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ВАРИАНТ 5

1. Comment on the following extract.

Ocean Pollution

If Columbus, Magellan and the other great explorers were to re-enact their journeys today, they would marvel at yet another wonder of the new world—vast currents of pollution and debris slicking the surface of hundreds of thousands of square miles of the Atlantic and Caribbean. More than 665,000 square miles of waters atop the American continental shelf and in the Caribbean are blighted by the floating pollutants.

Scientific surveys undertaken have found the Atlantic ocean's waters to be littered with floating oil, tar and chunks of plastics. Studies have found waste in the Pacific, too. Scientists conclude that in the future “we can anticipate that our children will set sail into a plastic sea, accompanied by all the no-deposit-no-return products of our technology.”

How the plastics manage to get into the oceans is a mystery to scientists at this point. Chemical contamination of the ocean, such as by these petroleum and plastic products, is widely viewed by scientists as a potential danger to the world fish population and indeed to the whole chain of marine life. In a few cases, for example, fish have been known to swallow plastics and die from intestinal obstructions.

There are suspicions that refined petroleum products may be injurious to the reproduction of some forms of marine life. Hydrocarbons have been found in the livers of fish from the Georges Bank off New England and plankton off the Louisiana coast. But the full extent of the peril is still unknown.

Pollution is one of several global problems of today. Plastic is everywhere. We pack bananas in layers of plastic wrap despite them already having a perfect natural packaging. The vast use of plastic is dangerous for all animals not only fish and turtles. People are at risk too.

Scientists believe that in the next fifty years microplastic will be found ~~in~~ almost all everyday products and foods. At the moment people might swallow microplastic with fish and toothpaste. This microplastic is extremely dangerous because of its microscopic size and toxic chemical ingredients. To avoid the catastrophe of eating plastic for breakfast in the future people have to rethink the way they are consuming products. In the age of consumerism it is difficult to imagine thinking twice about what and why you are buying. If you are thirsty you can just go to the nearest corner shop and buy a little plastic bottle that will last you about three years and you will not think about how many millions of years it will take for this bottle to decay and vanish from earth. That's why it is so important to consider the lifestyle of mind ~~for every person~~ consuming. ~~The easiest lifestyle~~ ~~is~~ the main rule of this ecological lifestyle is: reuse ~~everything~~ Almost everything that you buy or get as a present can be reused more than once. Try to be creative. To be ecological you do not have to live in the woods or caves and adapt to a lifestyle of a cave man. Choose reusable water ~~bottles~~ bottles, biodegradable products and turn off your tap ~~while~~ brushing your teeth. Every little step matters.

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2. Comment on the following statement:

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give (Winston Churchill)
By making a living out of what you earn no matter how much you earn and how luxurious your lifestyle is you fulfill only your own personal needs. When you give something to other people you open your heart, you become a person not just a human. When you help somebody, when you give someone your love or your money you make their life a little better which in return makes your life a little fuller, brings that long lost sense into it. People need other people. Humans are selfish by nature but also we are naturally social creatures. Without giving other people we do not deserve to get anything back. It's no surprise that "treat other people like you want to be treated" is such a popular saying. All the famous creators, inventors, leaders were doing something for others, to make others' people's lives better. So if you want to live your life to the fullest not just survive, the best way to achieve happiness is to help others.

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

Bangers and mash

(a). The origin
British people favour easy and quick meat dishes as most of their traditional dishes come from hard workers environment where people did not have money or time to cook gourmet dishes. "Bangers and mash" is one of those simple dishes.
(b). The ingredients
You will need two ~~hundred~~ 10 or more if you have a big appetite) sausages and three or four potatoes. Add spices, pepper and salt to your liking.

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

Royal Assent

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

Book	Author
1. Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy +
2. Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus	Mary Shelley +
3. Uncle Tom's Cabin	Jane Austen +
4. The Moon and Sixpence	W. Somerset Maugham +
5. Wuthering Heights	Emily Brontë +
6. Great Expectations	Charles Dickens +
7. The Last of the Mohicans	Jack London +
8. The Hound of the Baskervilles	Arthur Conan Doyle +
9. Martin Eden	Harriet Beecher Stowe +
10. The Bostonians	Henry James +

Authors: Mary Shelley, Emily Brontë, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Arthur Conan Doyle, Charles Dickens, Henry James, James Fenimore Cooper, Jack London, W. Somerset Maugham, Thomas Hardy

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Poor George! I wondered now what else Tom had done. I was prepared for the worst. George could hardly speak. Then he said: ...

Think of the ending of the story. What happened to Tom?

"Tom decided to become a priest. " I could not believe my ears.
"A priest? Well, aren't that some news!"
"He said that he had been going out with the daughter of some preacher man for a few months now. And she was convinced him to choose a path of faith." George shuffled as if he was about to cry. "Now Tom ~~refused~~ refuses to be addressed as anything other than a man of God. He said that he will become minimalist. The only money that he asked me for in the last two weeks was five dollars to buy a Bible and a candle, for Christ's sake!"
"Was he ever baptized?" I asked.

"No, in fact, he was always a ~~some~~ proud atheist."
"Well, isn't that what you have always wanted? For him to become independent?"
"Yes, you're right, my friend..." George said. "But Tom is my brother and I love him. ~~He doesn't~~ I doesn't seem like him. He doesn't look happy. I'm worried."

"So, you'd rather he spent all your fortune than was a God-fearing ~~some~~ priest?" George signed. "You do not have a brother so you cannot judge me!" I laughed. That was the oddest situation my friend George has ever gotten himself into.
7. Here is the list of cities. Seven of them are in the UK and three are located in other countries. Find them and cross out.

Bath, Birmingham, Derby, Oxford, Peterborough, Bakersfield, Worcester, Wells, Swansea, Pittsburgh

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.

- "Wow, he really put the cat among the pigeons when he revealed to the team that he was leaving for a new club at the end of the season."
- After he came to know that I'm close to the power in the organization, he changed his tune.
- Max fell head over heels in love with his colleague and wants to marry her.
- I had to burn the midnight oil for nearly three months to write my first book.
- The manager was giving the firm stick in front of the team today.
- Jack made no getting a hike in his salary. his high horse.
- "Oh my, here we go. He's getting on again," with the government of the day.
- Mass media has traditionally been up in arms with the government.
- The new tax has proved to be a banana skin for the government.
- The CEO was really throwing their weight around in that meeting.

Idioms: put the cat among the pigeons, get on his/her high horse, throw one's weight around, give someone stick, banana skin, head over heels, up in arms, make no bones about something, change one's tune, burn the midnight oil.

For example, a famous person who lived in the ~~late~~ twentieth century was Mr. Schindler. He ~~was~~ had a lucrative job as a high post and a rich life but all those things were not enough for him. So he started coming up with secret schemes and spent most of his fortune to save thousands of innocent lives. The Jews that he saved never forget ~~the~~ what he had done. That is the perfect example of

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. What it means to make a life by what we give.

Why do we always see the same face of the moon?

Here on Earth, we can always see the "man in the moon" because the same surface faces toward us no matter where is the moon in its orbit. That's why the moon is tidally locked with Earth, meaning that our gravitational pull keeps it rotate on its axis at a speed that's coordinated with its orbit around our planet. We humans didn't get a look at the moon's another side unless 1959, when the Soviet Luna spacecraft took the first photos and scientists realized its much different: There are few large lava seas like the ones on side facing us and much more impact craters.

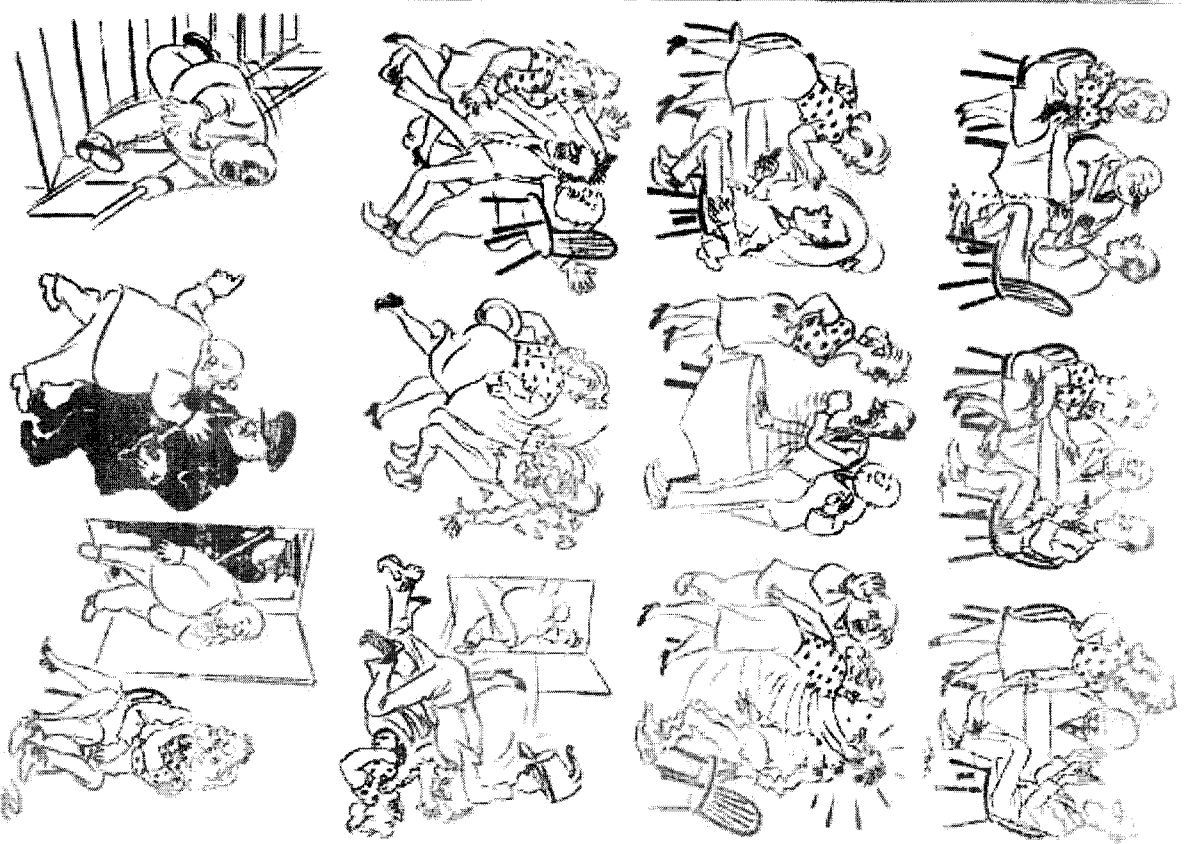
	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	rotate	rotating +
2	photoes	photos +
3	its	it's +
4	it's	its +
5	unless	until +
6	on side	on the side +
7	toward	towards +
8	is the moon	the moon is +
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4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came 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

- Where there's a will, there's a way
- Money is time
- Beggars can't be choosers +
- Practice makes perfect +
- You can't make an omelet without breaking some eggs +
- No man can
- There are two sides of the medal +
- Rome wasn't built in one day +
- The first hundred years
- Make haste waste

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



My story began seven years ago when I married my ~~husband~~ husband Roy. It actually began a few years before that when we had just been introduced but I did not realise what I had signed up for then. Roy was the sunshine of my life. He was the reason I left college. The reason I ran away from home. He is still my sunshine. Only in the sense of me depending on him in every aspect of my life ~~and~~ if I leave him I will probably die soon after that. When we had just met, he seemed like a really nice guy. A proper gentleman with a decent job. When I married him I was convinced that I was marrying a successful lawyer. Now my life is a nightmare.

And all I ~~hope~~ pray for is an actual successful lawyer to get me out of this marriage. Every weekend in my family starts and ends in the same way. Firstly, Roy invites one of his alcoholic bankrupt friends over. ~~Then he begins acting like a swine. Then he drinks.~~ Then he drinks a little more. Then he begins acting like a swine. Aswine that he is. He is finally showing his true face. He pretends that the floor that I had just cleaned this morning is his ashtray. He kicks my leg as if it were a football. We start arguing. We start hitting each other. He is stronger. He always wins. A worrying guest rushes to the nearest police station. Roy has his ways. He is a manipulator. An abuser. Roy has blackmailed me numerous times. He says that if I leave him or tell the policeman the truth I will have to pay. And this price is so much more expensive than money. My daughter Lily. He threatens to take her away from me. So I play the part of a happy wife with a ~~ill temper~~ ill temper.

6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

The Ant and The Grasshopper

(after W.S. Maugham)

The other day I saw my friend George Ramsay lunching in a restaurant. I never saw an expression of such deep gloom. He was staring into space. I was sorry for him: I suspected at once that his unfortunate brother had been causing trouble again.

I went up to him. "How are you?" I asked. "Is it Tom again?" He sighed. "Yes, it's Tom again."

I suppose every family has a black sheep. In this family it had been Tom. He had begun life decently enough: he went into business, married and had two children. The Ramsays were respectable people and everybody supposed that Tom would have a good career. But one day he announced that he didn't like work and that he wasn't suited for marriage. He wanted to enjoy himself.

He left his wife and his office. He spent two happy years in the various capitals of Europe. His relations were shocked and wondered what would happen when his money was spent. They soon found out: he borrowed. He was so charming that nobody could refuse him. Very often he turned to George. Once or twice he gave Tom considerable sums so that he could make a fresh start. On these Tom bought a motor-car and some jewellery. But when George washed his hands of him, Tom began to blackmail him. It was not nice for a respectable lawyer to find his brother shaking cocktails behind the bar of his favourite restaurant or driving a taxi. So George paid again.

For twenty years Tom gambled, danced, ate in the most expensive restaurants and dressed beautifully. Though he was forty-six he looked not more than thirty-five. He had high spirits and incredible charm. Tom Ramsay knew everyone and everyone knew him. You couldn't help liking him.

Poor George, only a year older than his brother, looked sixty. He had never taken more than a fortnight's holiday in the year. He was in his office every morning at nine-thirty and never left it till six. He was honest and industrious. He had a good wife and four daughters to whom he was the best of fathers. His plan was to retire at fifty-five to a little house in the country. His life was blameless. He was glad that he was growing old because Tom was growing old, too. He used to say: "It was all well when Tom was young and good-looking. In four years he'll be fifty. He won't find life so easy then. I shall have thirty thousand pounds by the time I'm fifty. We shall see what is really best to work or to be idle."

