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1. Comment on the following extract.

Scientists say they'll soon extend life "well beyond 120" Yet it has mostly been aimed at extending "healthspan", the years in which you are free of frailty or disease, rather than lifespan, although an obvious effect is that it would also be extended (healthy people after all live longer). 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.

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.

Several drugs are in development that mimic the mechanisms that cause lab animals fed carefully calorie-restricted diets to live longer. Others copy the effects of genes that occur in long-lived people. One drug already in clinical trials is rapamycin, which is normally used to aid organ transplants and treat rare cancers. It has been shown to extend the life of mice by 25%, the greatest achieved so far with a drug, and protect them against diseases. But there are no yet drugs to protect healthy people over 150 against moral problems they may face in the second hundred of their mature age.

The problem of aging and living longer is very controversial. I would like to write about both positive and negative sides of this issue.

Scientists are trying to lengthen ~~the life~~ of human life by inventing new drugs. They want not only to extend it, but to make it better and ~~better~~. If a life of people becomes longer, people will be able to work longer and benefit humanity. Labour productivity will increase significantly. Moreover, people's desire to live longer makes scientists develop new medicines.

On the other hand, people understand that there will be a shortage of resources and space for living. That is why people are trying to find alternative resources for life. In my opinion, people will change attitudes to their lives. They will appreciate each passing day. Even a person at 70-80 years will not try to keep up to the maximum, but will think that he or she have everything ahead and will manage everything. The value of life will decrease with time.

All in all, I hope that soon life-expectance will be around 150 and people will still enjoy each day of their life.

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

The Lion and the Mouse Fable.

Once when a Lion was asleep a little Mouse began running up and down upon him; this soon wakened the Lion, who placed his huge paw upon him, and opened his big jaw to swallow him.

"Pardon, O King," cried the little Mouse: "forgive me this time, I shall never forget it: who knows but what I may be able to do you a turn some of these days?"

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

1. The ship nearly sank in the Pacific. 2. They stayed in X Venice for a fortnight. 3. The Smiths were going to London to see the Thames in X autumn. 4. What is an English for «Рождество»? 5. He stayed in X bed till X midday.

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

| | Book | Author |
|-----|---|------------------|
| 1. | 'Rob Roy' | Walter Scott |
| 2. | 'Vanity Fair' | W. Thackeray |
| 3. | 'A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court' | Mark Twain |
| 4. | 'For Whom the Bell Tolls' | Ernest Hemingway |
| 5. | 'Theatre' | Somerset Maugham |
| 6. | 'The Marble Faun' | W. Faulkner |
| 7. | 'All is Well That Ends Well' | W. Shakespeare |
| 8. | 'The White Monkey' | J. Galsworthy |
| 9. | 'The Financier' | Th. Dreiser |
| 10. | 'Hard Times' | Ch. Dickens |

Authors: *Ch. Dickens, *J. Galsworthy, *Somerset Maugham, *Th. Dreiser, *Mark Twain, W. Shakespeare, *W. Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, *Walter Scott, *W. Thackeray

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 |
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| 1. | You can't rely on him. He can <u>let the cat out of the bag</u> . | You can't rely on him. He can tell your secret <u>by chance</u> . |
| 2. | That last mistake was the last <u>straw</u> that broke the camel's back. | That last mistake was the final thing, which <u>makes</u> this situation unbearable. |
| 3. | In the final scene of the movie, the hero <u>kicked the bucket</u> . | In the final scene of the movie, the hero died. |
| 4. | Our handyman is a <u>jack-of-all-trades</u> . | Our handyman is a person, who has skills to <u>do everything</u> . |
| 5. | What you say is <u>Greek to me</u> . | I cannot understand what you say to me, <u>are trying to</u> |

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6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

In order to know more, you have to absorb and analyse more information. In today's world, the Internet as the main source of information is developing at a fast pace. In the near future the Internet is likely to become the only source of information and substitute theatre, cinema and museums?

Nowadays technologies are developing very quickly. We cannot imagine a person who does not have a telephone or a computer. People want computers to be able to think and help in all walks of life. This is why artificial intelligence has already been developed. Moreover, the Internet has already become the crucial source of information. All books and textbooks which students may find in the Internet. If a person wants to find some information, he or she will look in the Internet, because it is very long to find information elsewhere. In my opinion, museums, theatres and cinemas will not disappear. They will not be a source of information as before, but will be a source of inspiration, entertainment and harmony.

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

1. Royal Assent is the queen agreement or consent that is required for the bill to become an act of parliament.
2. White House is located in Washington D.C. It is the official residence of the US president.

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The Lion was so tickled at the idea of the Mouse being able to help him, that he lifted up his paw and let him go. Some time after the Lion was caught in a trap, and the hunters who desired to carry him alive to the King, tied him to a tree while they went in search of a wagon to carry him on. Just then the little Mouse happened to pass by, and seeing the sad plight in which the Lion was, went up to him and soon gnawed away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts. "Was I not right?" said the little Mouse.

In my opinion, the kindness is always returned. If a person acted in relation with another with kind intention, the other will repay with good, it is the moral of this fable. This fable is well-known and was originally written by the Greek poet Aesop. This plot was rewritten several times. It is best-known to us owing to Iwan Krylov. His fable "The donkey and the house" has a very similar plot.

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.

"Rock'n' Roll". The expression was being used in 1951 in the first time. The music for which it was used had been there before: it was the black blues which wasn't accepted by many of the older whites. That is why it wasn't played on many American radio programmes until the early 50s. But the young peoples of that time did not want to hear the "sweet" pop music of the 1940s any longer. R'n'R had been seen as a violent kind of music by many parents, and so they did not like it. Bill Haley's "Rock around the Clock" could have been heard in all places where young people were meeting. But the real hero of R'n'R was Elvis Presly. His powerful voice and the way he moved had been loved by young people. He had been called "the king of R'n'R by people all over the world."

| | The wrong variant | The correct variant |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | was being used | was used |
| 2 | wasn't accepted | hadn't been accepted |

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| 3 | wasn't played | hadn't been played |
| 4 | peoples | people |
| 5 | didn't want to hear | hadn't wanted to hear |
| 6 | had been seen | was seen |
| 7 | could have been heard | could be heard |
| 8 | were meeting | met |
| 9 | had been loved | was loved |
| 10 | had been called | was called |

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4. Comment on the following quotation:

Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live.

This phrase conveys the essence of human communication. Selfishness is integral part of our life. Selfishness expects to everybody, but in different size.

An egotist lives on basis of his or her interests without thinking of others. Such person does not suspect that he can offend somebody. An egotist to achieve his goals goes ahead and uses people. Every person should think about people who are around him or her. People have to live in community. It is normal to have selfishness within exactly limits.

There are ^{more} kind people in the world than egotists. Many people transfer money to the charitable foundations, donate toys and clothes to orphanages.

All in all, I think that people have to help each other, then we will make our life harmonious that is what makes our life.

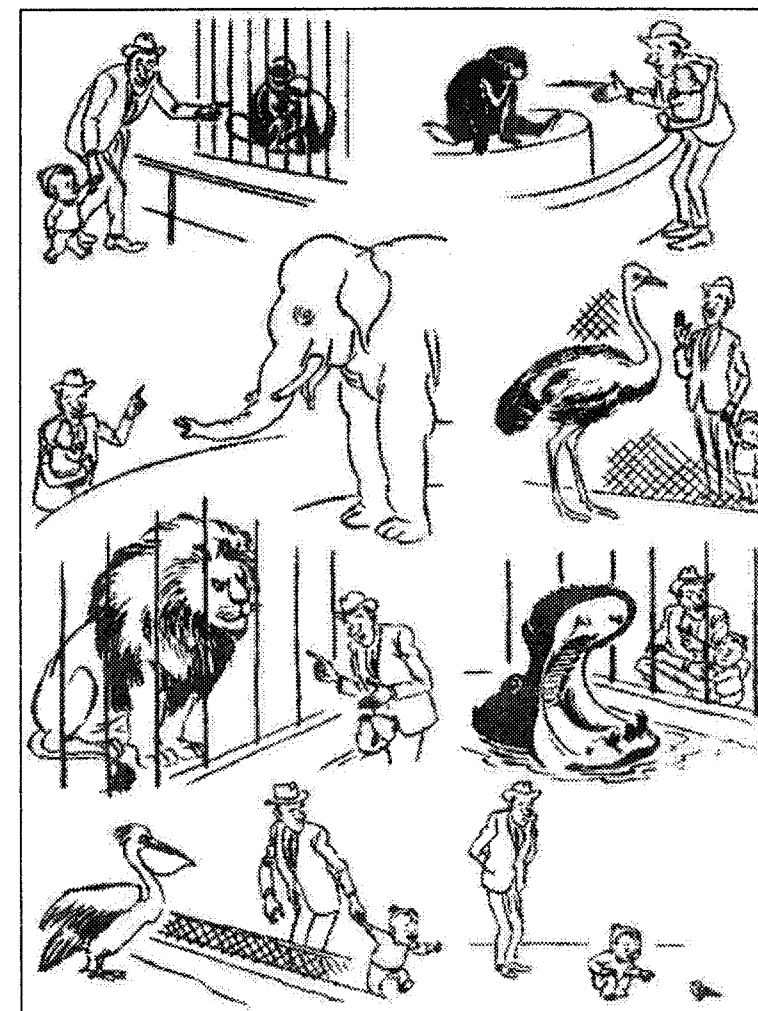
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5. Comment on the story in pictures.



In these pictures we can see a grandfather with his grandson. A grandfather decides to show his grandson different animals and takes him to the zoo. The boy has a lot of impressions. The hippo, the lion and the monkey seem to him unbelievable huge. Even a tiny bird impresses him.

On the other hand, we can understand the story in absolutely different way. Whatever the grandfather shows to the boy, the grandson will like only one thing. It is not very beautiful tiny bird.

Childhood memories are the brightest and will remain with a person during the whole life.

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