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**ВАРИАНТ 3**

**10-11 классы**

**1.Comment on the following extract.**

Living for ever may be a terrible fate but living a lot longer in good health sounds like a wonderful one. As we reflect on the relation between time and experience, for instance, there is an interesting and important paradox to be observed: the more life is experienced as meaningful, the less we are aware of time. The activities that give us the most satisfaction and happiness are those in which we are totally absorbed. Performing music, doing sports, reading good books, writing texts: there are many examples of activities that demand all our attention. In those activities that constitute human happiness there seem to be no time and space, no subject and object. From this one may infer that what we basically seek as human beings is not more time to live, but meaningful experiences.

If your body could be kept going for a thousand years, in what sense would the you that exists now still be around then? It would be more like a descendant than it would a continuation of you. I sometimes find it hard to identify with my teenage self, and that was less than 40 years ago.

If I change, I eventually become someone else. If I don't, life becomes stagnant and loses its direction.

Even if we could survive for hundreds of years, focusing too much on the future always risks neglecting the present. There is a very real sense in which we only ever exist in the here and now.

Being fully alive requires staying yourself, safe and sound, in that present as fully as possible. Dreams of eternal life interfere with making the most of the reality of temporal life.

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The extract considers what we take happiness from. It is claimed that we are happy when doing something enjoyable, and we lose control of time while during such activities. Thus, the time does not play any role in our being happy.

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For the same reason, not only would the eternal life be not important for satisfaction, but it would interfere with prevent from being happy. Focusing on ~~not~~ the future, we often neglect the present, and an eternal life would mean that we would always live in the future, while the happiness is "making the most of the reality."

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On balance we ~~have~~ should remember that it is better to measure the life ~~with~~ by the moments ~~we~~ rather than target about the time instead of the length of it and live in the present. The life is the time is limited and therefore we should live now and here.

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

### The Lion and the Fox Fable

The Lion and the Fox were hunting together.

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

1. The highest mountain chain, which is called the Himalayas, is situated in X Asia. 2. The dinner was substantial, but she asked to buy X ice after it. 3. Why not go to the Netherlands in X summer to practice the Dutch language. 4. When he left X school, he built houses in the West.

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

	Book	Author
1.	'Othello'	W. Shakespeare
2.	'The Grapes of Wrath'	J. Steinbeck
3.	'The Sea Wolf'	J. London
4.	'A Handful of Dust'	Oscar Wilde —
5.	'Death on the Nile'	Agatha Christie
6.	'Our man in Havana'	E. Waugh —
7.	'Sister Carrier'	Gr. Green —
8.	'Twilight'	W. Faulkner
9.	'The importance of being earnest'	Th. Dreiser —
10.	'The Pick Papers'	Ch. Dickens

Authors: Ch. Dickens, J. Steinbeck, Oscar Wilde, Gr. Green, J. London, E. Waugh, W. Shakespeare, Th. Dreiser, Agatha Christie, W. Faulkner

## 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.	My washing machine is <u>on its last legs</u> . I've had it twenty-five years ago.	My washing machine works badly and is about to break down. I've had it twenty-five years ago.
2.	We had to work hard at our last programmes, and they weren't always successful, but <u>no pains, no gains</u> .	We had to work hard at our last programmes, and they weren't always successful, but you aren't likely to get something you want without suffering.
3.	<u>No ifs and buts</u> , just do what I tell you.	Don't complain and speak much, just do what I tell you.
4.	Stop wasting your time and start working at last. <u>Time and tide wait for no man</u> .	Stop wasting your time and start working at last. You should do your work immediately.
5.	You'll have to <u>mind your Ps and Qs</u> when you meet your girlfriend's mother for the first time.	You'll have to be careful about what you say when you meet your girlfriend's mother for the first time.

## 6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

Thinking - the maximum step of human knowledge. Yet the computer solves precisely formulated problems much more quickly the person. However, the computer does not solve indistinctly formulated problems, and the person solves. Do you share the opinion that a computer can think?

*In my opinion, a computer cannot think. It is because all the actions of it are predetermined, due to which it cannot think. It is impossible for it to choose actions what to do next. It does not matter what task a computer is given, it will never deal with it in its own way. It will follow the same scheme time and time again. If it comes across a problem it is not supposed to handle, it will not find a solution. The statement conveys the same idea. Although a computer can find a solution solve a problem much quicker than a human, the range of the problems it can deal with is limited. According to the statement, a computer requires precise formulation to tackle the task, and if it does not get it, in other words, if the problem is formulated indistinctly, the using a computer will give no result.*

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

*(1). Shadow Cabinet is the second largest party in the House of Commons (the UK) with the <sup>second largest</sup> number of representatives. It is also called the opposition group. The members of the Shadow Cabinet on many matters differ from those of the <sup>main</sup> represented ruling party.*

*(2). Tory is one of the main parties in the UK. It is also called the Conservative party. Usually, it stands for preserving the old rules. The <sup>second most</sup> popular party in the UK is the Labour party, whose <sup>most</sup> views differ from those of the Tories.*

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The Lion, on the advice of the Fox, sent a message to the Ass, proposing to make an alliance between their families.

The Ass came to the place of meeting, overjoyed at the prospect of a royal alliance.

But when he came there the Lion simply pounced on the Ass, and said to the Fox:

"here is our dinner for to-day. Watch you here while I go and have a nap. Woe betide you if you touch my prey."

The Lion went away and the Fox waited; but finding that his master did not return, ventured to take out the brains of the Ass and ate them up.

When the Lion came back he soon noticed the absence of the brains, and asked the Fox in a terrible voice:

"What have you done with the brains?"

"Brains, your Majesty! It had none, or it would never have fallen into your trap."

*The moral this fable contains is that you should not believe everything people say to you and <sup>you had better</sup> take everything with a pinch of salt. Only people 'without brains' can be gullible enough to believe that there is such a thing as free lunch. It is impossible to get anything easily and you should think twice before whether it is before you following what seems an easy way.*

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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.

When the old lady had returned to her flat she saw at once that burglars broke in during her absence, because the front door was open and everything in the flat was upside down. The burglars themselves were no longer there, but they probably just left because a cigarette still burnt on an ornamental table. She wondered if they found her jewellery and was rather hoping that they did. It was given to her by her late husband, yet she didn't like it and if it was stolen she would have get the insurance money.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	had returned	returned

2	broke in	had broken in
3	just left	had just left
4	burnt	was burning
5	found	had found
6	was rather hoping	hoped
7	did	had
8	was given	had been given
9	was stolen	had been stolen
10	would have got	would get

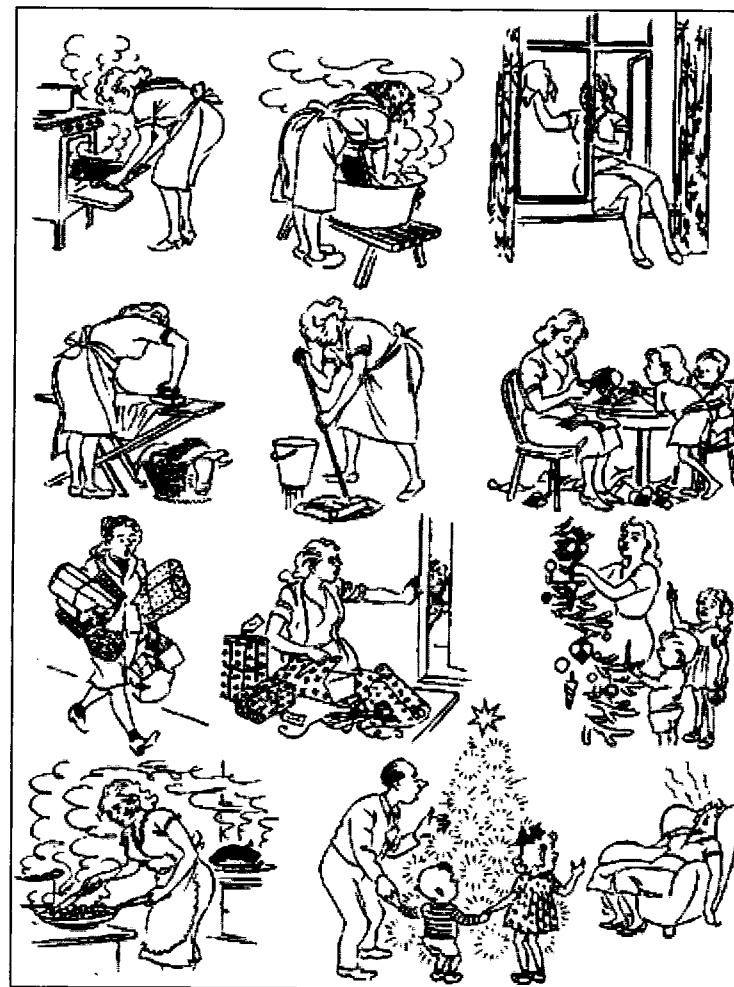
#### 4. Comment on the following quotation:

There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.

(Aristotle)

From my point of view, with these words Aristotle wanted to say that whatever you do, you will be judged by people around you, and some will criticize you. We cannot be liked by everyone. Our actions cannot be liked by everyone. Some will inevitably criticize our actions or words as they conflict with their interests, work, etc. Besides, it seems to me that Aristotle urged us not to be scared to do what we want to perceive to be right.

#### 5. Comment on the story in pictures.



It was the early morning of the 31st of December. Everybody in the home of the Tudors, except one person, was sleeping in on their comfortable beds. That person was Anne, the wife of Henry and the mother of two children, namely three-year-old George and six-year-old Elizabeth. She had always been the first to wake up, but that day she did it even earlier, taking into account the amount of work she had to do.

Having cooked breakfast, she decided to wash the clothes so that her other family members would find them immaculately put on on their getting up. Then, in order not to waste time, she cleaned the windows while waiting for the clothes to dry. It was Anne who ironed the attire, mopped the floor and helped her children to make appliques too.

Despite being worn out, she also needed to prepare presents for her children, and so she did. Coming back with dozens of bags, as heavy as lead, from a store, she packed them quickly and bid them. After that she decorated the Christmas tree with her children and spent four hours slaving away over an oven.

Finally, everything was ready for celebrating the New Year's day. George, Elizabeth and their father gathered around the tree and soon found that Anne was missing. They were astonished to find her sleeping in the armchair. So was she exhausted that no longer had energy to even to stay on her legs.