

**ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΘΕΜΑΤΩΝ ΠΑΝΕΛΛΑΔΙΚΩΝ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΕΩΝ ΣΤΟ ΜΑΘΗΜΑ ΤΗΣ
ΑΓΓΛΙΚΗΣ ΓΛΩΣΣΑΣ**

A1.

1. The “inside stuff” of parenting in the early childhood years
2. The article aimed at pointing out the crucial aspects of children’s upbringing in the early childhood years, which have a vital impact on adult well being.
3. According to the article, parents are advised to be extremely careful during the first years of their child’s life (which are the most critical for their future development), instilling them spiritual and emotional values that will accompany them in their adult life. They are also advised to discern the superficial, from the essential parts of a child’s nurture.

A2.

- 4 - B
5 - A
6 - A
7 - C
8 - A
9 - A

B1.

10. difference
11. attention
12. particularly
13. consumption
14. ideally

B2.

15. against crossing
16. thinks of
17. many of
18. due to
19. but for

B3.

20. C



21. A

22. F

22. B

23. E

Γ.

The predominant position social media hold in our everyday life during the last decade is undoubtable, having taken our personal and professional lives by storm. This is greatly explained by each individual's need for belonging and connection. In fact, it has been scientifically proved that social linking and social support have a particularly positive impact on mental and emotional health and stability. On the other hand, in recent years they tend to substitute face to face communication and true human contact.

There is no doubt the Internet is an immediate and extremely convenient way to connect with others, in each and every corner of the world. A very common example are university students all around the world, who are given the opportunity to maintain their friendships throughout the years. Many strong relationships have endured thanks to the contribution of social media.

On the other hand, we should consider the dimensions of the notions "friending" or "friendship" on sites such as Facebook. All users of social networks should question the value of such friendships and come to realize the superficiality of connecting with strangers via anonymity. For instance, many young people, especially adolescents have substituted real-life interactions with online communication. Thus, they fail to communicate, connect or share experiences in an emotionally meaningful way with their peers, preferring to hide behind a screen.

In addition, real-life friends may also be among the people we "friend" on Facebook. We should all be concerned about this recent trend toward developing exclusively online connections instead of maintaining face-to-face relationships. This could constitute a menace against real-life friendships. The instance of young people who spend their whole day chatting on Facebook instead of meeting their friends for a coffee is really salient.

As with many other things in life, balance seems to be the key. Social media should be used for specific purposes, in case face to face communication is impossible. It is indisputable, though, that real-life relationships which secure emotional and physical closeness, are indispensable for all human beings.