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<b>ATTENTION</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not open this booklet until the exam begins.</li> <li>Mark your answers on Answer Sheet 1 [ΑΠΑΝΤΗΤΙΚΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 1].</li> <li>Provide a single answer for each item.</li> <li>You have <b>65 minutes</b> to do this exam paper</li> </ul>

### ACTIVITY 1

Read the email message below and match pictures with sentences. Fill in gaps 1-5 with pictures A-F. There is one option you do not need.



Hi. We're staying in a great luxury hotel which is right on the coast (1\_\_\_\_) very close to the town of Preveza. Yesterday, we went for a lovely walk along the sea-front in the town. It was wonderful. We saw some lovely neoclassical houses (2\_\_\_\_). The town of Preveza actually has an old castle which is worth a visit (3\_\_\_\_). We also visited the theatre at the ancient ruins at Nicopolis (4\_\_\_\_). Of course the best part of our holiday is the swimming – this time of year the beaches are almost empty (5\_\_\_\_).  
Bye for now  
John

## ACTIVITY 2

**Step 1: Read the interview and choose the best answers (A, B, or C) for items 6-7.**

6. In this interview, Rick Cranson talks about  
 A. the things he regrets in life.      B. his decision to be a drop out.      C. how he came into his fortune.
7. Cranson seems to be interested mostly in  
 A. money.      B. children.      C. success.

### The Interview: Rick Cranson, businessman.

**Interviewer:** You left school at 15 and you are now one of the richest men in the world – have you ever regretted not finishing school?



**Cranson:** Not for a minute. It was the most important decision of my life. It could have been a disaster, but it wasn't.

**Interviewer:** Wouldn't you have been even more successful if you'd gone to University?

**Cranson:** Perhaps things would have been more certain, but life's more fun when you don't know what's going to happen next.

**Interviewer:** What did your parents think of your decision to leave school at 15?

**Cranson:** I remember the moment when I told my dad I was going to drop out of school. We were outside in the garden. We just walked and talked.

**Interviewer:** And what happened?

**Cranson:** Well, he told me that when he was 21 he still had no idea what he was going to do in life. When he heard what I was planning to do, he thought it was wonderful; he said 'it's great

that at 15 you have an aim, you know what you want to do'

**Interviewer:** Really? He wasn't worried about his son leaving school at 15?

**Cranson:** Well, not only that, he actually encouraged me. In fact, he promised me that if I didn't manage to achieve my aims, he would give me another chance to study, to go back to school.

**Interviewer:** How would you react if one of your children told you they were dropping out of school at the age of 15?

**Cranson:** My daughter had her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday recently and, you never know, she might tell me what I told my dad. My dad was really open-minded. Ahead of his time! I am not sure I'm as open-minded as he was.

**Interviewer:** What do you think success means nowadays?

**Cranson:** An ordinary worker or employee can be successful. An air-hostess on one of my planes can be as successful as I am, or the manager of the company. As long as she gets up everyday with enthusiasm for her work and with a positive attitude to life.


**Step 2: Read the same text again and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 8-12.**

8. How does Cranson feel about not finishing school?  
 A. Sometimes he regrets it.      B. He thinks he did the right thing.      C. It was a difficult decision.
9. What is Cranson's approach to life?  
 A. He likes to plan everything.      B. He likes to relax.      C. He likes surprises.

10. When Cranson's father heard about his son's plans he was  
 A. worried. B. surprised. C. sympathetic.
11. Cranson's father said that if his son's plan failed  
 A. he could go back to school. B. he'd have to make another one. C. he would be punished.
12. What should people do if they want to be successful?  
 A. Get up early. B. Study hard. C. Enjoy their work.

### ACTIVITY 3

Read the text below and decide if the following statements (13-18) are True (A) False (B) or Not Stated (C).



## ‘Poor’ Banker Wins Nobel Prize

This year's Nobel Peace Prize has just been awarded to Muhammad Yunus, the founder of a bank which has been praised for giving small loans to people who are too poor to get loans from other banks.

Yunus, who used to be a University professor of Economics, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize ‘for his efforts to help poor people start their own businesses’.

Yunus himself has received several other national and international prizes. He is the author of *Banker to the Poor*, which has become an international bestseller. The Nobel Prize Peace Committee said Yunus is a leader whose work has ‘helped millions of people, not only in his own country, but also in other countries’.

After receiving the news of the important award, Yunus said he would use part of the \$1.4 million award on an eye hospital for the poor in Bangladesh. The Nobel Prize has never been awarded to a Bangladeshi before.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/6047020.stm>

STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
13.	Poor people can borrow money from Yunus' bank.			
14.	Yunus now teaches at a University			
15.	Yunus has written a successful book.			
16.	Yunus' bank has branches all over the world.			
17.	Yunus is going to spend all the money on food for the poor.			
18.	It is the first time a Bangladeshi has won the Nobel prize.			



### ACTIVITY 4

Read the text and choose the best option (A-H) for each gap (19-24). Use each option only once. There are two options you do not need.

A. for B. as C. since D. so E. but F. or G. not H. when

**Arkas: a great Greek cartoonist**

The artistic career of Arkas is a good example for those who believe that what is important in art is the work itself and not the artist as a person. His work, which changed the Greek cartoon scene, has been received with great enthusiasm.

Arkas doesn't give newspaper interviews (19) \_\_\_\_\_ appear on television and this has turned him into a bit of a myth. Twenty years have gone by (20) \_\_\_\_\_ he published his first comic-strips - the Rooster -and who he is, is still a mystery.

His style was (21) \_\_\_\_\_ special that the public believed that this was not a new young artist (22) \_\_\_\_\_ an old master who was using a pseudonym! Thanks to his brilliant, sarcastic humour his success has grown over all these years. His comic books have been selling in high numbers, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ only in Greece but throughout Europe.

The work of this 'mysterious' author is very fresh and this is why, as many would agree, Arkas is able to express the feelings of today's youth. He expresses the here and now as much (24) \_\_\_\_\_ he did twenty years ago.

### ACTIVITY 5

**Step 1:** Read the text below and choose the best option (A, B, or C) for item 25.

25. Where might you see a text like this?

- A. In a magazine.                      B. In an encyclopaedia.                      C. In a story book.

#### Parthenon:

The Parthenon was built in the 5th century BC; it was a temple for the goddess Athena on the Acropolis of Athens; it is the most important building of Classical Greece which has survived to the present day. Many experts (26) believe its sculptures are the high point of Greek art.



The Parthenon is a symbol of ancient Greece and Athenian democracy.

In the 6th century AD, the Parthenon (27) became a Christian church. After the Ottoman conquest, it became a mosque. In 1687, an explosion seriously (28) damaged the Parthenon and its sculptures.

From 1801 to 1812 the Earl of Elgin (29) removed about half of the sculptures of the Parthenon. The Marbles were taken to Britain, and were (30) purchased by the British Government in 1816. The Greek government has repeatedly (31) requested the return of the sculptures to Greece, so far with no success.

The Greek Ministry of Culture is now (32) carrying out a programme to restore the Parthenon.

**See also:** Acropolis.



**Step 2:** Match the underlined words in the text above (items 26-32) with an appropriate definition (options A-H).  
There is one option you don't need.

A.	To build	B.	To think	C.	To put into practice	D.	To ask for something
E.	To turn into	F.	To harm something	G.	To take something away	H.	To buy something


## ACTIVITY 6

**Step 1: Read the text about Meteors and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 33 and 34.**


- 33.** This text was written for:
- A.** scientists.                      **B.** astronomers.                      **C.** the general reader.
- 34.** What impresses the writer about meteors?
- A.** Their speed.                      **B.** Their height.                      **C.** Their texture.

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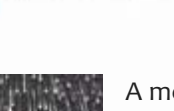
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## Meteors



A meteor, sometimes called a ‘shooting star,’ can be the brightest object in the night sky. *Meteoroids* are the smallest bodies in the solar system that can be seen without a telescope. Meteoroids enter the earth's atmosphere and, for a few seconds, fly across the sky; they are then called *meteors*, and are a beautiful sight with their bright tails. A brilliant meteor, called a *fireball*, may weigh many kilograms, but even a meteor weighing less than a gram can produce a beautiful trail. Fireballs are sometimes followed by trails of light that continue for up to 30 minutes. Some of the meteors are large enough to survive their trip through the atmosphere and hit the ground as *meteorites*.

How can a particle so small –it’s like a grain of sand– produce such a fantastic sight? The answer is the speed at which the meteoroid enters the earth's atmosphere. Many meteoroids travel at 60-70 kilometers per second.

On almost any night a few meteors can be seen from any one place. However, there are sometimes *meteor showers*; these are hundreds of meteors that seem to come from the same spot in the sky. These showers usually last from a few hours to several days. Many meteor showers can be predicted, as they are repeated every year.

**Click the start button below to see an illustration of how the earth's orbit intersects with that of several comets.**

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**Step 2:** Read the text about Meteors again and decide if each statement below (items 35-40) is True (A), False (B) or Not Stated (C).

STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
35.	You need a strong telescope to see a meteoroid.			
36.	A fireball is a very bright meteor.			
37.	A meteorite is a meteor that lands on earth.			
38.	The word meteor comes from the Greek word <i>meteoros</i> , meaning high in the air.			
39.	Meteor showers last only a few minutes.			
40.	We never know when the next meteor shower will occur.			

**Step 3:** The words in Column A are from the text about meteors. Change them so that they can complete sentences 41-45 in Column B.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
weigh	41. He has a <del>severe</del> problem. He needs to lose several kilos.
followed	42. Ghandi was a great and compassionate leader. That's why he had many <del>followers</del>
survive	43. Reports say there were no <del>survivors</del> after the airplane crash.
travel	44. <del>Travelers</del> are advised to carry their passports with them at all times.
fly	45. Our <del>flight</del> to El. Venizelos Airport leaves at 10.30 am.

### ACTIVITY 7

Fill in the gaps in items 46-50 with ONE word or phrase so that each rule makes sense.

46.

1000 dollars fine for littering—  
**NO GARBAGE.** Please  
~~do not~~ all litter in the bin.

47.

Please ~~stand~~ in line  
and wait for your turn.

48.

**NO PARKING**

~~Anything~~ parked here  
will be removed.

49.

Do not ~~leave~~ bags lying  
around. All suspicious bags  
will be removed and  
destroyed.

50.

**Sorry. We are closed.**

Opening ~~times~~:  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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