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Город, в котором проводится Олимпиада

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ВАРИАНТ 6**10-11 классы****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.

In my opinion, scientists will "hack the code" of life pretty soon which is great. ~~the~~ People don't like getting old so they spend a huge amount of money on different procedures and creams that might help them to cover the signs of ageing such as wrinkles. Even though the average period of life becomes longer because of developed medicines and treatment ~~to~~ the diseases, people are still busy during their whole ~~life~~ and only when they get old, they realise that they haven't truly "lived". They usually did not have enough time to see the whole world, try different things when they were younger. That is why anti-ageing medicine can help people to enjoy their life ~~lives~~ ^{at} its fullest. They will have time not only to study and work, but also to ~~travel~~ travel more ~~on~~ try more hobbies etc.

~~the~~ All in all I firmly believe that anti-ageing medicine will become the ~~the~~ biggest industry ~~that~~ ~~that~~ ~~and~~ everyone would like to stay younger for longer, no matter if they ~~don't~~ want to see wrinkles ~~with~~ they just want to experience more things while being young.

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.

I think the moral of this fable is that you shouldn't pretend to be a person whom you are not being for real. ~~The~~ An Ass pretended to be a

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 a late afternoon when we finally came to ~~the~~ Savoy Hotel after a long tiresome trip.

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

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

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

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 have a bee in his bonnet.	Mr. Davis thinks he can teach us the trombone. He must be obsessed with it.
2.	She likes to have a finger in every pie in the village.	She likes to know about everything that happens in the village.
3.	When the missing money was noticed, she chose to disappear rather than face the music.	When the missing money was noticed, she chose to disappear rather than <u>say</u> the truth.
4.	What you say is double Dutch for me.	What you say makes no sense to me.
5.	On the night of the play, Ann's father told her to break a leg.	On the night of the play, 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?

In my opinion, paper books ^{are} still popular even in our modern century. And I think it will be ~~remained~~ stay like this even in the future.

Even though we can find any information we need on the internet, many people still adore reading novels and other stories using an ordinary paper book. It may sound weird, but some people like to touch the pages while reading a book. Also, you can underline everything you need because it's just paper, not a screen of your electronic device. Also, many people still prefer to bring paper books on their vacation. Some people are afraid the water from the sea might damage an e-books, others don't want to bring chargers with them.

To sum up, I think that people will use modern technology more and more, but reading paper books still will be popular. Paper books ~~will~~ not be used for studies that much as they used to be, but reading paper books for pleasure has a huge chance for future.

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

(1). The House of Commons it's one of the houses in the Houses of Parliament. It's the house where the speakers are chosen by people, the places ~~there~~ there are not inherited like in the Houses of Lords. ~~People~~ Ministers discuss the main British ~~problem~~ problems in all spheres of life, they make laws and vote for different decisions.

(2). FLOTUS first lady of the United States - it means a wife of the president of the USA.

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lion and it only caused some problems for him because he frightened people from his village so his owner gave him a sound cudjelling. If you pretend to be a different person, people still will find out who you really are sooner or later. So, ~~don't~~ be yourself and be proud of that, not of your fake personality.

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" 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	had been landed	had landed	+
3	unload	unloaded	+
4	in the winter months	in winter months	
5	had been done	was done	+

6	was writing	wrote	+
7	had been put	were put	+
8	had discussed	discussed	+
9	had made laws	made laws	
10	were ^{for someone} being built	by someone	

4. Comment on the following quotation:

A friend to all is a friend to none

(Aristotle).

I ~~think~~ agree with Aristotle that a friend to all is a friend to none. People can have only a few close friends. These are the people you care about, who ~~play~~ have an important role in your life, you can share your secrets with them and discuss each other's problems. ~~The~~ friendship doesn't appear out of nowhere, it's all about building close connections with a certain person. And since it is a long process, you can't be real friends with many people. You can't care about all people you know equally. ~~because~~ That's why you may know a lot of people but only a few of them will be your friends. If a person thinks he has many friends, it's either he doesn't really care about them or they don't consider him as a friend. So, it's very important to have friends but you just can't be friends with everyone you know and this is normal. ~~It's~~ better to have a few real friends than to be a friend to none.

5. Comment on the story in pictures.



This story began when Joe met his old colleague. He didn't know why, but he felt insecure about himself after talking to that big man in a nice suit. Joe passed by a small corner shop and saw some magazines with strong sportsmen on cover. Maybe Joe wasn't so confident because he wasn't really fit, who knows. But after thinking about that, Joe decided to start going to the gym. Unfortunately it didn't help him. Joe tried to do some weightlifting exercises, but it didn't end up with a success but with a huge bruise on his leg when over 10kg fell on it. It wasn't a pleasant experience so Joe decided to try boxing. But even there he accidentally got punched in his nose. Poor Joe, maybe gym just wasn't for him. He felt so sad, he even threw away some equipment he has already ordered. But suddenly, Joe came up with an idea to go to the tailor. He thought that maybe new clothes would help him feel confident. And Joe was right, after putting on his new fancy suit instead of the old one, Joe felt so strong and confident. Sometimes such usual things as new clothes can ~~help us~~ make our day and help us look at ourselves as completely different persons.