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1. Comment on the following extract.

There's no known limit to how long humans can live, scientists say. The wish to extend the human lifespan has a long tradition in many cultures. Optimistic views of the possibility of achieving this goal through the latest developments in medicine feature increasingly in serious scientific and philosophical discussion. Focusing on interventions in biological ageing, one can distinguish between research that is first and foremost aimed at prolonging life by slowing or even arresting ageing processes and research that is directed at combating the diseases that seem to be intrinsically connected with biological ageing.

We seem to be enjoying now the new buzz about defeating ageing. For a long time scientists have been on a crusade to inspire the world to embark on a scientific quest to eliminate ageing and extend healthy lifespan indefinitely. It is a difficult job because the world is considered to be in a

“pro-ageing trance” happy to accept that ageing is unavoidable, when the reality is that it’s simply a “medical problem” that science can solve. If a consequence of increasing health is that life is extended, that’s a good thing, but the most important part is keeping people healthy as long as possible. Just as a vintage car can be kept in good condition indefinitely with periodic preventative maintenance, so there is no reason why, in principle, the same can’t be true of the human body.

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The problem of ~~ageing~~ ^{ageing} has always been such a topical issue that opinions on it are divided. Some people think that “biological ageing” is a disease that can be cured as well as cancer, while others have accepted the fact that one day all of us will die.

It is my strong opinion that ~~ageing~~ ^{slowing down the ageing process} is avoidable and scientists may soon find the way to prevent people becoming old. To begin with, less than five hundred years ago people couldn't imagine that a cure for the plague would be found. Moreover, the human lifespan has there has been an increase in life expectancy, since the times it was usual when people died at the age of forty. The time an average person died at the age of forty.

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To conclude, I can safely say that times change and technological and scientific progress is huge, which means that we have all opportunities and chances to cure this disease called “ageing”.

2. Read the fable and write down the moral it contains in the space below the fable.

The Dog and the Shadow Fable.

It happened that a Dog had got a piece of meat and was carrying it home in his mouth to eat it in peace.
Now on his way home he had to cross a plank lying across a running brook.
As he crossed, he looked down and saw his own shadow reflected in the water beneath.
Thinking it was another dog with another piece of meat, he made up his mind to have that also.

8. Insert the required articles where necessary. If no article is required put X.
1. On the whole they had X good weather. 2. The Browns are going to spend the week-end in the Lake District. 3. The sky was still dark in the East, but at X dawn it would clear up. 4. Though the rain ceased at X noon, the air still felt moist.

9. These are among the best novels of the English-speaking world. Who are their authors?

	Book	Author
1.	‘David Copperfield’	Ch. Dickens
2.	‘An American Tragedy’	Th. Dreiser
3.	‘The Quiet American’	Br. Green
4.	‘The Great Gatsby’	F. Scott Fitzgerald
5.	‘Cakes and Ale’	S. Maugham
6.	‘Richard III’	W. Shakespeare
7.	‘The Hound of Baskervilles’	A. Conan Doyle
8.	‘Tender is the Night’	F. Scott Fitzgerald
9.	‘Martin Eden’	J. London
10.	‘Murder on the Orient Express’	Agatha Christie

Authors: Gr. Green, Ch. Dickens, F. Scott Fitzgerald, A. Conan Doyle, S. Maugham, Th. Dreiser, Agatha Christie, W. Shakespeare, F. Scott Fitzgerald, J. London

10. Find and underline idioms in the sentences in the left column of the table. Write down your sentences with the same meaning but without the idiom in the right one.

	Sentences with idioms	Sentences without idioms
1.	If you're late to the interview, you'll miss the boat for the job.	If you're late to the interview, you'll fail to take the opportunity to get this job.
2.	He seems to be involved in some monkey business or other.	He seems to be involved in some criminal activity.
3.	We couldn't make heads or tails out of the instructions of our boss.	We couldn't understand the instructions of our boss.
4.	So who told you she'd got the job? – Oh, let's say, a little bird told me so.	– Oh, I know that but I won't say how I found it out.
5.	The lion's share of the museum's budget goes on special exhibitions.	The largest part of the museum's budget goes on special exhibitions.

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6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

The Internet and e-books have provided the world of education with the incredible facilities. Do you believe that the Internet will absorb all the knowledge, become the crucial source of know-how and replace traditional paper books, with positive and negative consequences?

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Nowadays we can use e-books due to the technological progress. ~~But~~ Undoubtedly, this provided the world of education with the great facilities. ~~to begin with~~, for instance, you do not have to bear heavy books with you as you can have all of them in one e-book. Additionally, there is an Internet access in every e-book, which ~~with~~ lets us to find any information in seconds.

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I believe that the Internet will never be able to replace paper books for a number of reasons. First of all, the Internet ~~that~~ relies on energy resources ~~which~~, so it will not be possible to use ~~this~~ net if electricity is off. In this respect paper books are more reliable as they do not need to be recharged. Moreover, books are written by specialists while ~~and~~ the information ~~that~~ we can find in electronic books is unreliable. Such a great amount of information in e-books can be overwhelming and people can become confused even more.

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

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(1). The City is the British financial center which consists of London's financial institutions, such as banks and Stock Exchange.

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(2). A Donkey and an Elephant are the nicknames of the American political parties - democrats and republicans.

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So he made a snap at the shadow in the water, but as he opened his mouth the piece of meat fell out, dropped into the water and was never seen more.

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Greed is known to be one of the cardinal sins and, unfortunately, all of us ~~sometimes~~ can be greedy and frustrated. I believe that this story about the dog illustrates the famous English proverb which says: "Too much pudding will choke the dog." It means that being greedy we want more and more of what we already have and we do not appreciate this. And, due to greed, we do not have time to enjoy all of these things we have, but we lose ~~it~~ them and we lose ourselves.

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.

"Frankenstein" is a name that is known by many people today. But not everybody knows that Victor Frankenstein is the main character in a horrible story of Mary Shelley. The book had been written at the beginning of the 19th century. Mary Shelley was only twenty years old when she had written it. In the story Frankenstein, a scientist, had wanted to create a "person", but unfortunate he had created a "monster". The monster wanted to love by people, but nobody had liked him. That's why he had become violent and started killing people. In the end he also killed Victor Frankenstein.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
+	1 story of Mary Shelley	story by Mary Shelley
+	2 the book had been written	the book was written
+	3 when she had written it	when she wrote it
+	4 had wanted to create	wanted to create
+	5 unfortunate	unfortunately

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+	6	he had created	he created
+	7	to love by people	to be loved by people
+	8	nobody had liked him	nobody liked him
+	9	he had become	he became
+	10	horrible story	horror story

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4. Comment on the following quotation:

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give (Winston Churchill).

We live in the time of all-pervasive availability: we enjoy food from all around the globe, we wear the latest fashionable garments that were created somewhere in Paris. However, our life is not about what we get, but what we give. Giving something and committing to the others create the very essence of our reality as we can share our talents with people, we can be a shoulder to cry on for our friends. Sharing is caring, that's why we should give something to the others to understand that we are alive and that our life is meaningful.

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5. Comment on the story in pictures.



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One shiny morning the Greens decided to make a flowerbed in their backyard. They prepared the soil, sowed the seeds of roses, ~~the~~ watered and started waiting. For the next seven days Mr Green, Mrs Green and their wonderful son Rob watered the soil and took care of the flowerbed. Soon many beautiful roses grew in the backyard of the Greens' house and the family was very happy. Mr Green took one flower and gave it to Mrs Green as a sign of his love. Rob decided to do the same as he loved his parents more than anybody in his life. He wanted to express all his love with a number of roses, that is why he took all the flowers from the flowerbed and gave them to his parents. It was hard to describe what Mr and Mrs Green felt that moment.

Составлен рассказ по картинкам, а в задании:
"comment on the story"

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