

**ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΕΙΔΙΚΩΝ ΜΑΘΗΜΑΤΩΝ**  
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**ΣΤΑ ΑΓΓΛΙΚΑ**

**ΘΕΜΑ 1<sup>ο</sup>**

Να αποδώσετε στο τετράδιό σας στην ελληνική γλώσσα το παρακάτω κείμενο, προσδίδοντάς του τη μορφή που θα έπρεπε να έχει, αν επρόκειτο να δημοσιευθεί σε ελληνικό έντυπο.

People have long believed that the world would be a happier, more peaceful and altogether better place if we all spoke one language. According to Genesis, God confounded our speech at Babel so that the descendants of Noah would be unable to work together harmoniously. The dispersed tribes soon grew into rival nations and since they could no longer communicate readily to settle disagreements, wars broke out, and before you can say anything, you suddenly have mini-holocausts because your neighbour doesn't pronounce that word the way you do.

Over the centuries, various languages - in the West, chiefly Latin and French - rose in prominence and achieved a kind of global acceptance as common tongues if only among the educated. But their heyday\* has come and, alas, pretty much gone. More and more, everyone either speaks or is learning to speak English. All the world can now smile and say Coke and blue jeans and "Do you want fries with that?".

But Andrew Dalby, author of *A Dictionary of Languages*, persuasively demonstrates that this is by no means a good thing. To make his point, his book *Language in Danger* provides an engrossing account of both how languages evolve and interact, and of how much is lost - culturally and epistemologically - when the last speaker of, say, Cornish or Chamorro or Occitan or Powhatan\*\* dies.

*"The Guardian Weekly", June 19-25, 2003*

Δίνεται:

\* *heyday*: αποκορύφωμα

\*\* Οι λέξεις *Cornish*, *Chamorro*, *Occitan* και *Powhatan* δεν θα

μεταφραστούν

**(25 points)**

## ΘΕΜΑ 2<sup>ο</sup>

Να απαντήσετε στο τετράδιό σας στα αγγλικά στις παρακάτω ερωτήσεις:

- B1. a.** Provide a title for the above text and justify your answer.  
(3 points)
- b.** What is the writer's style in this passage? Justify your answer by referring to the text. (not more than 50 words)  
(7 points)
- c.** What is meant by "...your neighbour doesn't pronounce that word the way you do"? (not more than 30 words)  
(5 points)
- B2. a.** What are the pros and cons of a common language?  
(not more than 40 words)  
(5 points)
- b.** In your opinion why does a language achieve global acceptance? Provide two reasons (not more than 40 words).  
(5 points)
- c.** Suppose you were a speaker of an endangered language. How could you help your language to survive?  
(not more than 40 words)  
(5 points)

## ΘΕΜΑ 3<sup>ο</sup>

Να γράψετε κείμενο 180-200 λέξεων με θέμα:

Imagine that a monthly magazine has invited school graduates to give their opinion on society's expectations from scientists and researchers.

Write a short article arguing for your views.

Do not sign it.

(45 points)