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ВАРИАНТ 2

1. Comment on the following extract.

Bush Fires in Australia

SYDNEY, Australia — More than 85 fires burned across Australia's east coast on Tuesday, 40 of them out of control, as state officials warned that catastrophic conditions would worsen, with intensifying winds blowing flames toward larger cities. More than 100,000 homes are at risk. The fires have already caused four deaths and destroyed more than 150 properties, with a handful more added every few hours. Maps from fire officials showing the areas likely to burn showed blazes potentially doubling in size over the next 24 hours. Schools close and firefighters get air support.

Drier-than-normal conditions set the stage for danger, as there is fuel both on the ground, with dry leaves, and in the branches of trees that are dying or dead. And if something ignites, high winds threaten to carry the flames far and wide.

Scientists, firefighters and mayors pointed out the clear connections between climate change and the extended and more intense fire seasons in Australia, California and other places around the world. Climate scientists comment on the catastrophe saying: "There's clearly a human fingerprint on the temperature increases since 1950 — all the weather patterns are occurring in a planet that is warming and warming because of human activity."; "We're really missing the opportunity to prepare for future life in Australia".

So, the further we ignore the problem and avoid these conversations, the more we're really missing the opportunity to get the public ready for what is upon us.

The ~~fires~~ in Australia have already destroyed massive areas of land, yet the situation continues to worsen which, however, is shocking. It provides some food for thought. It is universally acknowledged that climate change is

sees as a primary ^{reason} ~~source~~ of the catastrophe, yet the rapidly changing ecological situation is the cause of human intervention in the way of nature, which as some say now takes its revenge on humanity trying to cleanse the face of the planet with the help of fires, floods and other natural catastrophes. The majority of the ~~population~~ ^{population} understands what a world future awaits us if it justifies its job done about the global warming, environmental pollution and other terrible evidences ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the Earth's inevitable demise. A lot of young people are so struck by the situation that they no longer believe that they ~~can~~ have a future on this planet as ~~humanity~~ ^{humanity} might disappear not only due to the changing climatic situation but also due to the unstable political situation, ~~which is the cause of which is constantly threatened,~~ ^{by nuclear conflicts and wars, however that killing etc} still does not seem to deal with the crisis humanity is facing. All of their attempts to solve these problems are based on the populist approach ~~to~~ ^{to} the heads of states, bankers and celebrities ~~are so out of touch with the reality,~~ ^{absorbed in their own power and wealth that they are unable to understand that the people catastrophe will affect not only the regular population but them as well.}

In the end, all of us need to take the first industrial revolution as a warning. The humanity ~~should~~ ^{should} act quickly ~~to~~ ^{to} before it is too late, otherwise all that we hold dear might be lost forever. Some may think that if the burning of Australia and the melting ice in Arctic do not affect them personally there is no danger at all. ~~But~~ ^{But} these people should take a step back and reflect on the future of their children. ~~There~~ ^{The} the safety of everything around them and change their minds.

2. Comment on the following statement:

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it (Henry David Thoreau).

Success is a result of hard work, many tries and failures, persistence determination. It is ~~not~~ ^{not} that kind of success, ~~it~~ ^{it} is a result of those who truly did everything in their power to get it. However, your people completely ~~are~~ ^{are} wise. Let us ~~think~~ ^{think} that success is something that is easy to obtain. They say ~~that~~ ^{that} plenty of different tricks to create an illusion of productivity, they think that success is just fun and money, yet it is just so. People who achieve success don't go looking for it, they work hard, they love their ~~lives~~ ^{lives} they suffer through many ~~troubles~~ ^{troubles} and tribulations, when you get to the successful sometimes you even realize that ~~usually~~ ^{usually} these people aren't born into ~~privilege~~ ^{privilege} and ~~the~~ ^{the} importance they really know the value of work and the importance of being able to depend on even the smallest of

9. (1) Explain the origin and name the principal ingredients of the traditional British dish:

Cream tea

(a). The origin ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} aristocratic dish which ~~became~~ ^{became} popular as a light meal in Hanoverian England.

(b). The ingredients

Tea, cream, scones

(2). Explain the meaning of the following words which reflect peculiarities of British or American cultures:

Blue state is a state in the USA which usually votes for ~~the~~ ^{the} Democratic politicians ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ case of an election.

10. Read the titles of some of the best novels in English. Who were these novels written by?

Book	Author
1. Emma	Jane Austen +
2. A Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway +
3. The Portrait of a Lady	Daphne du Maurier -
4. The Call of the Wild	Jack London +
5. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Mark Twain +
6. Dombey and Son	Charles Dickens +
7. Moby-Dick; or, The Whale	Herman Melville +
8. Rebecca	Henry James -
9. Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe +
10. The Sound and the Fury	William Faulkner +

Authors: Henry James, Daphne du Maurier, Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Jack London, William Faulkner, Daniel Defoe, Herman Melville, Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway.

Purcell sighed with sudden relief. He walked to the window and stared out. Just outside, his peculiar customer had stopped. He was holding the cage shoulder-high, staring at his purchase. Then, opening the cage, he reached inside and drew out one of the doves. He tossed it into the air. He drew out the second and tossed it after the first. They rose like balls and were lost in the smoky gray of the wintry city. For an instant the liberator's silent gaze watched them. Then he dropped the cage and walked away.

Think of the ending to the story and write it in the space below.

Mr Purcell watched him until he disappeared in the morning mist. For some reason Purcell smiled and his belly can out to stop. He thought he should probably take it back to the shop, yet suddenly a smile touched his face and he stepped on the cage with all of his might, as something was recording inside of him. He looked at the sky as if trying to spot the doves in the sky. He smiled and felt unexpected by guilt. He should have taken the money for the birds. Oh, it's only known... Every man deserves to be free.

Cobbler Herbert

7. Here is the list of mountain peaks. Seven of them are in the USA and three are located in other countries. Find them and cross out.

Denali, Mount Evans, Mount Yale, Mount Everest, Maroon Peak, Mount Pinchot, Nanga Parbat, Cloud Peak, Mount Ossa, West Buffalo Peak

8. Below is the list of some of the funniest English idioms, most of which came from British English. Match them with the situations given both lexically and grammatically.

- It was shocking how Manchester United fell off the back of a lorry in the last minutes of the match against Arsenal.
- You simply put on the stain remover, leave it for an hour and Bob's your uncle, the stain's gone.
- At this point, the con artist did a runner with all her money.
- We've got enough beer in this party to do a Devon Loch.
- I can't say I like Bob. I've once or twice had a row with him. He is a bit hairy at the heels.
- The team's manager keeps promising title after title, but he seems like all talk and no trousers.
- Yea, right! You will get Justin Bieber to ask you on a date when pigs fly.
- Come on, Bob! Tell us what you think about our little party. What's the matter? Got your tongue?
- "The women have gone to one of their friend's house to chew the fat." John smiled.
- Danny says he has several laptops and smartphones he wants to sell for cheap — sounds like they are clobbering tops to me.

Idioms: when pigs fly; cat gets your tongue; be a bit hairy at the heels; do a Devon Loch; all talk and no trousers; Bob's your uncle; chew the fat; to clobber dogs with; do a runner; fall off the back of a lorry

these achievements. Therefore, success can't be found, it can only be earned. It is no use to wait for it in vain or attempt to gain it without trying to hard. One has to work for it. It is not the ability to do so will not only help achieve success, but also to preserve it.

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.

Why do we sleep?

All though the actual mechanism of sleep is already poorly understood, we do know why we need to do it: Brains seem needing the downtime in order to stay organized, and particularly to strengthen new neural connections that allow us remember what we had learned. And we know why we shouldn't go without: Long-term sleep deprivation can cause hallucinations, psychosis, heart disease, and immune-system dysfunction. "Every physiologic system in the body, and every operation of the mind, is powerfully enhancing by sleep when we get it, and demonstrably impaired when we don't get enough," Matthew P. Walker, PhD, professor of neurosciences and psychology at University of California, Berkeley, told the Reader's Digest.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	All though	although
2	seem needing	seem to need
3	allow us remember	allow us to remember
4	is powerfully enhancing	are powerfully enhanced
5	already	had now
6	we need to do it	we need it
7	go without	go without it
8	at University of California	at the University of California
9	dysfunction	disfunction
10	demonstrably	demonstrably

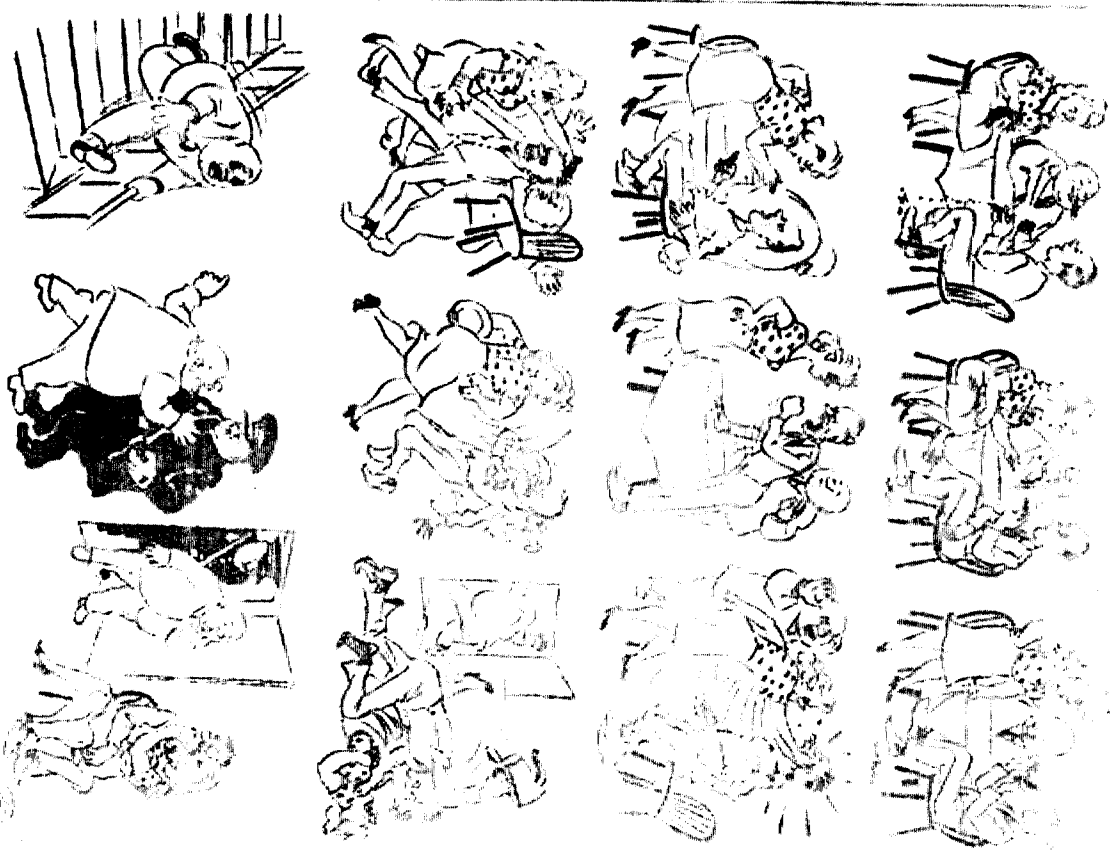
4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

- It takes two to make a family.
- Of course he'll get what he wants. Money solves everything.
- Death is inevitable.
- Clothes do not make the man.

5. People who live in glass houses _____.
6. Kill the goose that _____.
7. Too far East is _____.
8. God helps those who can't help themselves. —
9. Lend your money and _____.
10. Curiosity _____ killed the cat. +

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



One evening Mr Fox had a nice meeting with his old friend Mr Long and his new wife. She was ~~was~~ were smoking, ~~the~~ this long was knitting and everything was going smoothly until! ~~the~~ long was said calmly ~~and~~ "Dear, would you mind to be a bit more careful? Look, ~~the~~ the whole floor is covered in your horrid cigarette ash!"

"Oh shut up. The long way is the middle of ~~an~~ ^{an} amusing story yet as Mr Fox thought, wrote a too harshly letter for a man who had been interested."

"No!" writing a second letter long and her husband were on their feet yelling at each other like crazy as the Fox fell ~~to~~ 'dreadful and concerned' that didn't think he could take part in the odd quarrel, yet the moment he decided to leave ~~his~~ ^{the} long, a delicate little woman, slipped her husband in the face so violently that the Fox unwillingly screamed in horror.

"What are you doing? Stop this instance!"
Yet the long never let go of his attention, as the long exclaimed "You damned witch!" and attempted to throw a chair at his wife who immediately burst into tears, yet quickly pulled herself together, swiftly escaped her husband's grasp and

6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

Caged

(after L.E. Reeve)

Purcell owned a pet shop. He considered himself something of a professional man.

Each morning, when the routine of opening his shop was completed, it was the proprietor's custom to perch on a high stool, behind the counter, unfold his morning paper, and digest the day's news.

It was a raw, wintry day. Having completed his usual tasks, Mr. Purcell again mounted the high stool and unfolded his morning paper.

There was a bell over the door that rang whenever a customer entered. This morning, however, for the first time Mr. Purcell could recall, it failed to ring. Simply he glanced up, and there was the stranger, standing just inside the door, as if he had materialized out of thin air. From the first instant he knew instinctively, that the man hated him; but out of habit he rubbed his hands, smiled and nodded.

"Good morning," he beamed. "What can I do for you?"

The man stared closely at Purcell, as though just now aware of his presence. He said, "I want something in a cage."

"I see," hastened the storekeeper, not at all certain that he did. "Now let me think. A white rat, perhaps? I have some very nice white rats."

"No!" said the man. "Not rats. Something with wings. Something that flies."

"A bird!" exclaimed Mr. Purcell.

"A bird's all right." The customer pointed suddenly to a cage which contained two snowy birds.

"Doves? How much for those?"

"Five-fifty," came the prompt answer. "And a very reasonable price. They are a fine pair."

"Five-fifty?" The man was obviously disappointed. He produced a five-dollar bill. "I'd like to have those birds. But this is all I've got. Just five dollars."

Mentally, Mr. Purcell made a quick calculation, which told him that at a fifty cent reduction he could still reap a tidy profit. He smiled kindly "My dear man, if you want them that badly, you can certainly have them for five dollars."

The man laughed "I've earned these 5 dollars in ten years! They gave me five dollars," laughed the man, "and a cheap suit, and tell you not to get caught again."

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taking a plate from the dinner table, broke it into pieces on her husband's head. Mr Fox was lost, yet like every perfect gentleman he hastily regained his senses and rushed towards the door to find a police officer, ~~as the~~ while the boys were walking on the floor, ~~they~~ with a noisy fatherless trying to finish each other off.

Mr Fox was lucky enough to spot a policeman right before the boys' front door.

"Quick, ~~before~~ we should get these before they kill each other!" he shouted, trying to catch his breath, as ^{the} policeman's face went white with concern and he rushed into the house after Mr Fox.

However, ~~the~~ when they ran into the room they witnessed ^{ed} an old scene. Mr boy was sitting on Mr boy's lap, sweetly caressing his face. Both of them looked at Mr Fox and the policeman in surprise, as the two latter gentlemen just froze in the doorway.

"Ah, Fox!" cheerfully exclaimed Mr boy.

"But... I... you..." mumbled in ~~the~~ shock his confused friend.

"Oh, you mean ~~our~~ little quarrel? Don't worry, ~~we~~ ^{we} do it all the time, after every fight our love is even stronger!"

