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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.

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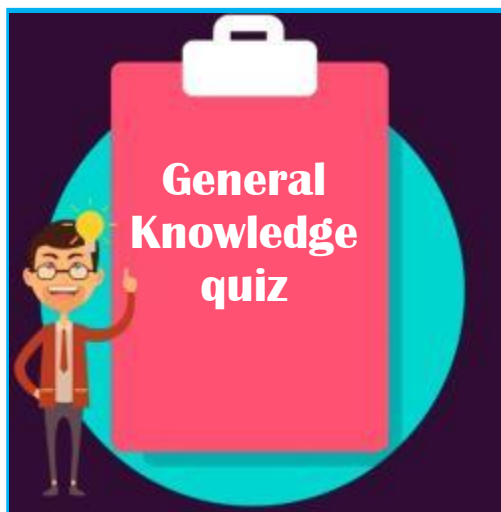
- Μην ανοίξεις το τευχίδιο πριν από την έναρξη της εξέτασης.
- Προσπάθησε να απαντήσεις και στα 50 ερωτήματα.
- Δώσε ΜΙΑ ΜΟΝΟ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΗ σε κάθε ερώτημα.
- Διάρκεια της εξέτασης: **1 ώρα και 5 λεπτά.**

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 (A-H) για να φτιάξεις το δικό σου κουίζ. Υπάρχουν δύο λέξεις που δεν χρειάζονται.

A.	people	B.	animal	C.	stars	D.	colours
E.	cake	F.	river	G.	days	H.	food



How much do you know?



1a. What kind of _____ do pandas eat?

2a. How many _____ are in a year?

3a. How many _____ are there in a rainbow?

4a. How many _____ have walked on the moon?

5a. Which is the fastest _____ in the jungle?

6a. Which is the longest _____ 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 χρειάζονται.

- 7a.** This is the perfect gift for you. You can put your pens and pencils in it and use it as a phone at the same time.
- 8a.** It's a fantastic breakfast maker. Treat yourself to toast, fried eggs, and ham – all in one – in less than 5 minutes.
- 9a.** You see this crystal ball? It's magic! It will take care of your plant. Put it on a nearby shelf and watch it grow right before your eyes.
- 10a.** Surprise your loved ones with their favourite song. This amazing wooden music box may be small, but the music it makes is perfect.

GIFT IDEAS FOR LOVED ONES



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ACTIVITY 3

Match statements 11a-15a with phrases A-F that give us the main idea in Greek. There is one phrase you don't need.

Αντιστοίχισε τις προτάσεις 11a-15a με τις φράσεις A-F που δηλώνουν την κεντρική ιδέα στα ελληνικά. Υπάρχει μια φράση που δεν σου χρειάζεται.



The Benefits of Playing Board Games

11a.	One of the benefits of playing board games is that they pull people out of the digital world. Board games do not involve staring at a smartphone, tablet, or computer screen.	
12a.	Board games bring families and friends of all ages together to have fun. Playing board games is the ideal way to spend time with and feel close to other people.	
13a.	Playing board games is a wonderful exercise for our brain. They help us become better at solving problems and making decisions.	
14a.	One of the best things about playing board games is that you can play at any time and wherever you happen to be.	
15a.	Playing board games reduces stress. It helps us forget bad things that create stress. Concentrating on the games is one way to relax.	

Τα επιτραπέζια παιχνίδια...	
A.	...μάς βοηθάνε να χαλαρώσουμε.
B.	...βοηθάνε στην καλλιέργεια του μυαλού και στο να είμαστε καλύτεροι στην επίλυση προβλημάτων.
C.	...μάς βοηθάνε να ξεκολλήσουμε από τις ηλεκτρονικές συσκευές.
D.	...είναι εύκολα στη μεταφορά για παιχνίδι όπου και όποτε θελήσουμε.
E.	...μάς βοηθάνε να βάζουμε στόχους και να έχουμε υπομονή.
F.	...φέρνουν κοντά οικογένεια και φίλους!

ACTIVITY 4

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

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

A.	famous	B.	terrible	C.	loving	D.	sleepy	E.	very	F.	important
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Two of the Youngest Writers in History!



DAISY ASHFORD (1881-1972) was only nine years old when she wrote her most (16a) _____ work. The title was *The Young Visitors*. It is a novel about the rich society in England in the 19th century. Each chapter was written as a single paragraph and, even though it was full of spelling mistakes, the book was (17a) _____ successful. It was reprinted 18 times in its first year alone!



ANNA FRANK (1929-1945) began writing her diary when she was thirteen years old. In it she described her (18a) _____ experiences when hiding with her family from the Nazis. She also wrote about the (19a) _____ relationship she had with her mother and father. Her (20a) _____ diary was published as a book two years after her death. It became a bestseller and even today is taught in many schools across the world.

ACTIVITY 5

Choose the best synonym (A-F) for the underlined items (21a-25a) in the text. There is one item 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.	weather	B.	game	C.	kids	D.	excitement	E.	activity	F.	secure
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The History of the Roller Coaster

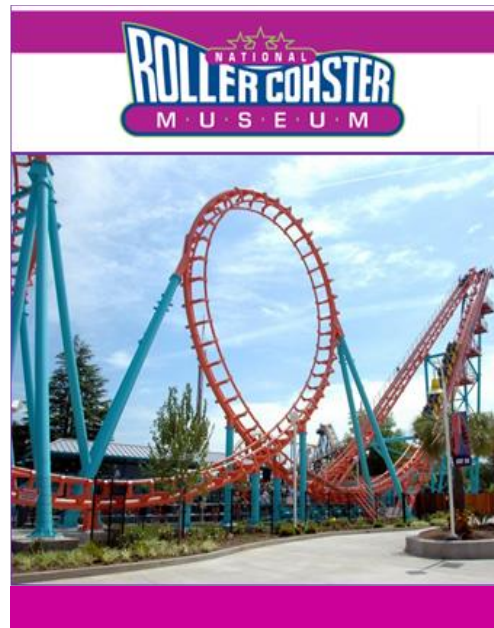
Popular with both (21a) children and adults, roller coasters are always a big hit at amusement parks across the world.

The oldest form of the roller coaster comes from the 16th century in the cold (22a) climate of Russia. There, people used to move fast over the snow on giant pieces of ice.

Some Frenchmen saw photos and slides of this (23a) pastime in Russia and brought the idea back home with them. But France had a warmer climate than Russia and the pieces of ice would often melt. So, people there started to build wooden glides with wheels that eventually looked more like rolling carts.

The first roller coaster was created when all these glides or carts were attached to a railway track. This allowed the coaster to go faster but also to be (24a) safe.

Never failing to entertain and give people (25a) a thrill, roller coasters have spread to almost every continent across the world and will not stop growing in size and speed as designers continue to test their limits.



ACTIVITY 6**Read the text and choose the best word (A-F) for each gap (26a-31a)***Διάβασε το κείμενο και για κάθε κενό (26a-31a) διάλεξε τη σωστή λέξη (A-F)*

A.	for	B.	at	C.	over	D.	of	E.	from	F.	by
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Spoon Sweets: The Traditional Greek Sweet

A guest arriving **(26a)** _____ a Greek home should expect a great variety of traditional welcoming treats from coffee and cookies to homemade cakes and more. But there is one type of sweet that has long been linked with Greek hospitality: “spoon sweets”. For centuries, the only way to make fresh fruits and vegetables last **(27a)** _____ as long as possible was to sun dry them or to put them in honey.

Later, with the arrival of sugar to this part of the world, preservation by putting them in sugar syrup was also possible. Spoon sweets are different **(28a)** _____ jam and marmalade mainly because they are preserved in syrup. They are made **(29a)** _____ boiling the fruit or flower in sugar syrup with the addition of spices like cinnamon in the mixture. Sometimes nuts are added too -most often whole white almonds- to give the fruit an extra kick of flavour. Spoon sweets are most often made of fruit but a more recent trend in spoon sweets are those made from different types of mushrooms –while this might sound strange, they are actually quite tasty. The most aromatic **(30a)** _____ all are those made of flowers, like fresh rose petals, newly blossomed lemon flowers or even jasmine. Spoon sweets are prepared all **(31a)** _____ Greece, and each region or island has its own special flavours.



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 χρειάζεται.

Dr. JANE GOODALL

An amazing woman, who has accomplished so much in her life! Meet living legend **Dr. Jane Goodall**! Her groundbreaking **chimpanzee studies** in **Tanzania, East Africa**, changed the way we think about wildlife forever! Learn more about the super scientist in our Jane Goodall interview...

Interview

with
Dr. Jane Goodall



☐ **32a.** When did you first know you wanted to work with animals?

A. Sadly, they're capable of a type of war; they can be violent at times. But they also show love, compassion and care for others.

☐ **33a.** What has been special about the work you've done?

B. I studied animals differently from other people so I was able to show how their behaviour is like ours –kissing, holding hands, helping each other, etc.

☐ **34a.** Who was your favourite chimpanzee in Tanzania?

C. You've got to really, really want it! You could go to university, but there are also lots of opportunities for volunteering. Keep your ears open for opportunities and never give up!

☐ **35a.** What advice would you give to anyone who wants to have a 'wild' career like yours?

D. I was ten when I decided I wanted to go to Africa and live with wild animals and write books about them. That's about 70 years ago now, and back then girls in England didn't have those opportunities.

E. The first one who lost his fear of me and who allowed me to follow him in the forest. He was very handsome, and he had a gentle but determined nature.

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

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THE MOST INFLUENTIAL INVENTIONS FROM THE 30s









Historical events and technological innovations from the 1930s can still be felt today, while the inventions of that period had an important impact on our lives.

One of the most popular inventions was the Nylon -- a unique material which is used just about everywhere today. It can be found in clothing, seatbelts, parachutes, car tyres, washers. It is even used to reinforce other composite materials. Another widespread invention was the Scotch Tape or Sellotape --the world's first adhesive tape that we have all used to piece together papers and all sorts of other materials. It was created so bakers, grocers, and meatpackers had a way to seal food wrap, but later we discovered that the tape could be used for hundreds of things, including torn pages of books and documents, broken toys, ripped window shades, even torn-up money bills.

Of course, neither of the two were as significant as the Jet Engine, which changed warfare and transportation --especially air travel-- for the decades to come, and the Electron Microscope, which increased our knowledge about cell structures in plant and animal life.

There were several other noteworthy inventions in the 30s and a few which were momentous, like the Radio Telescope, which has helped us better understand our universe, and the Radar, which is now used to help navigate ships in fog and airplanes in bad weather. Meteorologists use the radars too. They use it to detect all sorts of atmospheric phenomena.

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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.	She loves playing t e n n i s ; we should buy her a new racket as a birthday present.
1b.	You should definitely start playing b _ _ _ _ _ ; you are so tall and athletic!
2b.	If you want to take up c _ _ _ _ you need to buy a new bike, a helmet and proper clothing.
3b.	It was so funny when I tried s _ _ _ _ for the first time; I just kept throwing myself in the snow.
4b.	I practise s _ _ _ _ _ in the school pool every day; the sound of water around me helps me relax.
5b.	I didn't go s _ _ _ _ today because there were some dangerous cracks in the ice.

ACTIVITY 2

Complete the gap in the statements about music (6b-10b) that famous people made, 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 για τη μουσική (6b-10b) που έκαναν διάσημες προσωπικότητες όπως στο παράδειγμα. Το πρώτο γράμμα και οι παύλες (όσες και τα γράμματα της λέξης) θα σε βοηθήσουν.



- EX. "Music can **change** the world". – *Ludwig van Beethoven*.
- 6b. "A great song can lift your heart and **m _ _ _** you feel good". – *Colbie Caillat*
- 7b. "When I hear music, I am not **a _ _ _ _** of any danger". – *Henry David Thoreau*
- 8b. "The world's most famous and popular **I _ _ _ _ _** spoken by everyone is music". – *Justin Bieber*
- 9b. "The cool thing about music is that no one can **t _ _ _** it away from you". – *Darren Criss*
- 10b. "One good thing about music is that when it hits you, you **f _ _ _** no pain". – *Bob Marley*

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