

### Variant I

## Английский язык

**1. Comment on the following extract.**

## Recent human evolution

**Recent human evolution** refers to evolutionary adaptation, sexual and natural selection, and genetic drift within *Homo sapiens* populations, since their separation and dispersal about 50,000 years ago. Contrary to popular belief, not only are humans still evolving, their evolution since the dawn of agriculture is faster than ever before. It is possible that human culture—itself a selective force—has accelerated human evolution.

Following the peopling of Africa some 130,000 years ago, and the recent Out-of-Africa expansion some 70,000 to 50,000 years ago, some sub-populations of *Homo sapiens* have been geographically isolated for tens of thousands of years. This has resulted in significant genetic variation, which in some instances is the result of directional selection taking place over the past 15,000 years. That the human populations living on different parts of the globe have been evolving on divergent trajectories reflects the different conditions of their habitats. If the environment remains stable, the beneficial mutations will spread throughout the local population over many generations until it becomes a dominant trait. An extremely beneficial allele could become ubiquitous in a population in as little as a few centuries whereas those that are less advantageous typically take millennia.

Human traits that emerged recently include the ability to free-dive for long periods of time, adaptations for living in high altitudes where oxygen concentrations are low, resistance to contagious diseases (such as malaria), fair skin, blue eyes, lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, thick hair shaft, higher body-mass index, genetic longevity, and shrinking brain sizes.

***What do you think about the future evolution of humans?***

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**2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:**

## A Strange Story

*by O. Henry*

There once dwelt an honest family by the name of Smothers. The family consisted of John Smothers, his wife, and their little daughter.

One night after supper the little girl was seized with a severe colic, and John Smothers hurried to get some medicine. He never came back.

The little girl recovered and in time grew up to womanhood. The mother grieved very much over her husband's disappearance, and it was nearly three months before she married again, and moved to San Antonio.

The little girl also married in time, and after a few years had rolled around, she also had a little girl five years of age. She still lived in the same house where they dwelt when her father had left and never returned.

One night by a remarkable coincidence her little girl was taken with cramp colic on the anniversary of the disappearance of John Smothers, who would now have been her grandfather if he had been alive and had a steady job.

"I will go downtown and get some medicine for her," said Jack Smith, her father.

"No, no, dear John," cried his wife. "You, too, might disappear forever, and then forget to come back."

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**Ответ:**

### A Strange Story

*by O. Henry*

Jack Smith did not go, and together they sat by the bedside of little Pansy. After a little Pansy seemed to grow worse, the wife didn't let John go again. Suddenly the door opened, and an old man entered the room. It was grandpa, who finally returned and brought the medicine. The girl recovered immediately.

**3. Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar) and write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.**

Mr. and Mrs. Haskins looked about the same age, which was hard surprising as they were at school together some forty years before. You could have passed them in the street without giving either of them a second look. Chris was about five foot nine, his dark wavy hairs turning gray, and he was at least a stone overweighted. He stood upright in the dock, and although his suit was good worn, his shirt was clean and his striped tie suggested that he was a member of a club. His black shoes looked as if they have been spit-and-polished every morning. His wife Sue stood by him side. Her neat floral dress and sensible shoes hinted at the organized and tidy woman, but than they were both wearing the clothes that they would normally have worn to church. After all, they considered the law to be nothing few than an extension of the Almighty.

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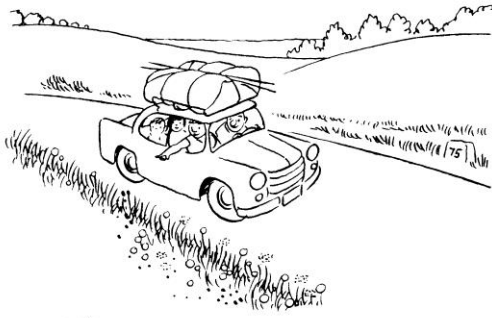
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**5.Comment on the story in pictures.**

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**6. Explain the processes below as if you were talking to a six-year-old. Remember to keep your English clear and simple answering the question**

## How electricity works?

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**7. Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.**

**1. Interest**

mend   threaten   attach   intrigue

**2. Perceptive**

single   openhearted   sincere   intuitive

**3. Nerve**

shame   gall   deceit   courtesy

**4. Hostility**

expectation   enmity   salary   intelligence

**5. Charitable**

lucky   eleemosynary   modern   educational

**6. Rebellion**

crisis   awakening   insurrection   compulsion

**7. Follow**

offer   ensue   shut   delete

**8. Boredom**

desperation   satisfaction   ennui   glee

**9. Limp**

meaningful   political   flaccid   neat

**10. Battle**

noise   crowd   motion   fray

**ОТВЕТ:**

(1) intrigue; (2) intuitive; (3) gall; (4) enmity; (5) eleemosynary; (6) insurrection; (7) ensue; (8) ennui; (9) flaccid; (10) fray;



**8. Explain the meaning of the following words which reflect peculiarities of British and American cultures.**

**(1). The British class system**

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**(2). Uncle Sam**

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**9. Read the titles of some of the best novels in English. Who were these novels written by?**

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1.	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	
2.	The Forsyte Saga	
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5.	Death on the Nile	
6.	The Financier	
7.	The Great Gatsby	
8.	The War of the Worlds	
9.	The Picture of Dorian Gray	
10.	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	

*Authors: Agatha Christie, Charles Dickens , Theodore Dreiser, John Galsworthy, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Thomas Hardy, W. Somerset Maugham, Mark Twain, H. G. Wells, [Oscar Wilde](#).*

**ОТВЕТ:**

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**10. Below is the list of some of the funniest English idioms, most of which came from British English. Match them with the situations given both lexically and grammatically.**

- James walked in \_\_\_\_\_, as if nothing had happened.
- My brother and sister had a big argument about the television yesterday, but it was just a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Arnold will give your books back \_\_\_\_\_, so forget about them.
- I didn't know Rachel is so stupid! \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm not sure, but that name \_\_\_\_\_. Was he the one who went to Barcelona last month?
- Brian is so angry because he had a fight with his brother, so he went for a run to\_\_\_\_\_.
- Jane, you \_\_\_\_\_ this evening. I love your dress and necklace!
- Jonathan was \_\_\_\_\_. His parents bought him everything he wanted and sent him to the best private schools.
- I don't make much from my job as a cashier, but I'm able to \_\_\_\_\_.

10. After my uncle retired from his job, he became a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Idioms:** *as cool as a cucumber; blow off steam; the lights are on, but nobody's home; born with a silver spoon in one's mouth; a storm in a teacup; ring a bell; make ends meet; a couch potato; when pigs fly; look like a million dollars.*

**Ответ:**

(1) as cool as a cucumber; (2) a storm in a teacup; (3) when pigs fly; (4) the lights are on, but nobody's home; (5) rings a bell; (6) blow off steam; (7) look like a million dollars; (8) born with a silver spoon in his mouth; (9) make ends meet; (10) a couch potato.

### ***Variant II***

#### **Английский язык**

**1. Comment on the following extract.**

**Precognition**

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**2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:**

## The King and His Hawk

*by James Baldwin*

Genghis Khan was a great king and warrior. One morning when he was home from the wars, he rode out into the woods to have a day's hunting. On the king's wrist sat his favorite hawk; for in those days hawks were trained to hunt. At a word from their masters they would fly high up into the air, and look around for prey.

All day long Genghis Khan rode through the woods. But he did not find as much game as they expected. Toward evening the king started for home. The day had been warm, and the king was very thirsty. His pet hawk had left his wrist and flown away. It would be sure to find its way home.

The king was very thirsty, but, to his joy, he saw some water trickling down over the edge of a rock. He knew that there was a spring farther up. The king leaped from his horse. He took a little silver cup from his hunting bag. He held it so as to catch the slowly falling drops.

It took a long time to fill the cup. The king put the cup to his lips, and was about to drink. All at once there was a whirring sound in the air, and the cup was knocked from his hands. The water was all spilled upon the ground. The king looked up to see who had done this thing. It was his pet hawk.

The king began to grow angry. He tried again; and again the hawk kept him from drinking.

The king was now very angry indeed. He filled the cup again. But before he tried to drink, he drew his sword.

"Now, Sir Hawk," he said, "this is the last time."

He had hardly spoken, before the hawk knocked the cup from his hand. But the king was looking for this. He struck the bird with a sword as it passed. The next moment the poor hawk lay bleeding and dying at its master's feet.

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**ОТВЕТ:**

*The King and His Hawk*

*by James Baldwin*

The next moment the hawk died. The king climbed up the rock to get some water and saw that in the pool was a huge, dead snake poisoning the water. He understood that the hawk was trying to save his life.

**3. Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar). Write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.**

Chris brought the car to the halt outside their daughter’s home just after midnight. Tracey opened the front door to greet her mother, while Chris had removed one of the suitcases and the duffel bag from the boot. Tracey had never seen her parents looking such exhausted and felt they had aged since she has last seen them in the summer. Perhaps it was just the long journey. Tracey took them through to the kitchen, sat them both down and made them the cup of tea. They hard spoke, and when Tracey eventually bundled them off to bed, her father wouldn’t allowed her to carry the old duffel bag up to the guest bedroom. Sue woke every time she heard a car come to a halt in the street outside, wondering if it marked with the bold fluorescent lettering POLICE. Chris waited for the front-door bell ringing before someone came bounding up the stairs to drag the duffel bag from under the bed, arrest them and escort them both to the next police station.

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**Ответ:**

	<b>The wrong variant</b>	<b>The correct variant</b>
1	to the halt	to a halt
2	had removed	removed
3	such exhausted	so exhausted
4	she has last seen them	she had last seen them
5	the cup of tea	a cup of tea
6	hard spoke	hardly spoke
7	wouldn't allowed	wouldn't allow
8	it marked with	it was marked with
9	for the front-door bell ringing	for the front-door bell to ring
10	the next police station	the nearest police station

**4. Comment on the following saying:** *When in Rome, do as the Romans do.*

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**5.Comment on the story in pictures.**



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**7. Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.**

**1. Study**

peruse connect recite translate

**2. Complicated**

painful historical disappointing convoluted

**3. Decadent**

self-indulgent self-involved self-reliant self-confident

**4. Beauty**

pulchritude sparkle excess joy

**5. Disaster**

setback start debacle excitement

**6. Death**

sport evil resident demise

**7. Choosy**

romantic extensive awesome persnickety

**8. Communicate**

face convey return establish

**9. Wording**

diction analysis commentary essay

**10. Unemotional**

unhealthy mute phlegmatic overconfident

**ОТВЕТ:**

(1) peruse; (2) convoluted; (3) self-indulgent; (4) pulchritude; (5) debacle; (6) demise; (7) persnickety; (8) convey; (9) diction; (10) phlegmatic;

**8. Explain the meaning of the following words which reflect peculiarities of British and American cultures.**

**(1). The Christmas pantomime**

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9.	The Light That Failed	
10.	Nineteen Eighty-Four	

*Authors: William Golding, Ernest Hemingway, Aldous Huxley, Rudyard Kipling, Jack London, George Orwell, J. D. Salinger, John Steinbeck, Bram Stoker, Mark Twain.*

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1. It wouldn't be too hard for \_\_\_\_\_ like you to learn Chinese.
2. He's \_\_\_\_\_, but I think I can get him to agree to the contract.
3. What's wrong with daddy? He's feeling a little \_\_\_\_\_ so don't make much noise and let him rest.
4. She's been \_\_\_\_\_ since she found out that she entered the university.
5. Someone suggested that we play a party game to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I don't have much time, so stop \_\_\_\_\_ and tell me what actually happened."
7. Six years ago she \_\_\_\_\_ on a three-pack-a-day smoking habit.
8. I can't go out with you tonight, I have to \_\_\_\_\_. I have a huge exam tomorrow!
9. The manager fired the cashier because he \_\_\_\_\_. He stole more than \$ 100 in a week.
10. I expected the physics test to be difficult but it was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Idioms:** *a smart cookie; hit the books; beat around the bush; walk on air; a piece of cake; under the weather; have sticky fingers; a hard nut to crack; break the ice; go cold turkey.*

**Ответ:**

(1) a smart cookie; (2) a hard nut to crack; (3) under the weather; (4) walking on air; (5) break the ice; (6) beating around the bush; (7) went cold turkey; (8) hit the books; (9) had sticky fingers; (10) a piece of cake.

### *Variant III*

#### **Английский язык**

#### **1. Comment on the following extract.**

##### **HISTORY AND PREDICTIONS**

Have you ever thought about why you study history in school? There are many reasons, one of which is that studying history can help you improve your ability to reason about how changes happen over time. Understanding history can help you think through the causes, effects, and significance of things that happened in the past.

But if you can reason well about change over time, why not contemplate what the future might hold, too? There will always be some uncertainty, and usually a lot of uncertainty, when you make predictions. But applying the kind of reasoning you develop in history courses can help you avoid especially bad predictions, gain insight into how things might play out, and become a better judge of how reliable different predictions are.

Science and history usually predict the future in one of two ways:

- Understand how something works, the “laws” that apply to a given situation, and use that understanding to predict what will happen. For example, understanding how gravity works allows astronomers and physicists to predict the movement of planets for millions of years to come.
- Have enough data from the past to identify a trend and make educated guesses about how that trend is likely to continue. For example, cosmologists can make predictions about how fast the Universe might expand in the future, based on an understanding of how fast the Universe has expanded over time up until now.

Likewise, population experts make predictions about how many people might live on Earth decades in the future, based on how world population has changed over time in the past. Technology experts make predictions about what computers may be able to do in the future, based on past trends.

***What other subjects you study can, in your opinion, help predict future?***

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**2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:**

### *Androclus and the Lion*

*by James Baldwin*

In Rome there was once a poor slave whose name was Androclus. His master was a cruel man, and so unkind to him that at last Androclus ran away.

He hid himself in a wild wood for many days; but there was no food to be found, and he grew so weak and sick that he thought he should die. So one day he crept into a cave and lay down, and soon he was asleep.

After a while a great noise woke him up. A lion had come into the cave, and was roaring loudly. Androclus was very much afraid. Soon, however, he saw that the lion was not angry, but that he limped as though his foot hurt him.

Then Androclus took hold of the lion's paw to see what the matter was. The lion stood quite still, and rubbed his head against the man's shoulder.

Androclus lifted the paw from the ground, and saw that it was a long, sharp thorn which hurt the lion so much. He took the end of the thorn in his fingers and out it came. The lion was full of joy. He jumped about like a dog, and licked the hands and feet of his new friend.

For a long time, the lion brought food to Androclus every day; and the two became such good friends, that Androclus found his new life a very happy one.



When the day came, thousands of people crowded to see the sport. The door opened, and poor Androclus was brought in.

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*by James Baldwin*

Then the hungry lion rushed in, and Androclus recognized his old friend. The crowd saw him approach and hug the animal. People were so impressed, that they demanded to set free both the man and the lion.

**3. Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar). Write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.**

“Happy Christmas,” said Tracey, before kissing them both on a cheek. Neither of them did not respond. Had they forgotten it was Christmas Day? They both looked embarrassing as they stared at the two wrapped boxes that their daughter had placed on the table. They haven’t remembered to buy Tracey a Christmas present and resorted to giving her cash, something they hadn’t done since she was a teenager. Tracey hoped that it was nothing more than the Christmas rush, and excitement at the thought of their visit to the States, which had caused so uncharacteristic behavior. Boxing Day turned out to be a few better. Sue and Chris appeared more relaxed, although they often lapsed into long silences. After lunch Tracy suggested that they took the dog for a run and get some fresh air. During the long walk one of them would begin a sentence and than fall silent. Few minutes later another would finish it.

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2	did not respond	responded
3	looked embarrassing	looked embarrassed
4	haven't remembered	hadn't remembered
5	so uncharacteristic behavior	such uncharacteristic behavior
6	to be a few better	to be a little better
7	suggested that they took	suggested that they take
8	and than	and then
9	few minutes later	a few minutes later
10	another	the other

**4.Comment on the following saying:** *The squeaky wheel gets the grease*

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**5.Comment on the story in pictures.**

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*How blood moves around our body?*

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**7. Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.**

**1. Self-important**

pompous   formal   notable   clean

**2. Believable**

undecided   plausible   somber   normal

**3. Touching**

sassy   poignant   rural   hungry

**4. Essence**

abbreviation   gist   happiness   enlargement

**5. Bored**

guarded   biased   jaded   captivated

**6. Natural**

blessed   uncommon   trained   intrinsic

**7. Relevant**

quick   fussy   germane   drowsy

**8. Spirit**

friend   expectation   gestalt   talent

**9. Connection**

difference   religion   country   liaison

**10. Talkative**

thoughtless   rotten   secretive   garrulous

**ОТВЕТ:**

(1) pompous; (2) plausible; (3) poignant; (4) gist; (5) jaded; (6) intrinsic; (7) germane; (8) gestalt; (9) liaison; (10) garrulous;

**8. Explain the meaning of the following words which reflect peculiarities of British and American cultures.**

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**9. Read the titles of some of the best novels in English. Who were these novels written by?**

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8.	The Quiet American	
9.	Cat's Cradle	
10.	The Sound and the Fury	

*Authors: Jane Austen, Agatha Christie, Daniel Defoe, Charles Dickens, [William Faulkner](#), Kenneth Grahame, Graham Greene, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ernest Hemingway, Kurt Vonnegut, [...](#)*

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**10. Below is the list of some of the funniest English idioms, most of which came from British English. Match them with the situations given both lexically and grammatically.**

1. *Can we address \_\_\_\_\_ before this problem ends all of our friendship?*
2. *This new song has been stuck in my head for a month. It seems impossible to get rid of this \_\_\_\_\_.*
3. When she first started working for that company, she was a real \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The teacher suspected that there had been some \_\_\_\_\_ going on while she was out of the room.
5. He sank back on his pillow and fell into \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I know you're upset that you didn't get the lead in the play, but it's just \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The kids are going to \_\_\_\_\_ when we tell them about the trip.
8. Amy is such a \_\_\_\_\_ so we never invite her to our parties.
9. Why didn't you \_\_\_\_\_ and cover the furniture before you started painting?
10. I always have a great time when Mary's around — she's \_\_\_\_\_!

**Idioms:** *monkey business; earworm; wet blanket; the elephant in the room; as funny as a barrel of monkeys; eager beaver; a brown study; a bump in the road; go bananas; use your loaf.*



**Ответ:**

(1) the elephant in the room; (2) earworm; (3) eager beaver; (4) monkey business; (5) a brown study; (6) a bump in the road; (7) go bananas; (8) wet blanket; (9) use your loaf; (10) as funny as a barrel of monkeys.

### Variant IV

## Английский язык

**1. Comment on the following extract.**

Esports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions. Although organized competitions have long been a part of video game culture, these were largely between amateurs until the late 2000s, when participation by professional gamers and spectatorship in these events through live streaming saw a large surge in popularity. In the last two decades esports has become a billion-dollar industry on a trajectory that would make NASA jealous. Players are celebrities, tournaments fill arenas with screaming fans, and sponsors are increasingly injecting real money into the esports ecosystem.

Esports skeptics would hold that the values of teams and the industry itself may be experiencing a bubble. As more than one observer has noted, the same people who report its success stand to profit from it. And like any startup, enormous investments power PR, which enhances valuations, which lures additional investment and keeps the entire game operating. And so the cycle goes on until, as it always does, the music stops. At that time, invested parties may be looking for a chair to sit in.

Esports industry stands out for some unique characteristics and dynamics. First, esports players tend to be younger than physical sports athletes, and so far, peak between 17 and 25. They're also less mature folks with relatively brief adult careers. Second, publishers own esports games. These are potentially paradigm-level differences.

Yet while esports clearly differ drastically from traditional sports on many fronts, there are a number of ways that they parallel and indeed mirror traditional sports. These parallels can provide some basis for predicting future problems for the esports industry.

***What problems may esports face in future?***

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**2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:**

**The Prisoner of Zembla**

*by O. Henry*

One king fell into a furious rage and he said that since the Princess had disobeyed him there would be a great tourney, and to the knight who should prove himself of the greatest valor he would give the hand of the princess.

And when the day came, the king sat in the grandstand, and by his side sat the Princess, looking very pale and beautiful, but with mournful eyes. And the knights who came to the tourney gazed upon the princess, and each swore to win so that he could marry her. Suddenly the heart of the princess gave a bound, for she saw among the knights one of the poor students with whom she had been in love and who betrayed her years ago.

The knights mounted and rode in a line past the grandstand. The fight was harsh, and 217 of them lost. But two of the knights were left, one of them being the princess' lover.

The two knights fought for two hours, and at length the princess' lover prevailed and stretched the other upon the ground. The victorious knight made his horse caracole before the king, and bowed low in his saddle.

On the Princess's cheeks was a rosy flush; her lovely hair unbound, and she grasped the arms of her chair and leaned forward with a happy smile to hear the words of her lover.

"You have fought well, sir knight," said the king. "And if there is any boon you crave you have but to name it."

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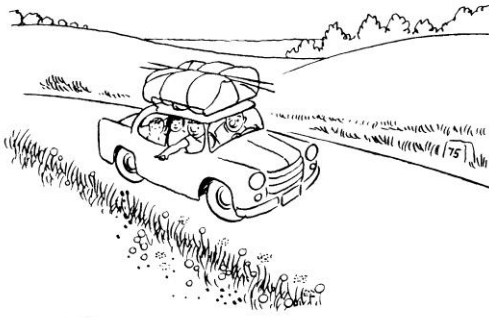
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**5.Comment on the story in pictures.**

## Camping



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**6. Explain the processes below as if you were talking to a six-year-old. Remember to keep your English clear and simple answering the question**

*Where the wind comes from*

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**7. Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.**

**1. Reproach**

melt   test   scold   recommend

**2. Unstoppable**

disastrous   orderly   impressive   inexorable

**3. Heartless**

slick   fuzzy   indurate   rectangular

**4. Indescribable**

ineffable   unbecoming   brawny   ancient

**5. Faith**

honour   inflexibility   creativity   piety

**6. Promise**

winner   suffering   resolution   thought

**7. Lazy**

significant   deadly   mindful   indolent

**8. Meaningful**

urgent   pertinent   positive   entertaining

**9. Cliff**

forest   fort   precipice   beach

**10. Continue**

schedule   crash   resume   assert

**ОТВЕТ:**

(1) scold; (2) inexorable; (3) indurate; (4) ineffable; (5) piety; (6) resolution; (7) indolent; (8) pertinent; (9) precipice; (10) resume;

**8. Explain the meaning of the following words which reflect peculiarities of British and American cultures.**

**(1). Magna Carta**

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**(2). The Bill of Rights**

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**9. Read the titles of some of the best novels in English. Who were these novels written by?**

	Book	<i>Author</i>
1.	The Moon and Sixpence	
2.	Fahrenheit 451	
3.	Jane Eyre	
4.	A Farewell to Arms	
5.	Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus	
6.	Uncle Tom's Cabin	
7.	The Call of the Wild	
8.	Emma	
9.	Tender is the Night	
10.	Oliver Twist	

*Authors: Jane Austen, Ray Bradbury, Charlotte Brontë, Charles Dickens, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Jack London, W. Somerset Maugham, Mary Shelley, Harriet Beecher Stowe.*

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9.	Tender is the Night	Francis Scott Fitzgerald
10.	Oliver Twist; or, the Parish Boy's Progress	Charles Dickens

**10. Below is the list of some of the funniest English idioms, most of which came from British English. Match them with the situations given both lexically and grammatically.**

1. Just \_\_\_\_\_, Charlie! Let's stop and think about this for a moment.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ as the celebrity guests emerged from the car.
3. You can tell her to clean her room until you are \_\_\_\_\_, but she won't do it.
4. The government's decision to curb benefits to some sections of society is like **a**\_\_\_\_\_.
5. My sister lives in Alaska, so I only see her \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We've had a guy renting our spare room for the last two months. We were worried it would feel crowded, but he works so much that we're \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
7. My friend told me that he wanted to live \_\_\_\_\_ without hard work, winning the Jackpot made his dream come true.
8. No one knows which of the candidates Mary will marry. She is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ looking at muffin recipes, and now I'm thinking about opening my own bakery.
10. She never stops talking about dieting - she's got a real \_\_\_\_\_ about it.

**Idioms:** *blue in the face; go down a rabbit hole; a bee in one's bonnet; a bed of roses; once in a blue moon; hot potato; hold your horses, be all eyes; like ships that pass in the night; sit on the fence.*

**Ответы:**

(1) hold your horses; (2) were all eyes; (3) blue in the face; (4) hot potato; (5) once in a blue moon; (6) like ships that pass in the night; (7) a bed of roses; (8) sitting on the fence; (9) went down a rabbit hole; (10) bee in her bonnet.

### Variant V

## Английский язык

**1. Comment on the following extract.**

## ESSENCE OF THE FUTURE FASHION

The very core, and point behind, the fashion of the future is to have a fashion that is friendly to everyone and everything. That might sound idealistic, and perhaps it is, but a fashion that is not paid by the price of others or the environment. For that to be able to happen, we need to stay creative in all fields relating to this industry. Scientists and people in technology need to find smarter fabrics, more sustainable materials. Designers and stylists need to come up with clothes that can be used for more than one thing. Fashion companies need to stop using cheap labour and start going ethical on all levels.

Fashion magazines, bloggers and influencers need to use their platforms to raise awareness of the issues that are negatively affecting our precious passion.

We, as consumers, need to have higher demands on the clothes we buy. We also need to start asking ourselves questions. Are five fast-produced tops more worth than one top for the same price that is a product of sustainable development? We are all equally contributing and equally guilty of the problems we are facing today. Naturally, we are also the solution.

Sustainable clothes that are multifunctional in the way that they can be done and redone over and over again. Perhaps a color that you can use for dying, but also remove, easily? Like nail polish but for clothes? Take a basic white tee, put it in colored water and you have a silver metallic tee for the day? And next day you use some color removal and the color is gone? Versatile clothes that you are in charge of rather than having bought a finished and already defined product.

This new value system will allow technology to influence fashion for the better, making things like sustainability fashionable. “Fashion destroys. It is time to destroy fashion”.

## What will fashion be like 20 years from now?

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**2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:**

## An Uncomfortable Bed

*by Guy de Maupassant*

One autumn I went to spend the hunting season with some friends in a chateau in Picardy. My friends were fond of practical jokes. I do not care to know people who are not.

When I arrived, they gave me a princely reception, which at once awakened suspicion in my mind. I scented a practical joke in the air, as a dog scents game. But what was it? I was watchful. Everyone seemed to me an object of suspicion, and I even looked distrustfully at the faces of the servants.

The hour struck for retiring; and the whole household came to escort me to my room. Why? I entered the apartment, shut the door, and remained standing, without moving a single step. I felt danger.

Finally, I made up my mind to go to bed. But the bed was particularly suspicious-looking. I pulled at the curtains. They seemed to be secure.

I knew I was going perhaps to receive a cold shower, or perhaps, the moment I stretched myself out, to find myself sinking to the floor with my mattress. I searched in my memory for all the practical jokes I remembered. I explored the bed and dragged the mattress into the very middle of the room, just in case. Then I made my bed over again, extinguished all the candles, and, fell asleep.

I must have been in a deep sleep for a long time, but all of a sudden I was awakened with a start by the fall of a heavy body tumbling right on top of my own, and, at the same time, I received on my face and on my chest a burning liquid which made me utter a howl of pain. “What is that practical joke that I’ve missed?” – I thought.

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## An Uncomfortable Bed

The noise brought my friends into my apartment, and we found the servant, who, while bringing me my morning cup of tea, had tripped over this obstacle in the middle of the floor and fallen on his stomach, spilling my breakfast over my face. The precautions I had taken had only brought about the practical joke I had been trying to avoid.

**3. Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar). Write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.**

Dick sat silently in the back of the car, going over everything that needed to cover before he would return to St. Petersburg. By the time Stan driven through the wrought-iron gates and came to halt outside the neo-Georgian mansion, Dick knew what had to be done. He jumped out of the car and ran into a house. He left Stan to unload the bags, and his housekeeper to unpack them.

Dick ran upstairs to his bedroom, and quickly stripped off his clothes, dropping it in a pile on the floor. He went into the bathroom and turned on the shower, allowing the warm jets of water to slowly remove the grime of St. Petersburg and Aeroflot.

After he'd put on some casual clothes, Dick checked his appearance in the mirror. At fifty-three, his hairs were turning prematurely gray, and although he tried to hold his stomach in, he knew he ought to lose few pounds—once the deal was signed and he had a little more time.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
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**ОТВЕТ:**

	<b>The wrong variant</b>	<b>The correct variant</b>
1	that needed to cover	that needed to be covered
2	before he would return	before he returned
3	Stan driven through	Stan drove through
4	came to halt	came to a halt
5	ran into a house	ran into the house
6	clothes, dropping it	clothes, dropping them
7	to slow remove	to slowly remove
8	chequed his appearance	checked his appearance
9	his hairs were	his hair was
10	to lose few pounds	to lose a few pounds

**4.Comment on the following saying:** *There's no such thing as a free lunch*

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*What makes the lightning appear.*

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**7. Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.**

**1. Sluggish**

crazy   rich   rare   lackadaisical

**2. Loaded**

capable   unkind   laden   mature

**3. Neglectful**

selective   annoying   remiss   safe

**4. Only**

honest   sole   cruel   heartfelt

**5. Shameful**

terrifying   communal   louche   near

**6. Occasional**

unnatural   sporadic   constant   orderly

**7. Clever**

shrewd   ugly   unknowing   good-natured

**8. Payment**

gift   remuneration   island   holiday

**9. Concise**

involved   laconic   explanatory   young

**10. Pay**

swindle   deposit   remit   transfer

**ОТВЕТ:**

(1) lackadaisical; (2) laden; (3) remiss; (4) sole; (5) louche; (6) sporadic; (7) shrewd; (8) remuneration; (9) laconic; (10) remit;

**8. Explain the meaning of the following words which reflect peculiarities of British and American cultures.**

**(1). The Falklands Conflict**

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7.	<i>The Sign of the Four</i>	
8.	Gulliver's Travels	
9.	Middlemarch	
10.	Rebecca	

*Authors: Jane Austen, Emily Brontë, Wilkie Collins, Charles Dickens, Arthur Conan Doyle, George Eliot, James Joyce, Jack London, Daphne du Maurier, Jonathan Swift.*

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- Lucy has \_\_\_\_\_ since she got engaged – she just can't stop looking at her ring.
- He's \_\_\_\_\_ that bookcase he was supposed to be making.
- He keeps trying to get his first book published but I think he's \_\_\_\_\_.
- I get the impression he's \_\_\_\_\_ for months now. A holiday will do him good.
- Emily \_\_\_\_\_ when she applied to such good colleges with her average grades.
- That idea from last week's meeting \_\_\_\_\_ now that the CEO has vetoed it.
- Next time you find yourself in my \_\_\_\_\_, give me a call and I'll show you around.
- My sister and I haven't seen each other in nearly five years, so we stayed up half the night \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jack will really \_\_\_\_\_ if the manager decides not to increase our funding for this project.
- The guys who work in the warehouse are \_\_\_\_\_. They don't really socialize with anyone else in the company.

**Idioms:** *neck of the woods; be running on empty; be over the moon; bark up the wrong tree; be dead as a doornail; thick as thieves; throw a monkey wrench into the works; make a pig's ear of; flog a dead horse; chew the fat..*

**Ответ:**

(1) been over the moon; (2) made a pig's ear of; (3) flogging a dead horse; (4) been running on empty; (5) barked up the wrong tree; (6) is dead as a doornail; (7) neck of the woods; (8) chewing the fat; (9) throw a monkey wrench into the works; (10) thick as thieves.