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10-11 классы

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

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“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 author of the given extract asserts that the developing scientific methods of prolonging human lifespan have only beneficial effects. From my point of view, it is erroneous to assume that, since there are multiple negative and possibly dangerous consequences which may occur. It is commonly known that our world is now facing a global demographic problem, which gets worse and more complicated each year. One of the most significant reasons for this phenomenon is the rapidly growing life expectancy. With such advance modern science and medicine this trend will most certainly continue on, which may lead to a worldwide disaster. The human population is expanding extremely fast, while the resources such as water and food are becoming more and more expensive and highly demanded. If serious action is not taken to prevent it, the world might have to deal with famine, wars, severe crisis and other destructive consequences.

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.

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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'	Charles Dickens	+
2.	'An American Tragedy'	Th. Dreiser	+
3.	'The Quiet American'	Gr. Green	+
4.	'The Great Gatsby'	F. Scott Fitzgerald	+
5.	'Cakes and Ale'	W. Shakespeare	+
6.	'Richard III'	S. Maugham	+
7.	'The Hound of Baskervilles'	Arthur Conan Doyle	+
8.	'Tender is the Night'	Gr. Green 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 <u>miss the boat</u> for the job.	If you are late to the interview, you will miss the opportunity to get the job.	+
2.	He seems to be involved in some <u>monkey business</u> or other.	He seems to be involved in some suspicious/strange activity	-
3.	We couldn't <u>make heads or tails</u> out of the instructions of our boss.	We couldn't understand any instructions of our boss	+
4.	So who told you she'd got the job? – Oh, let's say, a <u>little bird told me</u> so.	Oh, it's a secret, I can't tell you	+
5.	<u>The lion's share</u> of the museum's budget goes on special exhibitions.	A big 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?

sp Just a few decades ago people could not even imagine how drastically the Internet would impact our daily life, the education system especially. Nowadays most schools use modern devices such as laptops, pads, e-books and etc. to make the learning process more convinient and exciting for pupils. In my opinion, in the nearest future technology will completely take over the education system. It will be very useful and beneficial in many ways, since all of the needed information resourses will be available to every child. Paper books can not withstand this battle and most certainly won't be used in the future.

lex On the other hand, such advance technology may badly influence the structure of schools. Many people might lose their jobs. For instance, there will not be any need for libraries nor librarians.

gr Furthermore, the Internet might be dangerous for younger kids, it may influence their mental and physical health.

g All in all, I believe that all of the negative consequences may be overcome easily and the revolutionary technologies will benefit both teachers and their students greatly.

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

0 (1). The City The modern, newest part of London is often referred to as "The City"

4 (2). A Donkey and an Elephant These animals symbolise the two political parties in the USA. The donkey is the symbol of the Demoperats, while the Elephant is the symbol of the Liberals.

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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.

I believe that the moral of this fable is that greed, which is considered as one of the greatest sins, will never bring you happiness. Instead, you might lose everything you have, if you are constantly jealous of somebody else. Envy might ~~make you~~ cause you a plethora of trouble and destroy your life. The Dog in the presented fable is a great example of wicked greed. As a result of his actions, he was left with nothing but his envious soul.

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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.

"Frankenstein" is a name that is known by many people today. But not everybody knows that Victor Frankenstein is the main character ¹ ~~in~~ ^{by} a horrible story of Mary Shelley. The book ~~had been~~ ² written ³ ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ the beginning of the 19th century. Mary Shelley was only twenty years old when she ~~had~~ ⁴ written it. In the story Frankenstein, a scientist, ~~had wanted~~ ⁵ 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 ~~became~~ ^{become} violent and started killing people. In the end he also killed Victor Frankenstein.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant	
1	of	by	+
2	at	in	-
3	unfortunate	& unfortunately	+
4	to love	to be loved	+
5	had became	become become	-

6	had liked	liked	+
7	had been written	was written	+
8	character in	character of	-
9	had written	wrote	+
10	had created	created	+

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).

To give or to get - which is better? Each person has their own priorities and thus, their own answer. There is no right or wrong. As for me, giving love, support, advice to beloved ones is the best feeling I could ever get. I believe that even though without such materialistic things as money we wouldn't be able to normally function in our modern society, it should not become your main life goal. It is not worth it wasting your precious time chasing wealth. It is much more important to spread your positivity and share love with the world to make it a better place. I assume that this is the exact meaning behind Winston Churchill's quote.

5. Comment on the story in pictures.



Parents should always keep in mind that they are the greatest example for their kids. Most children copy their parents' behaviour, that is how they learn and socialize. Just like that, the little boy in the pictures above follows his mum and dad's footsteps by helping them grow tulips in their garden. His parents are surely proud of him and happy to see his willingness to work with them. They must not have realised though, that their son would also follow his dad's example by collecting all of their flowers to make his mother happy. Of course, the boy had only the best intentions at heart.

