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Θέμα: ΑΓΓΛΙΚΑ

Διάρκεια: 2 ώρες και 15 λεπτά

**ΤΟ ΔΟΚΙΜΙΟ ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΙΤΑΙ ΑΠΟ ΟΚΤΩ (8) ΣΕΛΙΔΕΣ
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THERE ARE 43 QUESTIONS IN THIS PAPER**

PART I: WRITING

Task 1: COMPOSITION
MARKS)

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1. Write a composition of about 200 - 250 words on one of the following topics:

A. Some people claim that celebrities are treated unfairly by the media and should be given more privacy. Others, however, argue that this invasion into the private lives of famous people is the price of fame they have to pay. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Provide reasons and examples to support your answer.

B. Some people argue that parents should be held responsible for the behaviour of their children. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Provide reasons and examples to support your answer.

Ocean Heat Waves Are Threatening Marine Life, Biodiversity

Par. 1 Ocean heat waves—which are periods of extreme temperatures lasting five days or more—have become increasingly recurrent in recent decades. In fact, as a new study published in *Nature Climate Change* finds, Earth’s number of annual ocean heat wave days **leapt** by around 54 percent between 1987 and 2016, with periods of abnormally high temperatures not only occurring more frequently, but also lasting for longer periods of time.

Par. 2 As Damian Carrington, Environment Editor at the Guardian, explains underwater heat waves pose a significant threat to marine ecosystems, which are already at risk due to issues including overfishing and widespread plastic pollution. Sweeping through oceans like blazing wildfires, extreme temperatures damage important organisms such as seaweed forests, seagrass meadows and coral reefs. Given that these species provide shelter and food to many other ocean creatures, the study’s authors warn that such destruction will be detrimental for marine biodiversity.

Par. 3 Marine heatwaves (MHW) can have devastating impacts on the environment and economy. Unfortunately, there’s no reliable way to know when one is about to hit, which means that fishers and wildlife managers are left **scrambling** to reduce harm in real time. Now, oceanographers are trying to uncover what drives these events so that people can forecast them and so minimize the ecological and economic damage they cause.

Par. 4 Assessing the effects of ocean heat waves has been a formidable task. This is mainly due to the fact that reports of MHW events are few and ocean-climate relationships are complex. In an effort to measure the impact of marine heatwaves, researchers turned to previously published academic studies. The papers yielded data from more than 1,000 ecological records, enabling the team to find and focus their attention on multiple recorded

instances of unusually high temperatures. Reflecting on eight specific heat waves, the scientists were able to identify regions and species deemed most **vulnerable to** temperature increases. Areas of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans topped the list, with the Caribbean's coral reefs, Australia's seagrass and California's kelp forests emerging as particular concerns.

Par. 5 Researchers say that marine heat waves are triggered by heat from the sun and shifting warm currents. They further explain that because the phenomenon is measured relative to average ocean temperature, it can occur in any region at any point during the year. El Niño—a regularly occurring climate pattern that makes the waters of the central and eastern Pacific warmer than normal—appears to enhance incidents of extreme heat, but heat waves can (and do) occur without the presence of El Niño.

Par. 6 Although the researchers' findings are most consequential for marine ecosystems, they warn that damage to ocean habitats will also affect humans who rely on fishing and fish farming. "It's just that, as a consequence of what we're doing to the oceans, there's going to be different marine communities in different places than what we're used to," the researchers conclude. "Obviously that is a problem because we're sort of set up for what the climate is now rather than what it is going to be in the future."

Adapted from:
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com>

Task 2: Questions 2-6

(5x2=10 marks)

Read the article and choose the best answer a, b, c or d according to the passage.

2. Periods of excessive heat are becoming more _____.

- A. scarce
- B. frequent
- C. occasional
- D. random

3. The effects of plastic pollution and overfishing on marine eco systems

- A. negligible
- B. adverse
- C. bewildering
- D. astonishing

4. Marine heatwaves are _____.

- A. unpredictable
- B. inevitable
- C. foreseeable
- D. doubtful

5. Trying to understand the effects of marine heatwaves has been _____.

- A. enigmatic
- B. puzzling
- C. unpleasant
- D. challenging

6. According to researchers, marine heatwaves are apparently_____.

- A. caused by the El Niño phenomenon
- B. seasonal and can occur anywhere
- C. intensified during El Niño periods
- D. restricted to a specific area of the Pacific

Passage 2

TikTok going against users' rights - European Consumer Organisation

Par. 1 The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) has accused the video sharing platform TikTok of breaching the law that has to do with EU consumer rights on a massive scale. Monique Goyens, director general of the BEUC, urged authorities to "take swift action" against the platform. "In just a few years, TikTok has become one of the most **trending** social media apps with millions of users across Europe. But TikTok is letting its users down by breaching their rights on a massive scale," said Ms Goyens.

Par. 2 The European Consumer Organisation has filed a complaint with the EU's network of consumer protection. Owned by China's ByteDance, TikTok has faced increasing criticism regarding its privacy and safety policies following a number of incidents. The BEUC referred to several issues in its complaint to the EU, among them declaring that the platform's terms of service "are vague and favour TikTok to the detriment of its users". "Its copyright terms are equally unfair as they give TikTok a right to use, distribute and reproduce the videos published by users", said the organisation.

Par. 3 The BECU has also expressed worries over the effect that the social media app can have on children, claiming that it has failed to protect them from hidden advertising and inappropriate content. TikTok told the BBC that it has requested a meeting with the BEUC, to discuss its concerns. "Children love TikTok, but the company fails to keep them protected." Ms Goyens said. "Authorities must act now to make sure TikTok is a place where consumers, especially children, can enjoy themselves without being deprived of their rights", she added, urging authorities to take swift action.

Par. 4 A spokesperson for TikTok has rejected the accusations and told the BBC that the platform had already taken numerous steps toward protecting its users, especially those aged 16 and under. "Keeping our community safe, especially our younger users, and complying with the laws where we operate are responsibilities we take incredibly seriously," he said. "Every day we work hard to protect our community, which is why we have taken a range of major steps - Users have to be 13 or older to join the platform, all accounts belonging to users under 16 have been made private by default and we've also developed an in-app summary of our privacy policy with vocabulary and a tone of voice that makes it easier for teens to understand our approach to privacy."

Par. 5 Europe has extremely strict regulations in place surrounding data privacy. TikTok has been under investigation in many countries for its **alleged** links with the Chinese government. The company has been hit with a class-action lawsuit in the US that claims it transferred "vast quantities" of user data

to China without user consent. TikTok, which has built up a keen US fan base, has denied the allegations.

Adapted from:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology>

Task 3: Questions 7-11: State whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Mentioned (NM) according to the passage. (5x2=10 marks)

7. International consumer organisations have filed complaints against TikTok.
8. According to the BECU, the rules and regulations TikTok attached to their product are unclear.
9. The BECU have voiced concerns about the type of subject matter children are being exposed to.
10. TikTok have agreed to take several measures to ensure consumer safety.
11. Regulations around privacy settings are stricter in Europe than anywhere else in the world.

Task 4: For questions 12-16 refer to both passages. Choose the option that will best replace the words in bold as they are used in the passage. (5x1=5 marks)

12. The word “**leapt**” in passage 1, par.1, is closest in meaning to...
A. spiked B. snowballed C. raised D. declined
13. The word “**scrambling**” in passage 1, par.3 is closest in meaning to...
A. competing B. struggling C. idling D. hoping
14. The word “**vulnerable to**” in passage 1, par.4 is closest in meaning to...
A. capable of B. at risk from C. resistant to D. addicted to
15. The word “**trending**” in passage 2, par. 1 is closest in meaning to...
A. famous B. modern C. popular D. specialised
16. The word “**alleged**” in passage 2, par. 5 is closest in meaning to...
A. required B. actual C. distinct D. supposed

Task 5: For questions 17 and 18 refer to both passages. (5 marks)

17. What does the writer mean when he says that heatwaves sweep through oceans like blazing wildfires? (Passage 1, par. 2) (2 marks)

18. What changes has TikTok made to its app to make the experience safer for younger users. (Passage 2) (3 marks)

PART III: USE OF ENGLISH (30 marks)

Task 6: Questions 19-23: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Use the word in bold and other words to complete each sentence. Do not change the words given. (5x2=10 marks)

19. Why didn't you tell me what time we were meeting? (**SHOULD**)
You _____ me what time we were meeting.

20. London is a great city, but it is so expensive. (**SUCH**)
London is great, but it is _____ city.

21. The last time Sue spoke to me was in 2014. (**SINCE**)
Sue _____ 2014.

22. Despite eating lots of chocolate, Tom never puts on weight. (**ALTHOUGH**)
_____ lots of chocolate, he never puts on weight

23. "Did Charles telephone?", she asked. (**WONDERED**)
She _____ telephoned.

Task 7: Questions 24-33: Read the text below. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in the space. (10X1=10marks)

Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics organisers confirm overseas fan ban

Overseas spectators will not be permitted to attend this summer's Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo. An (24) _____ (**ANNOUNCE**) was made following a meeting of the International Olympic Committee , the Tokyo 2020

organising committee and the government of Japan on Saturday. The decision, which was not (25) _____ (EXPECT), is due to continuing uncertainty amid the Covid-19 pandemic, with international travel restricted and variant coronavirus strains emerging. Japan is (26) _____ (LIKELY) to be open to foreign tourists by the summer and it was felt some (27) _____ (EXPLAIN) regarding this matter should be given now. In order to (28) _____ (ABLE) ticket-holders living overseas to adjust their travel plans at this stage, the parties on the Japanese side have come to the (29) _____ (CONCLUDE) that they will not be able to enter Japan at the time of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Olympic Games, which were (30) _____ (ORIGIN) scheduled to take place last year, are due to begin on 23 July and end on 8 August 2021. Tickets purchased overseas through official channels will be refunded. Thomas Bach, the International Olympics Committee president, said: "We share the disappointment of all (31) _____ (ENTHUSIASM) Olympic fans from around the world but we have also said that the first principle is (32) _____ (SAFE). We stand shoulder-to-shoulder at the side of our Japanese partners and friends, without any kind of reservation, to make the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 a great (33) _____ (SUCCEED)."

Adapted from :
<https://www.theguardian.com/sport>

Task 8: Questions 34-43: Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10x1= 10 marks)

15th Century Bowl Bought For \$35 At Yard Sale Resells For \$722,000

An exceptionally rare 15th century porcelain bowl made in China that somehow turned up at a Connecticut yard sale and sold for (34) _____ \$35 was auctioned off last week for nearly \$722,000. The small white bowl decorated with blue paintings of flowers and other designs -one of only seven such bowls known to (35) _____ in the world - was among a variety of Chinese works of art sold by Sotheby's. The (36) _____ of the seller and buyer were not disclosed. The buyer, an antiques enthusiast, came across the piece and thought it could be something special (37) _____ browsing a yard sale in the New Haven area last year, (38) _____ to Sotheby's. He later sent (39) _____ of the bowl to Sotheby's asking for an evaluation. The bowl, (40)

_____ was made in the shape of a lotus bud, dates **(41)** _____ to the early 1400s during the reign of the Yongle Emperor. How it ended up at a Connecticut yard sale remains a mystery. Experts think it's **(42)** _____ that it was passed down through generations of the same family who did not know **(43)** _____ unique it was.

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