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Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs
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LEVEL

C1

on the scale set by the Council of Europe

MODULE

2

Writing and mediation

Period

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ATTENTION

- Do not open this booklet until the exam begins.
- Try to respond to both activities.
- Write your texts in your notebook. Use a pen, not a pencil.
- Do not write your name in or under either of your texts.
- You have **90 minutes** to complete this exam.

ACTIVITY 1

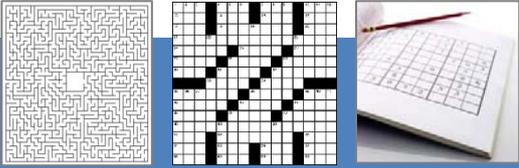
Imagine that you are Dan White and you write the advice column in the **Problem Page** of a popular magazine. Write an **answer to the letter** below (180-200 words), **giving advice** to Worried Wendy. Use ideas from the 'Surviving the credit crunch' leaflet as appropriate, and write your own ORIGINAL text.

PROBLEM PAGE	
<p>Dear Dan,</p> <p>My husband has just been made redundant. Fortunately, I am still working but my job doesn't pay well. Two of the children are still at school and one is at University and we are struggling to make ends meet. We have always lived quite comfortably – nothing excessive– but when things were going well we took out mortgage on our house and we now find ourselves unable to keep up with the instalments. Keeping two kids at school is not as cheap as it used to be, what with all the things they need for school as well as the extras. Sadly, our kids are used to having more or less what they want –designer clothes, the latest gadgets and all that, but we just can't manage anymore. It's partly our fault for encouraging a consumer attitude for so long. Joanna (the one who's at University) would like to be independent but the student loan doesn't go far enough. We are obliged to top up her fees, accommodation, travel and all the other stuff students spend money on. On top of everything, taxes have gone up and everything (fuel, food, clothes) is becoming more expensive. We really can't go on spending at the level we're used to.</p> <p>We don't know what we're going to do. Can you help?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Worried Wendy</i></p>	 <p>Dan White's advice column</p>

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Surviving the credit crunch</h2> <p>The good times are over. We've all been living on borrowed time and money. Most families have accumulated massive debts, which they now find it difficult to pay off. Incomes are falling but the cost of living is rising. Here are some tips for helping survive the difficult economic times ahead.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One family car is enough! • Go for public transport. • Buy quality products not brands! • Avoid designer clothes. • Cut down on heating bills. • Consumer habits re-education. • Don't eat out! • Get new job skills. 	  
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ACTIVITY 2

Imagine you love to play mind games, solve IQ tests and quizzes and you have just read in your favourite online forum that some people think games of this sort are a waste of time. Write a **message** (180-200 words) **to post** in the forum, **arguing** that tests, games, etc. are excellent exercise for our mind. Use ideas from the introduction of a booklet in Greek with intelligence development exercises.

<p>ΑΣΚΗΣΕΙΣ Ευφυΐας</p>	
<p>Να κρατάμε σε φόρμα ... το μυαλό μας!</p>	
<p>Το να είμαστε σε φόρμα σημαίνει πως ασκούμε το σώμα αλλά και το μυαλό μας. Ο εγκέφαλός μας χρειάζεται «κινητοποίηση» για να μη χάνει τις ικανότητές του. Τα παιχνίδια και οι ασκήσεις ευφυΐας κάνουν θαύματα για τη βελτίωση της εγκεφαλικής λειτουργίας μεγάλων και μικρών. Έρευνες δείχνουν πως με την επίλυση ασκήσεων που «κινητοποιούν» το μυαλό μας, βελτιώνονται, μεταξύ άλλων, η μνήμη και η ικανότητα συγκέντρωσης</p> 	<p>και εξαγωγής συμπερασμάτων. Η ευφυΐα είναι αυτή που μας επιτρέπει να επιλύσουμε προβλήματα και να ξεπερνάμε δυσκολίες, ακόμα κι αν δεν έχουμε προηγούμενη σχετική εμπειρία. Δηλαδή, τα παιχνίδια, τεστ, σταυρόλεξα, κτλ. είναι εργαλεία που εκπαιδεύουν το μυαλό μας πώς να αντιμετωπίζει νέες προκλήσεις. Κάθε άσκηση είναι ένα αίνιγμα που μας προκαλεί να αναζητήσουμε τη λύση του, που θέτει σε δοκιμασία το νου και την εξυπνάδα μας. Εξάπτοντας την περιέργεια και τη φαντασία μας, τα παιχνίδια, παράλληλα, μας διασκεδάζουν και, σχεδόν χωρίς να το αντιληφθούμε, διεγείρουν και αναζωογονούν τον εγκέφαλο.</p>

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