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ВАРИАНТ 8

1. Comment on the following extract.

*What is biodiversity?*

The air you breathe, the water you drink and the food you eat all rely on biodiversity, but right now it is in crisis – because of us. Biodiversity is the most complex feature of our planet and it is the most vital. It is the variety of life on Earth, in all its forms and all its interactions.

The huge global biodiversity losses now becoming apparent represent a crisis equalling climate change. Biological species are becoming extinct due to the changing weather patterns, extensive fires and man-made disasters, such as oil-spills.

Biodiversity is comprised of several levels, starting with genes, then individual species, then communities of creatures and finally entire ecosystems, such as forests or coral reefs, where life interplays with the physical environment. These myriad interactions that have been making Earth habitable for billions of years are now being threatened.

For many people living in towns and cities, wildlife is often something you watch on television. But the reality is that the air you breathe, the water you drink and the food you eat all ultimately rely on biodiversity.

Some examples are obvious: without plants there would be no oxygen and without bees to pollinate there would be no fruit or nuts. Others are less obvious – coral reefs and mangrove swamps provide invaluable protection from cyclones and tsunamis for those living on coasts, while trees can absorb air pollution in urban areas.

When scientists explore each ecosystem, they find countless such interactions. If undamaged, this produces a finely balanced, healthy system which contributes to a healthy sustainable planet.

*One of the most important phenomena humans have put in harm's way is biodiversity, which has been playing a role of high importance in maintaining life on our planet.*

*The most crucial thing for the need for on the Earth to survive*

and progress is balance. Despite being aware of the fact, humans continue to destroy the complex structures created naturally created to maintain that sort of balance. What is truly devastating is that as the consequences of technological ~~data~~ or industrial development include not only the extinction of certain species, but also destruction of entire ecosystems, thus, worsening the previously existing ecological problems, and as well as making new additions to the list of natural disasters, which could easily lead humanity to its down.

It is clear, that paying very little or no attention to discovering and spreading awareness about the purpose of every species and every seemingly minor interaction between them in their natural habitat ~~are~~ is putting our planet in great danger. Therefore, in this day and age the world's leading scientists should prioritize research aimed at protecting and restoring the environment rather than those made to ~~protect~~ develop new technological advancements, which would further pollute the world we live in. After all, we have yet to come up with ~~an alternative~~ a project of how humans could inhabit an alternative place in case of Earth becoming inhabitable due to all sorts of pollution or simply overpopulated to the point of not being capable of sustaining for our planet to keep up with the growing population and therefore, increased need for resources, which ~~will~~ ~~be~~ eventually will have been made insufficient by humans themselves.

The only way for the Earth to remain peaceful is to make humans work for it. Everything on this planet serves a purpose and should be remain to constitute undamaged to continue maintaining the balance natural balance that had been established long before the first homo sapiens came on the ground. It is of extra extremely high importance for the safety of all living creatures to restore the ecosystems that have been partially lost and keep the functioning ones in tact because the destruction of biodiversity is a crime against all that surrounds us and ourselves.

**2. Comment on the following statement:**

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

Thoreau) Henry David Thoreau had stated that success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. I definitely agree with the statement as ~~success~~ becoming successful is certainly not about daydreaming or getting it all at once. Success is a mix of hard work, passion, and motivation. While it is very important to set certain goals and picture the results, that's not the key element of it.

Most of us know that achieving something always takes time and effort. Success, being a series of achievements, is more than twice that. Furthermore, ~~success~~ the term itself can have a very subjective meaning: for some, success is passing an exam with flying colours, while for others it is founding a profitable company. Despite these examples seeming to be polar opposites, there is one thing they have in common. Achieving the right tool, time and effort that way at a student, having set out to get a certain score on an exam, will go through their notes, 'read up on some additional information on the topic, do example tasks or redo

2.	For Whom the Bell Tolls	Ernest Hemingway	+
3.	Slaughterhouse-Five	Kurt Vonnegut	—
4.	Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	+
5.	Persuasion	Jane Austen	+
6.	A Handful of Dust	E. M. Forster	—
7.	Three Men in a Boat (To Say Nothing of the Dog)	Jerome K. Jerome	+
8.	Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	+
9.	Cakes and Ale	Kurt Vonnegut	—
10.	The Ambassadors	Elizabeth Waugh	—

*Authors: Jane Austen, Ray Bradbury, Evelyn Waugh, Rudyard Kipling, Henry James, Kurt Vonnegut, Jerome K. Jerome, W. Somerset Maugham, Charles Dickens, Ernest Hemingway.*

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10 was shocked at first, but ~~loved~~ <sup>wasn't</sup> the painting eventually fell in love with the art style. Modern minimalism and abstract painting have since become Bill's new passion, getting him regular exhibitions. 7 Here is the list of subway stations. Seven of them are in London and three are located in other cities. Find them and cross out.  
Green Park, Cannon Street, Franklin Street, Penn Station Piccadilly Circus, Barbican, Bond Street, Moorgate, Christopher Street, Tottenham Court Road

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 was nervous about her driving test, but it ended up being a piece of cake.
  - 2. I loved the first film but the sequel is a different kettle of fish.
  - 3 I forgot to water my flowers, and now they're as dead as a doornail.
  - 4. I was almost ready to go out but losing one of my shoes really threw a spanner in the works.
  - 5. We had fun trying to bath the dog.
  - 6. She was as cool as a cucumber during her job interview.
  - 7. You're calling me stupid? Talk about the pot calling the kettle black.
  - 8. You can do better, Mary. This essay has more holes than Swiss cheese.
  - 9. That child is a real pain in the neck if it.
  - 10. He has his head in the clouds if he thinks he can pass his test without studying.

Idioms: cool as a cucumber, head in the clouds, piece of cake, dead as a doornail, more holes than Swiss cheese, a different kettle of fish, throw a spanner in the works, pot calling the kettle black, a pain in the neck, have fun and games.

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

Cornish pasty  
(a). The origin  
Corn, flour  
(b). The ingredients  
Corn, flour

(2). Explain the meaning of the following words(word) which reflect peculiarities of British or American cultures:  
The Capitol  
is a building / tower, where the American parliament form of parliament sits.

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

Book	Author
1. Kim	Rudyard Kipling

the tasks they've have completed in class. As for the founder of the company, they will save up money to support their business and go through the long, ~~hard~~ <sup>tedious</sup> process of registering a firm. Both of these people only achieved success because they worked for it, which kept them too busy to look for it somewhere.  
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Becoming successful in something or doing something successfully is not about wishing for a miracle to happen, but about keeping yourself busy and getting there step-by-step.

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 are traffic lights green, yellow, and red?

Red for stop has the most simple explanation: Red has the longest wavelength of any color on spectrum of visible light, and as such its easier to see from far away than others colors. Railroad's systems used red as a stop signal long before the automobiles were on the roads. Trains originally used a white light to mean "go," but engineers probably had a harder time telling it a part from the light of stars and other lanterns, so green took its place. Yellow was the original choice for stopping signs because it was easier to see than red at the night, but as reflective paint, streetlights, and headlights proliferated, the signs were changed over to red. Yellow is the second-easy color to see from a distance, so it was added as the "caution" signal in traffic lights.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	a part	apart
2	at the night	at night
3	second-easy	second easiest
4	the most simple	the simplest
5	any color	all colors
6	others	other
7	the automobiles	automobiles
8	of stars	of the stars
9	stopping signs	stop signs
10	and as such	therefore

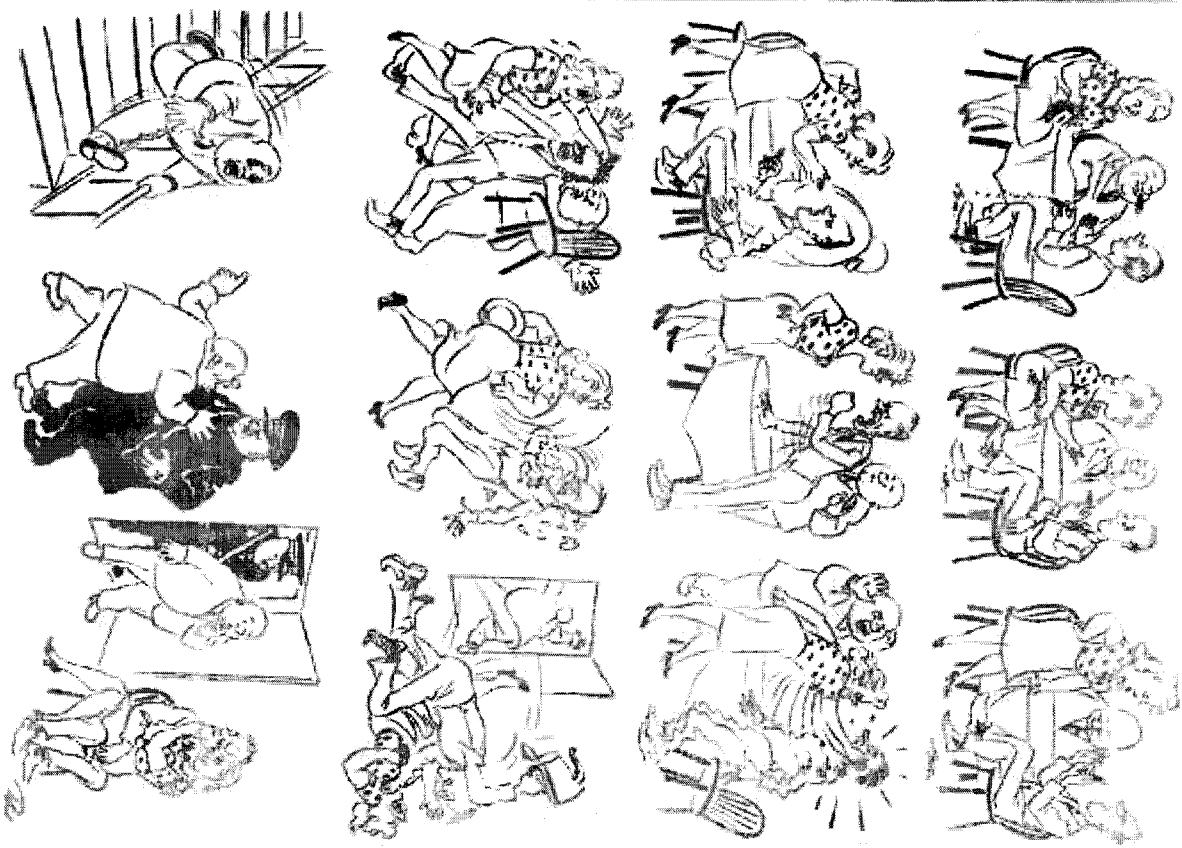
4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

- 1. Haste makes mistakes.
- 2. Love is love.
- 3. Money has no smell.
- 4. To be caught out at midstream.
- 5. Every cloud has a silver lining.
- 6. First impressions are the strongest.
- 7. Don't count your chickens before they hatch.

8. A cat has claws .  
 9. Still waters are the deepest .  
 10. Among the blind \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



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have can never be easy. Mrs. and Mrs. Hudson knew that too well.

One Saturday evening, Mr. Hudson invited an old friend over to share a cigar and catch up with Mrs. Hudson didn't approve of the idea to begin with, but her husband being too absorbed in the conversation (with the guest to use the lavatory and letting the other two talk) and Mrs. Hudson was the

last straw. The thing is, the carpet was new and expensive and, more over, a gift Mrs. Hudson's mother, brought from her trip to Europe. That being said, it meant a lot to her, namely, showed to what a tight with his husband (well, it right in front of their guest, there was certainly a lot of screaming going on out of Mrs. Hudson's disappointment and frustration and Mrs. Hudson's embarrassment. It was when the carpeted guest Mrs. Hudson, even turned physical. That was when the carpeted guest Mrs. Hudson, ran to outside, hearing the sound of furniture being thrown against the wall. He was lucky enough to bump into a potted flower, why, after hearing the shout but very emotional and rather exaggerated summary of the events, followed Mrs. Hudson back upstairs. As for the confusion of both visitors, the spouses were already showing a hug and were seemed to be doing just fine, after which they were left alone, but Mrs. Hudson, unfortunately, was

6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below *never leave enough to visit the Hudsons again.*  
 A Good Start

Bill liked painting more than anything in life. He started painting when he was 15 and people said that as a painter he had quite a lot of talent and had mastered most of the technical requirements. At 22 he had his first one-man show when he was discovered by the critics and his pictures were all sold out. With the money he could afford to marry Leila, rent a studio and stop being a student. To complete his education he went to Italy but after 5 months all the money was spent and he had to return.

Bill never had another show like the first one, though he became a better painter. The critics did not think him modern enough and said he was too academic. From time to time he managed to sell some of his paintings but eventually things had got very tight and he was obliged to look for a job.

The day before he went for an interview with his uncle Bill was especially gloomy. In the morning he went up to one of his unfinished pictures in the studio but he felt he couldn't paint. He threw down his brush and a bright red spot appeared on the board already covered with black and yellow paint from his previous work. The board had been used to protect the floor and was at that moment a mixture of bright colours.

When Bill left, Leila got down to cleaning the studio. She took up the board and put it against the wall to clean the floor. At that moment Garrad, Bill's dealer, came in. Bill had asked him to come, look at his work and arrange a show but the dealer had for some time been uncertain on the matter. So he was looking around the studio, explaining how the gallery was booked up for a year and how he could not really promise Bill a show yet for two years or so. Suddenly the board against the wall attracted his attention.

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

The ~~but~~ stunning brightness of it amazed him. The colors were vibrant and the way they were spread around the board really spoke to him. Garrad turned up to the piece to examine it closely. After ~~seeing~~ noticing the uniqueness of the 'paintment' and the thickness of the paint layers, he had recognized it to be something new, unusual, brave, almost a new milestone in the history of modern art. Just as Bill was about to show Garrad the actual canvas he had painted the dealer called the one of the biggest art galleries in the 'barrical' convincing them to make a booking for Bill's artwork. When realizing that they heard was the ~~best~~ of modern 'outstanding' piece of modern art, that Garrad almost called a masterpiece, Bill