσεις διαδικτυακούς φίλους χωρίς την άδεια των γονιών σου.
F.	...να μην αποκαλύπτεις προσωπικές πληροφορίες.

ACTIVITY 4

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

Διάβασε τα σύντομα κείμενα και για κάθε κενό (16a-20a) διάλεξε τη σωστή λέξη (A-F). Υπάρχει μια λέξη που δεν χρειάζεται.

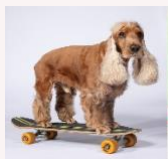
A.	mice	B.	hands	C.	eyes	D.	nose	E.	legs	F.	minutes
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GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

More pasta, please! Think she saved room for dessert? Michelle Lesco holds the record for fastest time to eat a bowl of pasta, finishing a plateful of noodles in less than 27 seconds. That's 14 seconds faster than the previous record. Lesco eats a lot of different foods and holds the record for fastest time to eat a hot dog without using her **(16a)** _____. She eats it in two **(17a)** _____! Wow!



A super-long cat! Make room for him. Barivel holds the record for the longest house cat. He is 47 inches long from his **(18a)** _____ to the tip of his tail. He's as long as a 7-year-old kid is tall! Maybe he dreams about catching extra-long **(19a)** _____ too!



Coda Asano is an awesome Cocker Spaniel from Japan who loves zooming around on his skateboard, always looking for his next big adventure. In February 2024, Coda did something amazing –he broke a world record! He rode his skateboard through a tunnel made of 40 people standing with their **(20a)** _____ apart. How cool is that?! He really knows how to skate!

ACTIVITY 5

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

Διάλεξε το πιο σωστό συνώνυμο (A-F) για κάθε υπογραμμισμένη λέξη στο κείμενο (21a-25a). Υπάρχει μία λέξη που δεν χρειάζεται.

A.	jump	B.	eat	C.	watch	D.	move	E.	leave	F.	give
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Junior Explorers' CLUB

I live in Brunei, Southeast Asia. Outside my house there are lots of wild animals, including these silver leaf monkeys. They are grey but their babies are golden. They **(21a)** chew leaves and fruits. They are very shy and never open the rubbish bin! **Hanna, 6**



My family has a history of caring for birds. My great-grandfather fed pigeons in Singapore and my grandmother feeds parrots at her house in Doonside. Every day I **(22a)** offer the birds in my area a healthy breakfast of potatoes and cooked rice. Feeding birds makes me happy, and I also get to observe how they behave. I might be an ornithologist when I grow up. **Joshua, 9**



I live in Japan, in a city called Kyoto. Outside my house, I often **(23a)** see small animals, like squirrels and birds. The squirrels run up trees and **(24a)** pop from branch to branch. They eat nuts and seeds. The birds sing loudly in the morning. My family enjoys watching them from the window. I also like to feed them sometimes, and they **(25a)** come near me when they see the food! My dad told me that we should not feed them too much because it might be bad for them. **Yuki, 7**



ACTIVITY 6

Read the text and choose the best word (A-F) for each gap (26a-31a).

Διάβασε το κείμενο και διάλεξε τη σωστή λέξη (A-F) για κάθε κενό (26a-31a).

A.	than	B.	for	C.	about	D.	in	E.	to	F.	of
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Top Facts About Bees!

Discover the secrets behind these buzzing bees...

⇒ Bees have been around (26a) _____ millions of years.

⇒ Not all bees are the same! There are more (27a) _____ 20,000 different species of bees around the world, but only a few, like the honeybee and bumblebee, are well-known for making honey.



⇒ Bees have five eyes. This helps them see (28a) _____ different directions and detect light changes quickly.

⇒ Bees flap their wings (29a) _____ 200 times per second! This rapid movement creates the buzzing sound we hear when a bee flies by.



⇒ Bees have a special way (30a) _____ talking to each other called the waggle dance. They move in patterns to tell other bees where to find food and flowers.

⇒ A single bee produces only about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime! It takes thousands of bees working together (31a) _____ make a jar of honey.



ACTIVITY 7

Read the interview and match questions 32a-35a with answers A-E. There is one answer you do not need.

Διάβασε τη συνέντευξη και αντιστοίχισε τις ερωτήσεις 32a-35a με τις απαντήσεις A-E. Υπάρχει μια απάντηση που δεν χρειάζεσαι.

Avril Lavigne

We caught up with Avril Lavigne to talk about her music awards.

"Winning is like icing on top of the cake." Avril Lavigne

☐ **32a.** What does it feel like to win awards?

☐ **33a.** Why do you think "Complicated" is such a popular song?

☐ **34a.** What was your worst subject at school?

☐ **35a.** What did you tell your teachers when you didn't do your homework?

Interview

with
Avril Lavigne



Avril started singing in public at age 13 – mainly songs by country stars like Faith Hill.

A. I guess because it's a song that a lot of people can relate to. It talks about that guy who's really cool around you but then when he's off around his friends he treats you like a different person. And it's a catchy song.

B. I didn't listen to music when I did my homework because I wouldn't be able to concentrate.

C. It is a cool thing. It's really exciting to know that my music's being heard by so many different people and that it's been recognized.

D. I said that I was too busy doing homework in my other subjects. And that I didn't have enough time. But of course, it wasn't true!

E. Oh, definitely math! I was never really into numbers—it just didn't click for me. I remember sitting in class, staring at equations, thinking, "When am I ever gonna use this?"

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 Γ) για τα ερωτήματα 36a-40a.



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The secret history of chocolate

In the South American rainforest, there is a tree called the cacao tree. Its seeds are used to make chocolate. The seeds only grow near the Equator and don't taste very good but, long ago, people started to use them to make tasty foods.

The first people to use cacao seeds were the Mayo-Chinchi, but we don't know if they used the seeds for food, drinks, or medicine. What we do know is that, centuries later, the Maya people—an ancient civilization in Central America—used cocoa beans as money. We also



know that the Aztecs, who lived in central Mexico, drank cacao every day. They mixed the seeds with chilies to make a spicy drink. In 1528, Hernán Cortés brought this drink back to Spain. With time, the Spanish made one big change—they added sugar to the cacao which is a little bitter.

Chocolate houses were a little like today's coffeehouses. They were very popular. However, mostly rich people were able to go there frequently to meet friends and enjoy a hot chocolate drink. During the Revolutionary War from 1775 to 1783, wounded soldiers drank it to warm up and get energy.

By the early 1900s, cocoa seeds had become much cheaper, so chocolate became something everyone could enjoy, not just rich people. Now, chocolate can be found in grocery stores and candy shops. There is even a big chocolate festival in Paris each year that has a fashion show with clothes made of chocolate!

36a. This text is mainly about

A. the different ways cacao has been used over time.

B. how cacao trees grow in the rainforest.

C. the places where people usually drink cacao.

37a. The Maya people used cacao to

A. make clothes.

B. pay for goods.

C. make houses.

38a. The Aztecs drank cacao differently from the Spanish because they

A. mixed it with water.

B. preferred it spicy.

C. added sugar to it.

39a. Who brought cacao to Spain?

A. A cacao farmer.

B. The Mayo-Chinchi people.

C. Hernán Cortés.

40a. The text says that, today, chocolate is

A. only for the rich.

B. fashionable in Paris.

C. found almost everywhere.

PART B - SHORT ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 1

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

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

EX.	The weather is <u>s u n n y</u> and warm, so we can go to the park and have a picnic.
1b.	It is very <u>w _ _ _</u> today, and the trees are moving a lot. Hold on to your hat so it doesn't fly away!
2b.	It is <u>r _ _ _ _ _</u> a lot right now, and the streets are wet. Don't forget to take your umbrella with you.
3b.	The sky is very <u>c _ _ _ _</u> today. I think it might rain later; so, I'll take my raincoat with me.
4b.	This morning is really <u>c _ _ _</u> , and my hands are freezing! I need to wear very warm clothes.
5b.	It is really <u>h _ _</u> outside; so, I think I will stay inside and drink lots of water to stay cool.

ACTIVITY 2

Complete the gap in the statements that famous people made about life (6b-10b), as in the example. The first letter and the dashes (as many as the missing letters) will help you.

Συμπλήρωσε το κενό σε κάθε μία από τις παρακάτω δηλώσεις που έκαναν διάσημες προσωπικότητες σχετικά με τη ζωή (6b-10b), όπως στο παράδειγμα. Το πρώτο γράμμα και οι παύλες (όσες και τα γράμματα της λέξης) θα σε βοηθήσουν.

EX.	"Better three hours too soon than a <u>m i n u t e</u> too late." <i>William Shakespeare</i>
6b.	"It doesn't matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not <u>s _ _ _</u> ." <i>Confucius</i>
7b.	"Life is a song – sing it. Life is a game – <u>p _ _ _</u> it." <i>Sai Baba</i> .
8b.	"Everyone dies. But not everyone really <u>l _ _ _ _</u> ." <i>William Wallace</i> .
9b.	"Time is the most valuable thing a person can <u>s _ _ _ _</u> ." <i>Theophrastus</i> .
10b.	"I enjoy life when things are happening. I don't care if they're good or <u>b _ _</u> - as long as they keep on happening. It means we're alive." <i>Albert Einstein</i> .

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