

SAMPLE TEST FOR GRADE A ELEMENTARY JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

PART A : Reading comprehension

Read the following texts and answer the questions below (10 points)

Διαβάστε τα παρακάτω κείμενα και απαντήστε τις ερωτήσεις που ακολουθούν (10 μονάδες)

School uniforms : what do teens say about them?

“Terrible idea! I want to look different, not the same with all my classmates. I find my clothes more comfortable. On No Uniform Day I think I'm a better student!”

John, from Canada



“My classmates usually pick on me because I always wear cheaper clothes. My parents can't buy me whatever I like. So, I prefer my uniform. Everybody is the same at school.”

Vanessa, from Japan



“I don't mind my uniform - it's comfortable and it's a symbol of our school. And of course, I don't have to worry about what to wear every morning.”

Pete, from Australia



Questions on the text

1. Do all three students like wearing uniforms? / or (alternatively : Complete the following table)

Name of student(s) who ...	
Agree(s) with the school uniform	Doesn't (Don't) agree with the school uniform

2. Which student doesn't spend much money on clothes?
3. Why do some of the students like wearing uniforms? Complete the following sentences with information from the text
- a. Because
- b. Because
4. There is one student who hates school uniforms. Who is he? Why does he hate them?

PART B : Language activities

Activity 1 : fill in the gaps with the correct form of the adjective (2,5 points)

Άσκηση 1 : συμπληρώστε τα κενά με τον κατάλληλο τύπο του επιθέτου στην παρένθεση (2,5 μονάδες)

The Great Pyramid



Pyramids are enormous buildings for dead Egyptian kings (Pharaohs) and other rich people. The Great Pyramid is the **(1)** _____ (**big**) and **(2)** _____ (**famous**) pyramid in the world. It's about 4,500 years old and **(3)** _____ (**large**) than a football stadium. You can find it at Giza in Egypt, a city near Cairo, but a little **(4)** _____ (small) than that. The great Pyramid is the home of the dead Pharaoh Khufu, one of the **(5)** _____

(bad) pharaohs in Egypt. This great building is the work of 100,000 slaves. It is made of blocks of very **(6)** _____ (**heavy**) stones. There are three big rooms in the Great Pyramid. The king's room is on a **(7)** _____ (**high**) level than the Queen's. The monument is one of the **(8)** _____ (**pretty**) and **(9)** _____ (**popular**) sights in the world, and for this reason it has **(10)** _____ (**many**) visitors than other historic buildings.



Activity 2 : choose the best answer a, b, c, or d to complete the gaps in the text (2,5 points)

Άσκηση 2 : επιλέξτε την καλύτερη απάντηση a, b, c, ή d για να συμπληρώσετε τα κενά στο κείμενο (2,5 μονάδες)

SNOW LEOPARDS



Snow leopards are very rare. There aren't **(1)** _____ leopards in the world any more. Only 7,000 leopards are alive these days. They like **(2)** _____ in cold climates, so many of them are in the mountains **(3)** _____ Asia. Snow leopards have got very long tails. They **(4)** _____ them to balance on the rocks because their fur is thick and their **(5)** _____ are heavy. The **(6)** _____ of snow leopards are big and furry. They make good snow shoes. Female snow leopards don't have **(7)** _____ babies. They can only have 2 to 3 babies every two years. After birth, the female **(8)** _____ hunt for food,

because the male brings food to the family. At about three months, the small snow leopards **(9)** _____ follow their mother on a hunting trip. During the trip, they will learn how to hunt. Snow leopards are endangered animals. Nowadays, **(10)** _____ are 47 parks all over the world, which serve to protect them.

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|-----|--------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. | a. a lot of | b. many | c. some | d. any |
| 2. | a. to lives | b. to living | c. living | d. live |
| 3. | a. in | b. at | c. on | d. to |
| 4. | a. are using | b. using | c. are use | d. use |
| 5. | a. bodies | b. body | c. bodys | d. bodes |
| 6. | a. foots | b. foot | c. feet | d. feets |
| 7. | a. many | b. any | c. much | d. little |
| 8. | a. mustn't | b. doesn't have to | c. has to | d. must |
| 9. | a. mustn't | b. must | c. have | d. can't |
| 10. | a. there | b. they | c. they're | d. these |

Activity 3.a. : guess the words which are hidden in the gaps in the story (1 point)

Άσκηση 3.α : μαντέψτε τις λέξεις που κρύβονται στα κενά της ιστορίας (1 μονάδα)

It's raining cows!

Last week, Charles and Linda Everson **(1)** _____ driving back to their hotel at Lake Chelan, in the northwest of the USA. Around them was a rocky beautiful landscape. The road ahead was clear. Suddenly a huge object dropped from the sky. It crashed **(2)** _____ the bonnet of the Everson's car.

Dreaming

'**(3)** _____ was that?' cried Mr. Everson. For a moment he thought he was dreaming. But no, he was still driving down the empty road - with a smashed bonnet. 'It came from above us!' said **(4)** _____ wife. 'It looks **(5)** _____ a cow!'

Escaped

Mrs Everson looked out through the passenger window. She **(6)** _____ the animal lying on the road behind them. Then she looked up. 'I think it **(7)** _____ from there!' she said, pointing to a cliff. It's at least 50 metres above the road. Somehow Mr. Everson drove the car for another two kilometres until they **(8)** _____ to a shop. Outside a newspaper board had the headline:

'300 KILO RODEO COW ESCAPES RANCH'

Lucky

Locals took the Eversons to hospital. Fortunately, neither was **(9)** _____. The cow wasn't so lucky, though. 'This cow was bred for rodeo,' a police spokesman explained later. 'It was not a normal cow in a field.' Mr. Everson, 49, said: 'I'm just **(10)** _____ to be alive. It's raining cows out here!'

Activity 3.b : a young Greek student is interviewing a British teenager for his school newspaper. Fill in the bubbles with the questions the Greek student reporter asks the British boy (1,5 points). The British boy's answers will help you.

Άσκηση 3.α : ένας νεαρός Έλληνας μαθητής παίρνει συνέντευξη από ένα Βρετανό συνομήλικό του για τη σχολική εφημερίδα. Συμπληρώστε τα κουτάκια με τις ερωτήσεις που κάνει ο μικρός Έλληνας δημοσιογράφος στο νεαρό Βρετανό (1,5 μονάδες). Θα σας βοηθήσουν οι απαντήσεις του Βρετανού.

(1)
"Where...?"

(2)
".....?"

(3)
"What.....?"

(4)
"What.....?"

(5)
"How?"



(1)

"I come from Liverpool, in the north west of England"



(2)

"Yes, I've got two sisters"



(3)

"In Britain, school usually starts at 9 in the morning"



(4)

"In my free time I enjoy going out with friends, playing computer games and text messaging"



(5)

"Well, my dad usually gives me £5 every week to buy whatever I like"

Activity 4.a. : the underlined words and phrases are wrong. Replace them with their right forms (1 point)

Άσκηση 4.α. : οι υπογραμμισμένες λέξεις και φράσεις είναι λάθος. Αντικαταστήστε τις με τις σωστές (1 μονάδα)

The legend of King Arthur

The story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is one of the most **(1) excited** _____ stories in Britain and the rest of the world. Arthur was the son of King Uther and Queen Igraine. He was **(2) birth** _____ at Tintagel castle. At that time, the Saxons made a lot of attacks, so Uther gave his son to Merlin, a magician for **(3) protect** _____. Arthur **(4) grew at** _____ at Merlin's secret place away from his family.

In London, there was a stone with a sword in it, which nobody could pull out. When Arthur was fifteen, he pulled out the sword **(5) easy** _____ and became king of England.

Merlin took Arthur to a (6) magician _____ lake. There, the 'Lady of the Lake', who lived there beneath the water, gave Arthur a mysterious sword called 'Excalibur. "**(7) not fight** _____ your enemies without this sword", said Merlin to Arthur.

Later, Arthur married a princess named Guinevere and got as a wedding present a huge round table. The **(8) most brave** _____ soldiers only could sit there, so they were called 'Knights of the Round Table'. One of the best Knights, Lancelot **(9) fell to love on** _____ Arthur's wife, Guinevere.

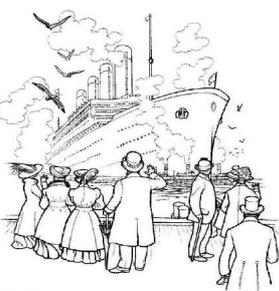
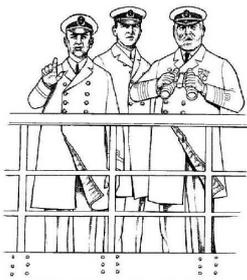
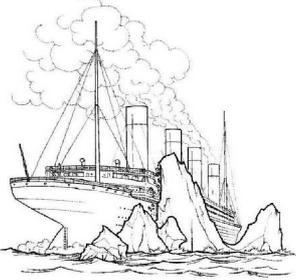
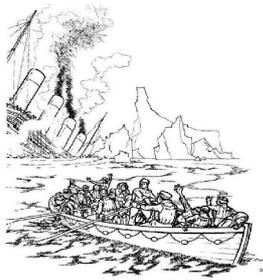
Arthur's death is very sad. Mordred, Arthur's evil nephew decided to fight against him. Unfortunately, Arthur didn't carry Excalibur **(10) in** _____ the day of the battle, so Mordred wounded him deeply. As Arthur was lying on the ground, his knights threw Excalibur into the lake, where the Lady of the Lake caught it.

Alternatively you can allow the students to choose between two options, e.g.

(1) _____ (excited , exciting)

Activity 4.b. : use the notes next to each drawing and complete the missing captions (1,5 points)

Άσκηση 4.b. : χρησιμοποιήστε τις σημειώσεις δίπλα στο κάθε σκίτσο και συμπληρώστε τα λόγια που λείπουν (1,5 μονάδες)

 <p>April 10, 1918</p> <p>Titanic - British ship</p> <p>- start journey</p> <p>- England to USA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1.</p>	 <p>largest and richest ship – world</p> <p>- wealthy passengers</p> <p>- have parties on board</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2.</p>
<p>On</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Titanic</p> <p>and the</p>
 <p>sail across Atlantic –</p> <p>sailor notice iceberg –</p> <p>call captain</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.</p>	 <p>captain – try –</p> <p>turn – but – too late</p> <p>Titanic – hit iceberg – ship start sinking</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.</p>
<p>While the ship,</p> <p>..... and</p>	<p>The captain, but</p> <p>it Titanic and the</p>
 <p>crew put women and children in lifeboats -</p> <p>many stay on ship – not survive</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5.</p>	
<p>The crew,</p> <p>but many passengers</p> <p>and</p>	