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ВАРИАНТ 1

1. Comment on the following extract.

Koalas Aren't Extinct, but Their Future Is in Danger, Experts Say.

Claims that koalas were “functionally extinct” spread widely online as fires raged in Australia. With large areas of their crucial habitat ravaged, it is unclear what the future holds for a species that was already under threat before this round of bush fires. Some koalas have been rescued, and with blazes still burning, it is hard to know how many have been killed.

The phrase “functionally extinct” has recently made the rounds in news articles and on social media. The term refers to a species that no longer plays a role in an ecosystem or that is on its way to extinction, possibly irremovably.

In fact, koalas are not extinct. And some scientists warned that exaggeration can hurt, rather than help, conservation efforts. “What is particularly frustrating about the term ‘functional extinction’ is it indicates a population that is basically past the point of no return, so it means that nothing really can be done,” said Jacquelyn Gill, professor of Biology and Ecology.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Red List, says the koala population is declining and vulnerable — but not endangered. Estimates range wildly, and every region is different. In some places, scientists say, koalas’ numbers have declined by up to 80 percent. Koalas evolved to exist alongside wildfires, but the animals are facing new threats from human development, which has dislocated local populations and impaired their ability to survive fires, as well as climate change.

Human development, unfortunately, is now a big threat for the environment. We can see it everywhere. The climate is changing, more and more animals become endangered or even extinct. Sadly, not many

Thankful for everything that ^{people} others give to you.
 Just a plain "thanks" makes a big difference.
 Remember all this things and mind your attitude! go

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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.

Why Do Seashells Sound Like The Ocean?

It's lovely to reminisce about your beach vacation by listening to the sound of waves in a big conch shell—but be aware that it isn't the ocean you listen. The shape of seashells allow them to capture and reflect ambient noise, amplifying certain frequencies, so when you hold one to your ear, you're really just hearing echoes of the quiet sounds that are already surrounding you. Nationally accredited audiologist Shruti Deshpande, PhD, an assistant professor at the St. John's University, told the *Huffington Post* recently that empty bowls and bottles can produce similarly affects.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant	
1	Its	It's	+
2	allow	allows	+
3	your	you are	+
4	similarly	similar	+
5	told	has told	
6	affects	effects	+
7	waves	waves	
8	quite	quiet	+
9	really	actually	
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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

- Clever crime solvers need a direct line to follow.
- Will the negotiators be able to untie ?
- Morning dreams are called day dreams.
- All's well when everyone is not in hell.
- Don't judge a book by its cover.
- Two wrongs don't make the right.
- Say not always that you know but always .

with your partner, you should respect him/her
and listen to him/her. However, you shouldn't act
as people in this story do because you can hurt
your loved ones and never deserve forgiveness.

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6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

The Third Wish

(after Joan Aiken)

Once Mr. Peters was driving in his car at dusk. He entered a straight, empty stretch of road and heard a faint crying, and a struggling and thrashing, as if somebody was in trouble far away in the trees. He left his car and climbed the mossy bank beside the road. Then he saw the gleam of water. Coming closer he found that it was a swan that had become entangled in the thorns growing on the bank of the canal.

The bird struggled all the more frantically as he approached, looking at him with hate in its yellow eyes. Nevertheless he managed to release it from the thorns.

Then the swan floated in to the bank once more and in a moment turned into a little man all in green with golden crown and long beard, standing by the water. He had fierce glittering eyes and looked by no means friendly.

"Well, Sir," he said threateningly, "You have rescued-by pure good fortune-the King of the Forest from a difficulty, you should have some fabulous reward."

"I expect three wishes, no more and no less," answered Mr. Peters, looking at him steadily and with composure. He stood for some minutes reflecting on how he should use his reward. Finally he said:

"My first wish is to have a wife as beautiful as the forest."

A tremendous quacking and splashing broke out on the surface of the water, and he saw the most beautiful creature he had ever seen, with eyes as blue-green as the canal, hair as dusky as the bushes, and skin as white as the feathers of swans.

"I am your wife", she said. "My name is Leita."

Idioms: be in my neck of the woods, hold one's horses, kick the bucket, be blue in the face, have one's heart in one's mouth, have a bee in one's bonnet, be thick as thieves, the lights are on but nobody's home, by the skin of one's teeth, have a red herring

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

Haggis

(a). The origin

It's a Scottish traditional dish. It was the food of poor people. *sp*

(b). The ingredients

It is made of liver, kidneys, etc. of the goat.

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

The Shadow Cabinet

The Shadow Cabinet is the cabinet of opposing V to the leading party. It is formed from the party who the "second placed" on the Parliament elections. It can be called the Cabinet of the opposition. *go prep*

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

	Book	Author
1.	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain +
2.	The Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger +
3.	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee +
4.	Middlemarch	Graham Greene —
5.	The War of the Worlds	H.G. Wells +



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"It's my husband" she answered after a minute of silence.

"What?" exclaimed flabbergasted Mr. Petersen.

"Yes, the King of the Forest didn't want this swan, his son, to be my lover because I'm not from a noble family.

So, he separated us, and ~~g~~ turned me into a human and made me stay with you. I miss my husband a lot, but I must stay with you." said Leita and continued crying.

Mr. Peters loved his new wife, but he couldn't make her sad so he found the King of the Forest.

"Do you remember that I have two more wishes? I expect, yes. So, my first one: I want you to turn Leita back into a swan. And the second one: I want you to allow your son to be with her," said Mr. Peters.

Of course, the King wasn't happy with this wishes, but he couldn't disobey...

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Mr. Peters returned home. There was no one there, but later he found a swan feather, which Leita left him. He was happy that she was now with her true love and kept this feather as a reminder of this beautiful story.

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6.	Lord of the Flies	William Golding	+
7.	The Light That Failed	Rudyard Kipling	+
8.	Little Dorrit	Charles Dickens	+
9.	The Quiet American	George Eliot	—
10.	The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	+

Authors: ~~Ernest Hemingway~~, Charles Dickens, George Eliot, ~~William Golding~~, ~~H. G. Wells~~, ~~J. D. Salinger~~, ~~Harper Lee~~, Graham Greene, Rudyard Kipling, ~~Mark Twain~~.

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Leita made him a good wife. She was gentle and friendly, busied herself about the house garden, polished the bowls, milked the cows and mended his socks. But as time went by Mr. Peters began to feel that she was not happy. She seemed restless, wandered much in the garden, and sometimes when he came back from the fields he would find the house

One evening he was returning home along the river path when he saw Leita in front of him, down by the water. A swan had sailed up to her and she had her arms round its neck. She was weeping, and as he came nearer he saw that tears were rolling, too, from the swan's eyes.

"Leita, what is it?" he asked, very troubled.

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

On the morning (N6)

7. Here is the list of former colonies. Seven of them were British and three belonged to other countries. Find them and cross out.

Qatar, Pakistan, ~~Israel~~, Guinea, ~~Gabon~~, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, ~~Mali~~, Bangladesh

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.

1. She never stops talking about dieting – she has a bee in her bonnet about it. +
2. Oh man, my car wouldn't start this morning – I just made it here by the skin of my teeth. +
3. As soon as he heard about the announcement of lottery results on TV, he had his heart +
in his mouth as he himself had purchased five of them.
4. You can complain about it till you are blue in the face, but we're going to your grandmother's whether you like it or not. +
5. Just hold your horses, Bill! Let's think about this for a moment. +
6. A good mystery novel always has a red herring that keeps readers off guard. +
7. The old lady had led a solitary life, but when she kicked the bucket, the whole neighbourhood came to her funeral. +
8. Jones and Cook met at the age of ten and have been thick as thieves since then. +
9. Lilly studied about interior designing but the lights are on but nobody's home. +
10. Let me know next time you are in my neck of the woods and we'll go for a snack. +

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8. Don't throw the baby in front of his mother.
9. We only see our daughter once in a blue moon.
10. He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



It is obvious that the story ~~here~~ is exaggerated but it helps to understand its ~~the~~ main idea. It doesn't matter how fierce ~~is~~ ^{the couple's} "fight" is, they love each other unconditionally and will make up one way or another. And, in my opinion, it is the most important thing in every relationship: to forgive and to be patient. Even if you don't agree

people understand how dangerous it is for our planet. Many of them think that it's not a big deal that winters are a little bit warmer and the sun shines brighter in summer. But actually it is very bad for the Earth as the heat causes forest fires that are deadly for many animals and plants. And the ^{impact} results of human development we can see in this extract. Koalas are in danger now and the main message of this text is to tell readers that that we need to do something now to help these animals. We cannot just let them die! Also, it's useless to spread fake information, to exaggerate facts. We need to deal with truth and be aware of the real facts.

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2. Comment on the following statement:

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference (Sir Winston Churchill).

Not many people pay attention to their attitude nowadays. It's really sad because "attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference". Sir Winston Churchill was indeed right. In my opinion, the main idea of his words ~~was~~ is that, if we want others to treat us good, we need to show them our good attitude. It is essential in our daily life ~~because we~~ have among other people. ~~we~~ We need to respect each other, be patient, forgive, be nice and this attitude will definitely help us one day. The easiest thing we can do to show it is to smile. At first sight it's not a big deal, just a facial expression, but in fact it gives good vibes to others. Also, you should be