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Variant I

Английский язык

1. Comment on the following extract.

Laughter

Laughter just might be the most contagious of all emotional experiences. Although laughter is one of the distinguishing features of human beings, little is known about the mechanisms behind it. Laughter is not limited to communicating mirth. It can be triggered by embarrassment and other social discomforts. Laughter may have evolved to facilitate bonding across large groups of people. In primates, the grooming process releases chemicals that help build social bonds; humans eventually came to live in groups that were larger than the grooming process allowed. Laughter, as well as speech, enables us to bond quickly and easily with a large community.

Although laughter is not generally under voluntary control, it has numerous health benefits. Bouts of laughter can boost the immune system, relax muscles, aid circulation, and protect against heart disease. It can abet mental health, too; laughter can lower anxiety, release tension, improve mood, and foster resilience.

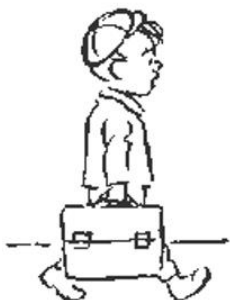
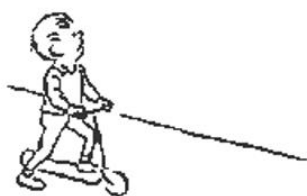
A hearty chuckle releases endorphins, feel-good neurotransmitters that have an effect similar to narcotics, and endorphins are part of the reason laughing is so contagious. Laughing also has many health benefits such as increasing blood flow and improving mental and physical resilience. In fact, it's not unlike a vigorous workout session.

Psychologists agree that laughter isn't really about humor. He contends that it's more about relationships. Cutting-edge humor straight out of Comedy Central is great, but people actually laugh more in conversation and through interaction.

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Explain why *the Sun disappears at night*?

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

1. timeless

credulous vehement enduring classy

2. arrest

detain charged convicted sentence

3. cogent

truculent convincing brusque tentative

4. ponderous

unwieldy contemplative dreamy compact

5. contrite

defeated disheartened apologetic stolid

6. austere

destitute prodigal ostentatious strict

7. indignant

terrified seditious uptight disgruntled

8. fastidious

ambivalent careless meticulous endemic

9. obstinate

flaky passionate stubborn dilettantish

10. restive

calm pacific tired restless

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

(1). *Self-deprecation*

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(2). *The Capitol*

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Authors: Mary Shelley, Virginia Woolf, Charles Dickens, Henry Fielding, William Golding, Graham Greene, Thomas Hardy, Kazuo Ishiguro, Jack London, Robert Penn Warren.

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. "How did you know I wanted this for my birthday?" "_____".
2. I wish I didn't have to work overtime, but I simply have no choice, what with two young children to support. Somebody must _____.
3. Your information is very valuable. However, it's _____ – I am afraid we have already finalized the report and sent it off.
4. The problem with this article is that the author is getting caught up in details and missing _____.
5. The management have clearly _____. Where are they going to find the money to pay all the new staff they have hired recently?
6. The patient had been suffering from a rare disease for months before his doctor had _____ and was finally able to figure out what the problem was.
7. Conflicts may happen in any team. I am sure your classmates will be able _____ and remain good friends.
8. After 25 years in show business, the rock band is very much _____ and remains hugely popular despite having released several unremarkable songs.

9. My parents met in Paris and fell _____ in love with each other. They got married three weeks after their first date.

10. Hurray, the exams are over! Let's get dressed up, go out and _____ tonight!

Idioms: *bitten off more than they could chew; a day late and a dollar short; an aha moment; bring home the bacon; alive and kicking; the big picture; paint the town red; head over heels; a little bird told me; to iron out their differences.*

Вариант 1. Ответы

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. V1

"Ring out the old, ring in the new," wrote Alfred Lord Tennyson, the nineteenth-century English poet. And that's exactly that Americans do every December 31. New Year's Eve is a time for merriment. At midnight, bells ring, horns blow, and friends change kisses. Everyone stays up lately to celebrate the arrival of another January.

At home or in restaurants, most Americans spend the final hours of the old year and the first hours of the new year drinking and dining with friends. One popular drink is eggnog, a thick, yellow concoction made with eggs, milk or cream, and sugar. Throughout the Christmas season, eggnog mixed with rum or brandy is a familiar party beverage.

One of the noisiest and crowdedest of New Year's Eve celebrations takes place in New York City at the Times Square. Thousands of New Yorkers gather there, and millions of Americans across the country join them via TV. The New Year arrives earlier on the East Coast then in other parts of the country because the United States span four time zones.

The New Year's Day had traditionally been the occasion for starting new programs and giving away bad habits. Many Americans make New Year's resolutions, promising themselves and their families to improve their behaviour.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	that	what

2	change	exchange
3	lately	late
4	crowdedest	most crowded
5	the Times Square	Times Square
6	then	than
7	span	spans
8	had traditionally been	Has traditionally been
9	giving away	giving up
10	themselves	themselves

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

«Timeless»- Keys: (1) enduring, (2) detain, (3) convincing, (4) unwieldy, (5) apologetic, (6) strict, (7) disgruntled, (8) meticulous, (9) stubborn, (10) restless

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

(1) **Self-deprecation** is typical of British (especially English) people. It includes self-irony, as well as prohibitions on boasting and any form of self-importance. It's a form of deliberate 'false' modesty.

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10.	To the Lighthouse	Virginia Woolf

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Answer: (1) A little bird told me; (2) bring home the bacon; (3) a day late and a dollar short; (4) the big picture; (5) bitten off more than they could chew; (6) an aha moment; (7) to iron out their differences; (8) alive and kicking; (9) head over heels; (10) paint the town red.

Variant II

Английский язык

2. Comment on the following extract.

Shyness

Some people welcome new experiences and new people. They look forward to any opportunity to socialize. They're often the first to introduce themselves and they jump into a conversation easily. Other people are quiet and shy, and prefer to warm up slowly to new people or situations.

Shyness is an emotion that affects how a person feels and behaves around others. Shyness can mean feeling uncomfortable, self-conscious, nervous, bashful, timid, or insecure. People who feel shy sometimes notice physical sensations like blushing or feeling speechless, shaky, or breathless. Shyness is partly a result of genes a person has inherited. It's also influenced by behaviors they've learned, the ways people have reacted to their shyness, and life experiences they've had.

Like other emotions, shy feelings can be mild, medium, or intense — depending on the situation and the person. Someone who usually or often feels shy might think of himself or herself as a shy person. People who are shy may need more time to get used to change. They might prefer to stick with what's familiar.

People are **more likely** to feel shy when they're not sure how to act, don't know how others will react, or when attention is on them. People are **less likely** to feel shy in situations where they know what to expect, feel sure of what to do or say, or are among familiar people. Sometimes being quiet and introverted is a sign that someone has a naturally shy personality. But that's not always the case. Being quiet is not always the same as being shy.

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3. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:

The next day we went to the hardware store where my father bought a deluxe power lawn mower. That evening, after our first at-home-in-New-Jersey supper, my father went out to cut the grass with his new mower. He did fine on the front, but when he got around to the back yard he had to check to see how much grass there was in the bag on the mower. It's a very simple thing to do. The man at the hardware store demonstrated just how to do it. Only you have to turn the mower off before you reach inside and my father forgot that.

I heard him yell, "Barbara-I've had an accident!" He ran to the house. He grabbed a towel and wrapped it around his hand before I had a chance to see anything. Then he sat down on the floor and turned very pale.

"Oh my God!" my mother said when the blood seeped through the towel. "Did you cut it off?"

When I heard that I raced outside to look for the limb. I didn't know if they were talking about the whole hand or what, but I had read about how you're supposed to save limbs if they get cut off because sometimes the doctor can sew them back on. But I couldn't find a hand or any fingers and by the time I came back into the house the police were there.

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Concerned about pollution? Than start depolluting...

If you're thinking of buying a metal antipollution badge, don't! Metal badges are indestructive.

The world's water supply is limited. If too much water is used, it has to be recycled quickly – too quickly to be properly purified.

Cars are major polluters. Better for others if you walk or bike; better for you either.

Stop to smoke! It hurts you – and those around you.

Be critical of supersonic transport. Remember there is such thing as noise pollution.

Fight litter and litterbugs. Next time you see someone to drop a sweetwrapper or an empty matchbox, pick it up and hand it back to him politely.

If we used only as much detergent as recommended by the manufacturer on the packet, pollution of rivers and lakes would drop on 40%.

Be container-conscious: if you can't destroy it, or give it back, don't buy it. What happens to PVC bottles? They can't be burnt as PVC (polyvinyl chloride) then gives up deadly hydrochloric acid.

Have you ever wandered why are you tired – even after a good night's sleep? The chances are that though you weren't disturbed by noise in the night, your dreams were and this, doctors say, is harmful.

Keep your devices turned down at night and maybe your neighbours will follow your example.

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4. Comment on the following saying: *When the going gets tough, the tough get going.*

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Explain *why there are 12 months in a year.*

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1. He says his latest video went viral. Well, I think this story simply _____.
Number one, the video is dumb and primitive. Number two, it's not even available online!

2. Did you hear Sam has just got promoted AND won a jackpot in a lottery? To some people, _____!
3. At the press conference, the politician kept _____ when asked direct questions on controversial topics and tried to avoid saying anything relevant to the subject.
4. Thank you for spotting that error in my research data. However, this doesn't mean you should _____ with me. Don't you recall how many times I have helped you out?
5. Your house is so conveniently located – just a short drive from the city centre, and close to the national park too! You really have _____!
6. It will be _____ before the local authorities repair this bridge. So far, they haven't delivered on any of their promises.
7. My partner and I are _____. We enjoy doing many activities together; we laugh at the same things; some people say we even look alike.
8. The manufacturers found themselves _____: they could either increase their prices and lose customers – or lower the prices and lose profits.
9. Are you saying that you have an exam tomorrow but you haven't done any revision? Now that's just _____!
10. "I lent my brother \$200 ages ago, and he still hasn't paid me back." "Why don't you just tell him you need this money? Remember: _____."

Idioms: *a cold day in July; an accident waiting to happen; act high and mighty; the best of both worlds; between the devil and the deep blue sea; a cat in gloves catches no mice; doesn't hold water; beating around the bush; like two peas in a pod; life is a bowl of cherries*

Вариант 2. Ответы

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1	than	then
2	indestructive	indestructible
3	either	too
4	to smoke	smoking
5	such thing	such a thing
6	to drop	drop
7	drop on 40%	drop by 40%
8	gives up	gives off
9	wandered	wondered
10	why are you tired	why you are tired

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

«Funambulist» – Key: (1) a tightrope walker, (2) hypercritical, (3) absorbent, (4) nonplus, (5) penniless, (6) pester, (7) keen, (8) depravity, (9) formidable, (10) harmful

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

(1) **The Order of the Bath** is a British order of chivalry founded by George I. The name derives from the medieval ceremony for appointing a knight, which involved bathing as a symbol of purification.

(2) **Caucus** is a meeting in some US states at which local members of a political party register their preference among candidates running for office or select delegates to attend a convention.

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Answer: (1) doesn't hold water; (2) life is a bowl of cherries; (3) beating around the bush; (4) act high and mighty; (5) the best of both worlds; (6) a cold day in July; (7) like two peas in a pod; (8) between the devil and the deep blue sea; (9) an accident waiting to happen; (10) a cat in gloves catches no mice.

Английский язык

Surprise

Some people never want to be surprised, even if it is by a positive event. They tell people never to surprise them. Others love being surprised; they deliberately leave many things unplanned so that they can often experience the unexpected. They seek experiences in which it is likely they will be surprised.

Whereas surprise is an emotion, startle is a physical reflex. Startle has an even more constrained timing than surprise: the startle expression becomes apparent in 1/4 of second and it's over in 1/2 second. While being told about a surprise beforehand can eliminate feeling surprise, no one can inhibit the startle reaction. Being warned that you will be startled by a loud noise may reduce, but won't eliminate, its expression. Conversely, you can't be surprised if you know what's going to happen.

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But their difficulties have not gone unnoticed. In the heart of the London's Soho is a little business called 'Anything Left-Handed Limited', and the people there have left-handers very much in mind. The biggest problems for left-handers, says the owner Mr Broom, occur in the two activities of writing and cutting. Left-handed children face they're first problems early on – often they are discouraged of using the left hand at all in writing, which can only make things more bad. Those who do write left-handed have their own problems with pen nibs slanted the wrong way so that they are awkward to use. Mr Broom sells pen nibs, and he has solved the problem of cutting, either. Using ordinary scissors can be a great struggle for left-handers. Turning them upside down won't do – to work properly the blades have to be reversed.

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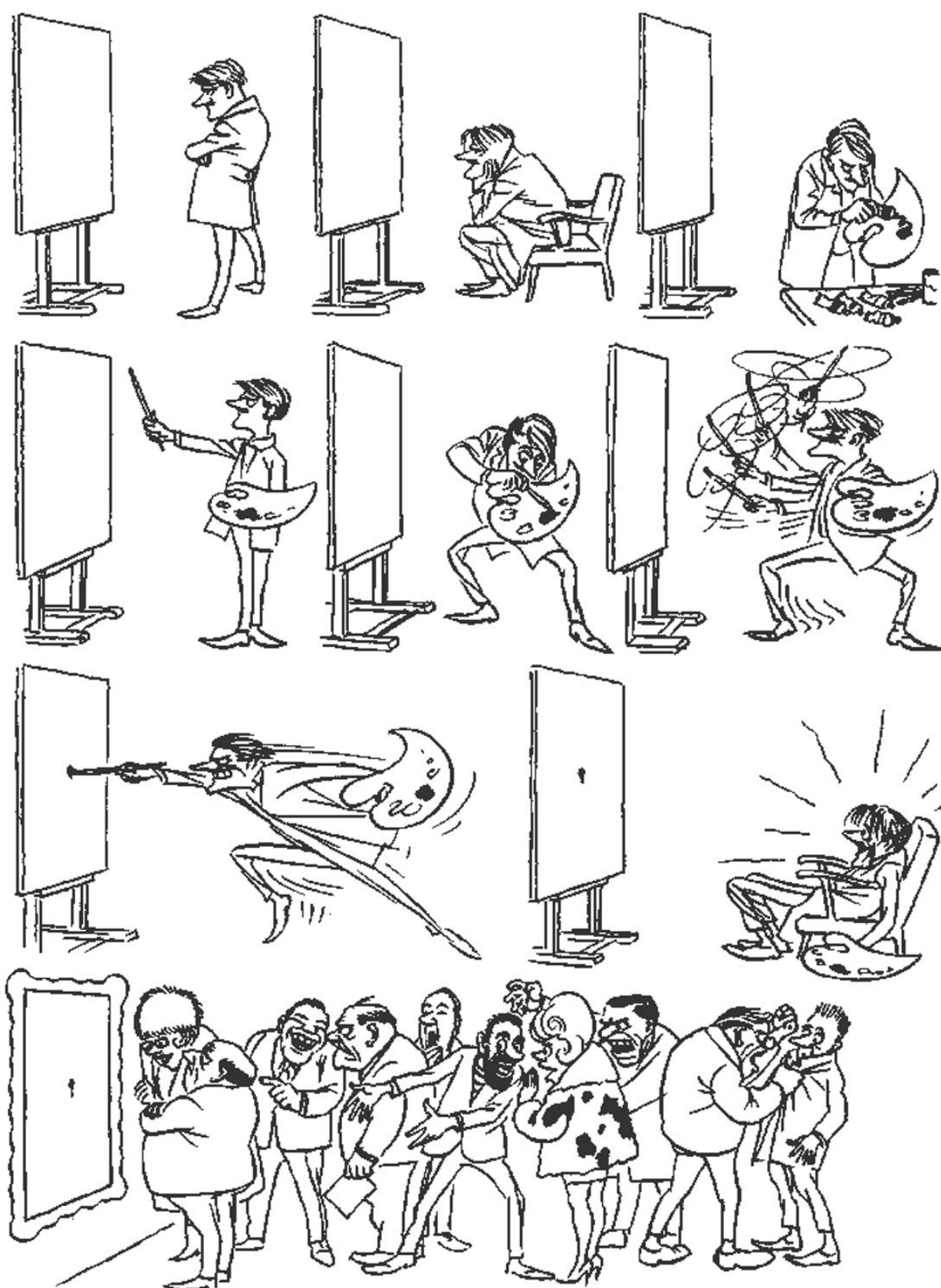
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1. enmity

salary	expectation	hostility	intelligence
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2. fray

battle	noise	crowd	motion
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3. flaccid

neat	political	limp	meaningful
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4. intuitive

single	openhearted	sincere	perceptive
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5. insurrection

crisis	compulsion	rebellion	awakening
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6. gall

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7.	The Wings of the Dove	
8.	Wuthering Heights	
9.	Uncle Tom's Cabin	
10.	Cat's Cradle	

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1. "How was your interview?" "_____". They asked me a few questions, then said I was ideal for the job!" "Congratulations!"
2. I know we are never going to overcome our opinion differences on this matter, so let's just _____, shall we?

3. We still haven't decided where we are going to stay during our holiday trip. I guess we'll have to _____.
4. Young children may often misbehave because they feel this kind of conduct is a _____ way of getting attention.
5. Her boyfriend broke up with her, and to _____, he did it through a text message. The man didn't even have the decency to phone her!
6. This essay needs a solid structure and a strong conclusion. As it is, your ideas seem to be _____.
7. We wanted to organise a surprise birthday party for dad, but mum _____ and ruined our plan. Well, one can't control everything.
8. "You are being unusually quiet tonight – _____. Is anything the matter?" "Not really. I've just had a hard day, that's all."
9. The online store was _____ with orders; as a result, some purchases were delivered later than planned.
10. This mobile application is easy to install and simple to use even if you are _____.

Idioms: *a penny for your thoughts; add insult to injury; agree to disagree; sure-fire; let the cat out of the bag; like taking candy from a baby; snowed under; play it by ear; all thumbs; all over the map*

Вариант 3. Ответы

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1	its	it's
2	they are having	they have
3	tens	dozens
4	the London’s Soho	London’s Soho
5	they're	their
6	discouraged of	discouraged from
7	more bad	worse
8	either	too
9	knifes	knives
10	horse's	horses'

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

«Enmity» – Key: (1) hostility, (2) battle, (3) limp, (4) perceptive, (5) rebellion, (6) nerve, (7) follow, (8) interest, (9) charitable, (10) boredom

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

(1) Suffragettes were members of an activist women's organisation in the early 20th century who, under the banner "Votes for Women", fought for the right to vote in public elections in the United Kingdom. The term refers in particular to members of the British Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), a movement founded in 1903 by Emmeline Pankhurst, which engaged in direct action and civil disobedience.

(2) The running mate is an election candidate for the lesser of two closely associated political offices, for example the nominated Vice Presidential candidate.

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

	<i>Book</i>	<i>Author</i>
1.	Vanity Fair	William Makepeace Thackeray
2.	The Thirty-Nine Steps	John Buchan
3.	An American Tragedy	Theodore Dreiser
4.	The Public Image	Muriel Spark
5.	The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
6.	Of Human Bondage	W. Somerset Maugham
7.	The Wings of the Dove	Henry James
8.	Wuthering Heights	Emily Brontë
9.	Uncle Tom's Cabin	Harriet Beecher Stowe
10.	Cat's Cradle	Kurt Vonnegut

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. (V3).

Answer: (1) like taking candy from a baby; (2) agree to disagree; (3) play it by ear; (4) sure-fire; (5) add insult to injury; (6) all over the map; (7) let the cat out of the bag; (8) a penny for your thoughts; (9) snowed under; (10) all thumbs.

Английский язык

Happiness

Happiness relates to how we feel, but it is more than just a passing mood. We are emotional beings and experience a wide range of feelings on a daily basis. Negative emotions – such as fear and anger – help us to get away from danger or defend ourselves. And positive emotions – such as enjoyment and hope – help us to connect with others and build our capacity to cope when things go wrong.

So, rather than success being the key to happiness, research shows that happiness could in fact be the key to success.

There is even evidence that happiness is contagious, so that happier people help others around them to become happier too.

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

Janie and I had gotten pretty friendly. We were especially friendly in gym because Ruth, the girl who was second in line, was absent a lot. So Janie and I got to talk and once I came right out and asked her if she went to church.

"When I have to," she said.

So I asked her if I could go with her some time just to see what it was like and she said, "Sure, how about Sunday?"

So I went. The funniest thing was it was just like temple. Except it was all in English. But we read from a prayer book that didn't make sense and the minister gave a sermon I couldn't follow and I counted eight black hats, four red ones, six blue and two fur. At the end of the service everyone sang a hymn. Then we stood on line to shake hands with the minister. By then I was a pro at it.

Janie introduced me. "This is my friend Margaret Simon. She's no religion."

I almost fainted. What did Janie have to go and say that for? The minister looked at me like I was a freak. Then he smiled with an Aha-maybe-I'll-win-her look.

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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.

In the early days of the 19th century, going home for Christmas meant travelling by coach for anyone not rich enough to owe a carriage or to hire a post-chaise; and by 1820s, when Britain could boast of the finest public transport system in the world, even the well-to-do gentry often preferred the fast stage and mail coaches to the hazards of taking a long-distant journey alone. Passengers crammed themselves into the inside of the coach with their children and their dogs, their boxes and bundles of luggage they have brought with them. But at Christmas time the coachmen somehow managed to pack everyone in, turning blind eye to the strict regulations against overloading.

It was always cold on the road at night and the perils of frost and fog added to the passenger's discomforts. One outsider was found freezed to death when the mail coach stopped at Chippenham. Fog was no less frightening than the chances of freezing. If visibility was very badly when the mails left London in the evening, the Post Office sent outriders with torches ahead of the coaches to guide the coachman out of the city; otherwise, he had to rely at his own skill and the instinct of the horses to find the road when he could sometimes see no more than the rumps of the wheelers. But the passengers suffered most in the snow, when the roads were merged into the countryside by the drifting whiteness that obscured everything and caused even the most experienced coachman to loose his way.

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4. Comment on the following saying: *Time and tide wait for no man.*

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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 child. Remember to keep your English clear and simple answering the question.

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Explain *why metal ships don't sink*

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

1. malevolent

relaxed	selfish	laughable	hateful
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2. atrocious

awful	resourceful	inspiring	challenging
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3. animus

(2). *Swing states*

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

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9.	The Remains of the Day	
10.	The Scarlet Letter	

Authors: Toni Morrison, Jean Rhys, Virginia Woolf, John Fowles, **William Golding**, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Kazuo Ishiguro, Rudyard Kipling, Ernest Hemingway, H.G. Wells.

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

1. This city has such a lot to offer visitors, from beautiful architecture to excellent food and great nightlife. I feel like a _____ !
2. To create a work that is unusual and appeals to the audience in a meaningful way, an artist must be able to _____ and make even the ordinary things seem special.
3. We tried this new recipe last week and were very pleased with the result. Our guests also gave it a _____.
4. "I have this idea for a start-up, but it needs some development. Right now it looks a bit like a _____." "Think carefully. Life is too short to spend it on things that aren't going to work."
5. The world leaders are meeting at a summit to discuss how to approach the global challenges and _____ on injustice, poverty and climate change.
6. People in new relationships may sometimes misinterpret each other's behavior and _____. Don't jump to conclusions or assume the worst about your partner!
7. This discussion is getting us nowhere. Let's make a decision now, or else we will just sit here talking _____.
8. Your research adviser is a brilliant expert. Granted, she looks stern and intimidating, but don't let it scare you off – she is _____.
9. "The job promotion comes with a higher salary, but you will also have to take on many new responsibilities." "Well, I guess _____."
10. The Prime Minister's joke made the audience laugh and cheer. Later, however, this _____ remark was heavily criticised on social media for being insensitive.

Idioms: *turn the tables; there's no such thing as a free lunch; think outside the box; thumbs-up; until the cows come home; tongue-in-cheek; get the wrong end of the stick; all bark and no bite; kid in a candy store; pie in the sky*

Вариант 4.

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. V4

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	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	to owe	to own
2	by 1820s	by the 1820s
3	long-distant journey	long-distance journey
4	have brought	had brought
5	turning blind eye	turning a blind eye
6	passenger's	passengers'
7	freezed	frozen
8	badly	bad
9	rely at	rely on

10	to loose	to lose
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7. Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.

«Malevolent» – Key: (1) hateful, (2) awful, (3) hostility, (4) agreement, (5) abandoned, (6) inactive, (7) dislike, (8) satisfactory, (9) scatter, (10) stormy

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

(1) **The West Lothian question** is a political issue in the United Kingdom. It concerns the question of whether MPs from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales who sit in the House of Commons should be able to vote on matters that affect only England, while MPs from England are unable to vote on matters that have been devolved to the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Scottish Parliament and the Senedd (Welsh Parliament).

(2) **Swing states** are those in US presidential elections that could potentially be won by either candidate. Also known as battleground states, these states are where presidential candidates focus their energy and resources throughout the campaign period.

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Variant V

Английский язык

5. Comment on the following extract.

Stress

Stress is often viewed as an exclusively negative sensation: work deadlines pile up, family drama takes its toll, and we wind up drained. Moreover, many recent social phenomena are attributed to stress. For example, ‘quite quitters’, people who have given up putting in additional effort at their workplace, are believed to retreat into their job description due to the stress associated with monitoring their emails during the weekend or working on a pressing project during the evening. Another stress-inflicted condition is pandemic-induced burnout, which meant working in unsuitable conditions, suffering through uncertainty, and being overworked for the last several years.

These phenomena are definitely having a moment. In small doses, though, stress can actually have some unexpected upsides. While heightened stress can feel overwhelming and decrease motivation, a little bit can be useful when it comes to kickstarting your work. The stress of the deadline can help people focus because time is running out. Stress also forces people to problem-solve, ultimately building confidence and skills that are important for future experiences. Thanks to increased resiliency and confidence, people tend to feel less threatened and more in control of their situations.

One of the most surprising benefits of stress is that it can help build interpersonal relationships, which are beneficial to overall health. When people feel loved and understood by another person, they feel less alone and isolated. Support groups, for example, are a great place for people to talk about their stress with others, which builds compassion and positive hormones.

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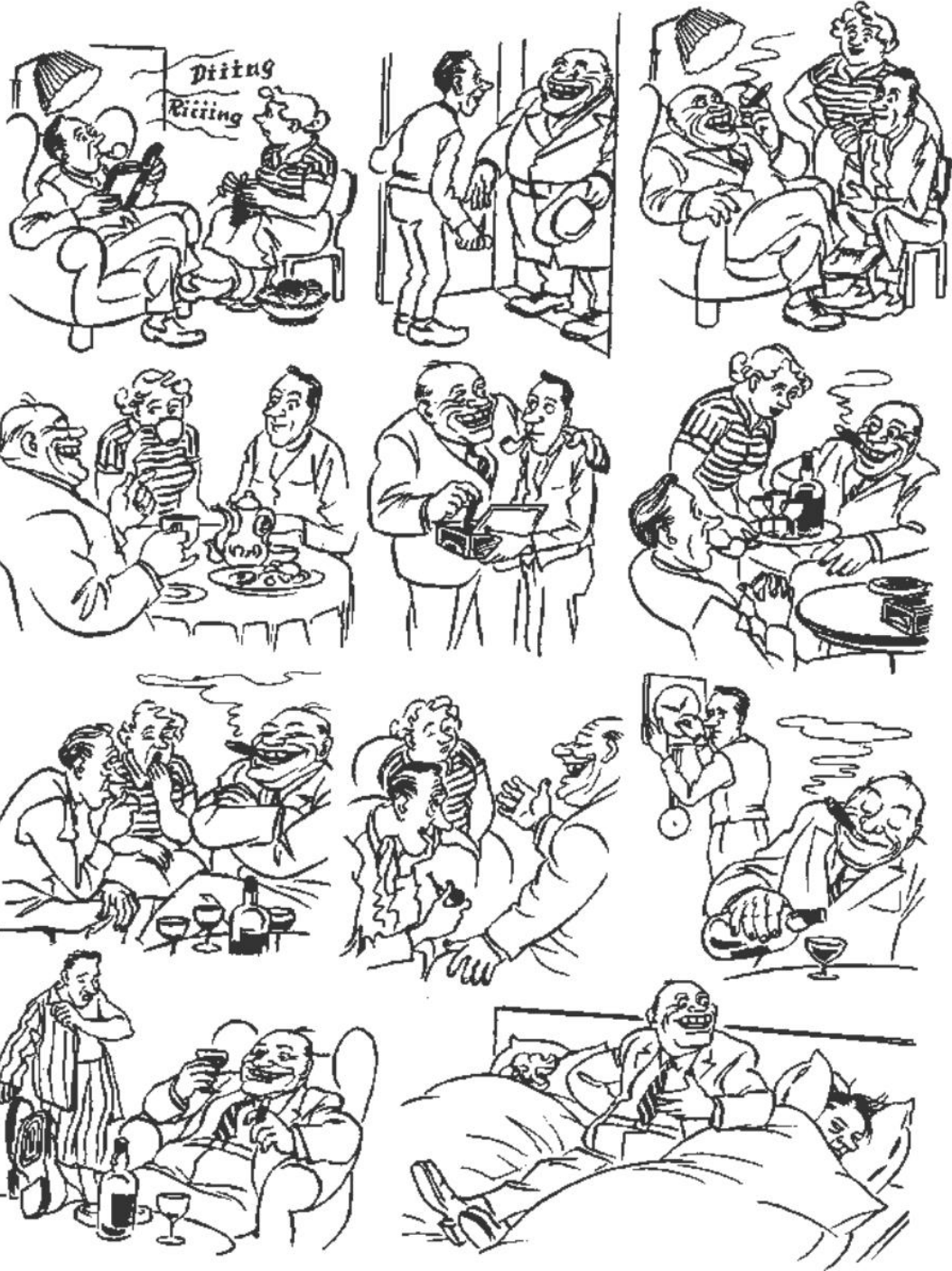
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In those parts which lie above the Arctic Circle, Alaska still is a land of icebergs and polar bears. Ice masses lay buried in the earth, which is permanently frozen to a depth of several hundreds feet. From early May until early August, the midnight sun never sets on this flat, treeless region, but the sun cannot melt the icy soil more than two-thirds of a meter down.

Alaska is America's largest state, but only about 302,000 people live there. According to estimates, 2,000,000 acres of it's land area is fit for plowing, but only about 12,000 acres are being cultivated.

The Japan Current of Pacific warms Alaska, and the Arctic chills it. The temperature may be dropped as low as -47 Fahrenheit in some places and may raise to 86 degrees in other parts of the state. In a year, more than 450 inches of snow may fall in the north, while some 85 inches of rainfall may descend upon the capital city of Juneau in the south.

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Explain *what keeps water on the Earth while it rotates.*

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

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2. What's wrong with daddy? He's feeling a little _____ so don't make much noise and let him rest.
3. When she first started working for that company, she was a real _____.
4. You can tell her to clean her room until you are _____, but she won't do it.
5. He keeps trying to get his first book published but I think he's _____.
6. Crag just stood there and didn't say a thing. I think he had _____.
7. Those three boys are cooped up inside the room. I wonder what _____ they are planning this time?
8. At last! Rob _____ and come round to my way of thinking.
9. He _____, working in the daytime and going to school at night. I don't know how much longer he can go on like this.
10. Come on, Bob! Tell us what you think about our little party. What's the matter? _____?

see the light, monkey business, under the weather, when pigs fly, cat got your tongue, eager beaver, flogging a dead horse, blue in the face, a frog in the throat, burn the candles at both ends

Вариант 5. Ответы

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1	than	then
2	a little interest	little interest
3	squared miles	square miles
4	lay	lie
5	hundreds feet	hundred feet
6	it's	its
7	is fit	are fit
8	Pacific	the Pacific
9	may be dropped	may drop
10	may raise	may rise

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

«Sluggish» - Key: (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 Senedd** is the Welsh Parliament. It was established in the late 1990s as a result of the devolution in the UK.

(2) **Gerrymandering** is the political manipulation of electoral district boundaries with the intent of creating undue advantage for a party, group, or socio-economic class within the constituency. The term is named after American politician Elbridge Gerry, who, as Governor of Massachusetts in 1812, signed a bill that created a partisan district in the Boston area that was compared to the shape of a mythological salamander. The term has negative connotations and gerrymandering is almost always considered a corruption of the democratic process.

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