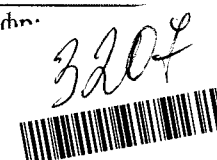


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1. Comment on the following extract.

Fixing the ‘problem’ of ageing is the mission of Silicon Valley, where billions is pouring into biotech firms working to ‘hack the code’ of life – despite concerns about the social implications. Some scientists believe it is possible to “solve ageing” and get people to live, healthily, more or less indefinitely. They say this is a moral rather than personal quest, while there is no absolute biological limit on human age, arguing that cellular immortality – in effect running the clock backwards – should be possible. Whether this will happen this century or not none can say. Such ideas are just speculation for now.

There are a number of scientists who intend to slow the aging process and currently study the problem in animal models. There have been attempts to develop drugs that will have the same effect on the aging process as a caloric restriction diet known as Caloric restriction drugs. Some drugs that are already approved for other uses have been studied for possible longevity effects on laboratory animals.

Meanwhile, there is an increasing number of people realising that the concept of anti-ageing medicine that actually works is going to be the biggest industry that ever existed. Serious people are doing research in this area and serious thinkers are thinking about this. Radical life extension isn't consigned to the realm of cranks and science fiction writers any more.

It's spring outdoors, I am sixteen and I don't want to think about the lifespan, although I realise that people can't ~~live~~ live forever.

Sp Humanity has been worried about the extension of their lives for thousands of years that's why there are so many fairy-tails, legends about different kinds of life potions and various medicines which could extend our life or make us live forever. Scientists have been working hard over this problem and indeed our lifespan has extended. Doctors have invented different kinds of medicines and technologies to help humanity fight with some diseases and that also helped to extend people's life.

Not only are the people worried about the extension of their lifespan but what is more they are thinking of their health. Dreams of eternal life have attracted human attention for many centuries but is it important to live forever?

Our life may seem less enjoyable as it used to be when we lived less. From my point of view much more important is to live a healthy life, to make it as busy as possible, to make it filled with interesting events and actions. The idea is not to waste your life.

If you live many years being as a coach potato it doesn't make any sense at all.

Bring good and be active during ~~your~~ your life.

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

The Ass in the Lion's Skin Fable.

An Ass once found a Lion's skin which the hunters had left out in the sun to dry.

He put it on and went towards his native village.

All fled at his approach, both men and animals, and he was a proud Ass that day.

In his delight he lifted up his voice and brayed, but then every one knew him, and his owner came up and gave him a sound cudgelling for the fright he had caused.

The message of this fable concerns the idea that you should always think about consequences.

8. Insert the required articles where necessary. If no article is required put X.

1. He hadn't said a word since the dinner began. 2. The National Gallery and the Albert Hall are the right places to visit when you come to the capital of the United Kingdom. 3. It was X late afternoon when we finally came to the Savoy Hotel after a long tiresome trip. 10

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

	Book	Author
1.	'The Old Curiosity Shop'	+ Ch. Dickens
2.	'The Happy Prince'	+ Oscar Wilde
3.	'Sister Carrie'	+ Th. Dreiser
4.	'The Old Man and the Sea'	+ Ernest Hemingway
5.	'The Moon and Sixpence'	+ S. Maugham
6.	'The Quiet American'	+ Gr. Green
7.	'Pygmalion'	+ Bernard Shaw
8.	'Hamlet'	+ W. Shakespeare
9.	'Martin Eden'	+ J. London -
10.	'The Man of Property'	+ J. Galsworthy

Authors: J. Galsworthy, W. Shakespeare, J. London, Oscar Wilde, Ch. Dickens, Ernest Hemingway, Bernard Shaw, Th. Dreiser, S. Maugham, Gr. Green 10

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.	Mr. Davis thinks he can teach us the trombone. He must <u>have a bee in his bonnet</u> .	He must be crazy to think so. +
2.	She likes <u>to have a finger in every pie</u> in the village.	She likes to take part in everything in the village. +
3.	When the missing money was noticed, she chose to disappear rather than <u>face the music</u> .	She chose to disappear rather than get what she deserved. +
4.	What you say is <u>double Dutch</u> for me.	I can't understand what you're saying. +
5.	On the night of the play, Ann's father <u>told her to break a leg</u> .	Ann's father wished her good luck. +

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6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

One can google any information in seconds, rather than searching for it in libraries. E-books save us precious time and money, while real books are made of woods, which causes reducing of forests and making the ecology worse. Do paper books have a chance for the future?

The statement under the consideration points out the fact that e-books are gaining around. It's quite true. Nowadays it's 21st century and we use e-books a lot in different spheres of life. For example, usually we resort to these devices when we have a willing to read a long story or an article but we don't want to bring a large book with us everywhere. Also, many people love reading e-books, because on one device they can download a lot of different stories, poems, novels and this advantage really helps to save money. As for me, I have the opposite opinion. I really love reading paper books as there you can find many picturesque illustrations and while reading you have a special atmosphere as if you are talking with an author of the book. I think that I am not the only one person who prefers reading paper books more than e-books and, of course, these books have a chance for the future as the number of people who buy such books isn't reducing. That means that the interest to paper books is not dying out.

7. Explain the meaning of the following 2 words which reflect peculiarities of British and American cultures.

(1). The House of Commons - is the lower House of the Parliament of the United Kingdom

(2). FLOTUS - the First Lady of the United States

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This table is a great example that any mark will be ripped off sooner or later, as any lie can be opened. This story is about an eternal game and its consequences which are inevitable. To sum up, I would like to say that you should always think what you do about your decisions and effects after your actions.



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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.

"The History of Plymouth Plantation" ^{was} had been written by William Bradford between 1620 and 1651. It is a kind of diary in which he was writing about the life of the Pilgrims. After the Pilgrims had ~~been~~ landed in Plymouth harbour, they unload the "Mayflower". Then all their things had been put in a dry place. Later, cottages were being built for someone. The pilgrims also had discussed things and had made laws for their small group. In the winter months over half of the Pilgrims died and over 40 became ill. For sometime all the work had been done by only six or seven people. They fetched wood and made fires in everybody's houses. Food was cooked for the people who were ill, too.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	had been written	was written +
2	was writing	wrote +
3	had been landed	had landed +
4	unload	unloaded +
5	had been put	were put +

6	were being built	were built +
7	someone	everybody +
8	had discussed	discussed +
9	had made	made +
10	had been done	was done +

4. Comment on the following quotation:

A friend to all is a friend to none

(Aristotle).

This quotation belongs to a greek philosopher, Aristotle. The message of this quotation concerns the ~~the~~ attitude towards the relationship. All people are different and it is impossible to find a friend with the same interests, ideas and views upon the world as you have. That's why usually people have a lot of acquaintances but very few real close friends.

To sum up, I would like to say that you should be very care-ful while choosing friends and your close ones.

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5. Comment on the story in pictures.



Once upon a time there lived two men. The first was well-built but the second wasn't. One summer day a man whose name was Tom, was walking down the street. He saw a poster which advertised a well-built man and Tom decided to become such person. He bought a special sport magazine from which he learnt some exercises how to become a bodybuilder. Then Tom bought weights and started ~~being~~ training but after several hours at ~~exercising~~ ^{exercising} he was really tired and also got hurt. The next day Tom bought a punching bag. He trained very hard the whole week but unfortunately he got ~~hurt~~ again while exercising. Finally, the next morning Tom took ~~the~~ all the sport equipment out and put it into a garbage bin. Then our man went to a tailor and asked him to make a jacket in which Tom looked as a bodybuilder. After he had taken his nice jacket from a tailor he was really happy and confident in himself.

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