Variant I

Английский язык

1. Comment on the following extract. Recent human evolution

Recent human evolution refers to evolutionary adaptation, sexual and natural selection, and genetic drift within *Homo sapiens* populations, since their separation and dispersal about 50,000 years ago. Contrary to popular belief, not only are humans still evolving, their evolution since the dawn of agriculture is faster than ever before It is possible that human culture—itself a selective force—has accelerated human evolution.

Following the peopling of Africa some 130,000 years ago, and the recent Out-of-Africa expansion some 70,000 to 50,000 years ago, some sub-populations of *Homo sapiens* have been geographically isolated for tens of thousands of years. This has resulted in significant genetic variation, which in some instances is the result of directional selection taking place over the past 15,000 years. That the human populations living on different parts of the globe have been evolving on divergent trajectories reflects the different conditions of their habitats. If the environment remains stable, the beneficial mutations will spread throughout the local population over many generations until it becomes a dominant trait. An extremely beneficial allele could become ubiquitous in a population in as little as a few centuries whereas those that are less advantageous typically take millennia.

Human traits that emerged recently include the ability to free-dive for long periods of time, adaptations for living in high altitudes where oxygen concentrations are low, resistance to contagious diseases (such as malaria), fair skin, blue eyes, lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, thick hair shaft, higher body-mass index, genetic longevity, and shrinking brain sizes.

What do you think about the future evolution of humans?



2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:

A Strange Story

by O. Henry

There once dwelt an honest family by the name of Smothers. The family consisted of John Smothers, his wife, and their little daughter.

One night after supper the little girl was seized with a severe colic, and John Smothers hurried to get some medicine. He never came back.

The little girl recovered and in time grew up to womanhood. The mother grieved very much over her husband's disappearance, and it was nearly three months before she married again, and moved to San Antonio.

The little girl also married in time, and after a few years had rolled around, she also had a little girl five years of age. She still lived in the same house where they dwelt when her father had left and never returned.

One night by a remarkable coincidence her little girl was taken with cramp colic on the anniversary of the disappearance of John Smothers, who would now have been her grandfather if he had been alive and had a steady job.

"I will go downtown and get some medicine for her," said Jack Smith, her father.

"No, no, dear John," cried his wife. "You, too, might disappear forever, and then forget to come back."

A Strange Story

by O. Henry

Jack Smith did not go, and together they sat by the bedside of little Pansy. After a little Pansy seemed to grow worse, the wife didn't let John go again. Suddenly the door opened, and an old man entered the room. It was grandpa, who finally returned and brought the medicine. The girl recovered immediately.

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.

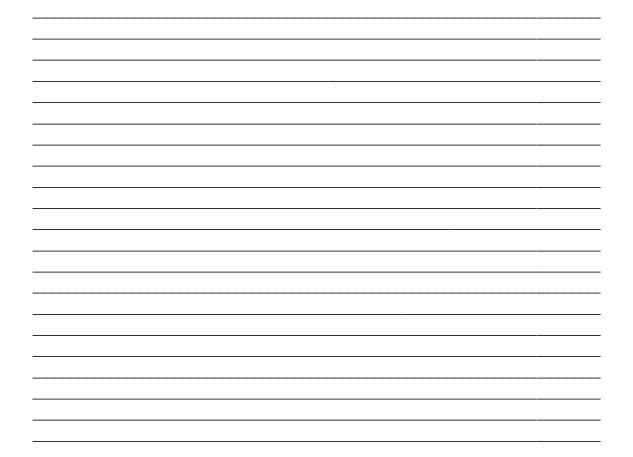
Mr. and Mrs. Haskins looked about the same age, which was hard surprising as they were at school together some forty years before. You could have passed them in the street without giving either of them a second look. Chris was about five foot nine, his dark wavy hairs turning gray, and he was at least a stone overweighted. He stood upright in the dock, and although his suit was good worn, his shirt was clean and his striped tie suggested that he was a member of a club. His black shoes looked as if they have been spit-and-polished every morning. His wife Sue stood by him side. Her neat floral dress and sensible shoes hinted at the organized and tidy woman, but than they were both wearing the clothes that they would normally have worn to church. After all, they considered the law to be nothing few than an extension of the Almighty.

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2	were at school	had been at school
3	wavy hairs	wavy hair
4	overweighted	overweight
5	good worn	well worn
6	have been spit-and-polished	had been spit-and-polished
7	the organized and tidy woman	an organized and tidy woman
8	by him side	by his side
9	but than	but then
10	nothing few than	nothing less than

4.Comment on the following saying: *Too many cooks spoil the broth.*



5.Comment on the story in pictures.



6. Explain the processes below as if you were talking to a six-year-old. Remember to keep your English clear and simple answering the question

How electricity works?

7. Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.

1. Interest

mend threaten attach intrigue

2. Perceptive

single openhearted sincere intuitive

3. Nerve

shame gall deceit courtesy

4. Hostility

expectation enmity salary intelligence

5. Charitable

lucky eleemosynary modern educational

6. Rebellion

crisis awakening insurrection compulsion

7. Follow

offer ensue shut delete

8. Boredom

desperation satisfaction ennui glee

9. Limp

meaningful political flaccid neat

10. Battle

noise crowd motion fray

Ответ:

(1) intrigue; (2) intuitive; (3) gall; (4) enmity; (5) eleemosynary; (6) insurrection; (7) ensure; (8) ennui; (9) flaccid; (10) fray;

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

(1). The British class system

(2). Uncle Sam______

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

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1.	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	
2.	The Forsyte Saga	
3.	The Painted Veil	
4.	Bleak House	
5.	Death on the Nile	
6.	The Financier	
7.	The Great Gatsby	
8.	The War of the Worlds	
9.	The Picture of Dorian Gray	
10.	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	

Authors: Agatha Christie, Charles Dickens, Theodore Dreiser, John Galsworthy, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Thomas Hardy, W. Somerset Maugham, Mark Twain, H. G. Wells, Oscar Wilde.

Ответ:

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7.	The Great Gatsby	Francis Scott Fitzgerald
8.	The War of the Worlds	H. G. Wells
9.	The Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde
10.	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain

10. 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. James walked in_____, as if nothing had happened.
- 2. My brother and sister had a big argument about the television yesterday, but it was just a_____.
- 3. Arnold will give your books back_____, so forget about them.
- 4. I didn't know Rachel is so stupid! _____.
- 5. I'm not sure, but that name_____. Was he the one who went to Barcelona last month?
- 6. Brian is so angry because he had a fight with his brother, so he went for a run to_____.
- 7. Jane, you ______ this evening. I love your dress and necklace!
- 8. Jonathan was______. His parents bought him everything he wanted and sent him to the best private schools.
- 9. I don't make much from my job as a cashier, but I'm able to ______.

10. After my uncle retired from his job, he became a ______

Idioms: *as cool as a cucumber; blow off steam; the lights are on, but nobody's home;* born with a silver spoon in one's mouth; *a storm in a teacup; ring a bell; make ends meet; a couch potato; when pigs fly; look like a million dollars.*

Ответ:

(1) as cool as a cucumber; (2) a storm in a teacup; (3) when pigs fly; (4) the lights are on, but nobody's home; (5) rings a bell; (6) blow off steam; (7) look like a million dollars; (8) born with a silver spoon in his mouth; (9) make ends meet; (10) a couch potato.

Variant II

Английский язык

1. Comment on the following extract. Precognition Precognition also called prescience, future vision, or future sight, is a claimed psychic ability to see events in the future.

As with other paranormal phenomena, there is no accepted scientific evidence that precognition is a real effect, and it is widely considered to be pseudoscience. Precognition also appears to violate the principle of causality, i.e. nothing can occur before its cause because information passing backwards in time would need to be carried by physical particles doing the same. Experimental evidence from high-energy physics suggests that this cannot happen.

Precognition has been widely believed throughout history. Despite the lack of scientific evidence, many people believe it to be real; it is widely reported and remains a topic of research and discussion within the parapsychology community.

As more modern technology became available, more automated techniques of experimentation were developed that did not rely on hand-scoring of equivalence between targets and guesses, and in which the targets could be more reliably and readily tested at random. In 1969 Helmut Schmidt introduced the use of high-speed random event generators (REG) for precognition testing, and experiments were also conducted at the Princeton Engineering Anomalies Research Lab. Once again, flaws were found in all those experiments when other psychologists found that several necessary precautions were not taken.

In 1963 the BBC television programme *Monitor* broadcast an appeal by the writer J.B. Priestley for experiences which challenged our understanding of Time. He received hundreds of letters in reply and believed that many of them described genuine precognitive dreams.

Despite the lack of scientific evidence, many people still believe in precognition, e.g. a 1978 poll found that 37% of Americans surveyed believed in it.

What is your attitude to precognition? Do you believe that it exits?



2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:

The King and His Hawk

by James Baldwin

Genghis Khan was a great king and warrior. One morning when he was home from the wars, he rode out into the woods to have a day's hunting. On the king's wrist sat his favorite hawk; for in those days hawks were trained to hunt. At a word from their masters they would fly high up into the air, and look around for prey.

All day long Genghis Khan rode through the woods. But he did not find as much game as they expected. Toward evening the king started for home. The day had been warm, and the king was very thirsty. His pet hawk had left his wrist and flown away. It would be sure to find its way home.

The king was very thirsty, but, to his joy, he saw some water trickling down over the edge of a rock. He knew that there was a spring farther up. The king leaped from his horse. He took a little silver cup from his hunting bag. He held it so as to catch the slowly falling drops.

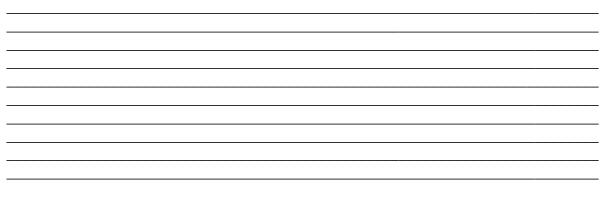
It took a long time to fill the cup. The king put the cup to his lips, and was about to drink. All at once there was a whirring sound in the air, and the cup was knocked from his hands. The water was all spilled upon the ground. The king looked up to see who had done this thing. It was his pet hawk.

The king began to grow angry. He tried again; and again the hawk kept him from drinking.

The king was now very angry indeed. He filled the cup again. But before he tried to drink, he drew his sword.

"Now, Sir Hawk," he said, "this is the last time."

He had hardly spoken, before the hawk knocked the cup from his hand. But the king was looking for this. He struck the bird with a sword as it passed. The next moment the poor hawk lay bleeding and dying at its master's feet.



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The next moment the hawk died. The king climbed up the rock to get some water and saw that in the pool was a huge, dead snake poisoning the water. He understood that the hawk was trying to save his life.

3.Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar). Write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.

Chris brought the car to the halt outside their daughter's home just after midnight. Tracey opened the front door to greet her mother, while Chris had removed one of the suitcases and the duffel bag from the boot. Tracey had never seen her parents looking such exhausted and felt they had aged since she has last seen them in the summer. Perhaps it was just the long journey. Tracey took

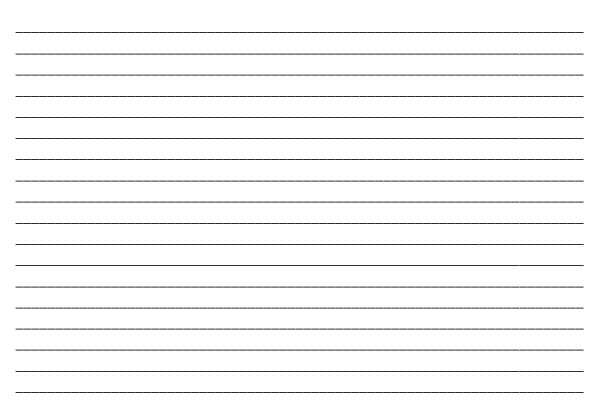
through to the kitchen, sat them both down and made them the cup of tea. They hard spoke, and when Tracey eventually bundled them off to bed, her father wouldn't allowed her to carry the old duffel bag up to the guest bedroom. Sue woke every time she heard a car come to a halt in the street outside, wondering if it marked with the bold fluorescent lettering POLICE. Chris waited for the front-door bell ringing before someone came bounding up the stairs to drag the duffel bag from under the bed, arrest them and escort them both to the next police station.

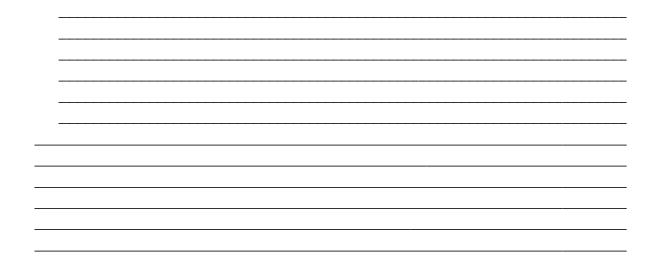
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2	had removed	removed
3	such exhausted	so exhausted
4	she has last seen them	she had last seen them
5	the cup of tea	a cup of tea
6	hard spoke	hardly spoke
7	wouldn't allowed	wouldn't allow
8	it marked with	it was marked with
9	for the front-door bell ringing	for the front-door bell to ring
10	the next police station	the nearest police station

4.Comment on the following saying: *When in Rome, do as the Romans do.*





5.Comment on the story in pictures.



6. Explain the processes below as if you were talking to a six-year-old. Remember to keep

your English clear and simple answering the question

How the Earth moves round the Sun



7. Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.

1. Study

peruse connect recite translate

2. Complicated

painful historical disappointing convoluted

3. Decadent

self-indulgent self-involved self-reliant self-confident

4. Beauty

pulchritude sparkle excess joy

5. Disaster

setback start debacle excitement

6. Death

sport evil resident demise

7. Choosy

romantic extensive awesome persnickety

8. Communicate

face convey return establish

9. Wording

diction analysis commentary essay

10. Unemotional

unhealthy mute phlegmatic overconfident

Ответ:

(1) peruse; (2) convoluted; (3) self-indulgent; (4) pulchritude; (5) debacle; (6) demise; (7) persnickety; (8) convey; (9)diction; (10) phlegmatic;

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

(1). The Christmas pantomime

(2). Broadway musicals

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

	Book	Author
1.	Brave New World	
2.	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	
3.	The Catcher in the Rye	
4.	The Grapes of Wrath	
5.	Martin Eden	
6.	Lord of the Flies	
7.	Dracula	
8.	The Old Man and the Sea	
9.	The Light That Failed	
10.	Nineteen Eighty-Four	

Authors: William Golding, Ernest Hemingway, Aldous Huxley, Rudyard Kipling, Jack London, George Orwell, J. D. Salinger, John Steinbeck, Bram Stoker, Mark Twain.

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- 1. It wouldn't be too hard for______ like you to learn Chinese.
- 2. He's_____, but I think I can get him to agree to the contract.
- 3. What's wrong with daddy? He's feeling a little______ so don't make much noise and let him rest.
- 4. She's been ______ since she found out that she entered the university.

5. Someone suggested that we play a party game to_____.

- 6. I don't have much time, so stop ______ and tell me what actually happened."
- 7. Six years ago she ______ on a three-pack-a-day smoking habit.
- 8. I can't go out with you tonight, I have to _____. I have a huge exam tomorrow!
- 9. The manager fired the cashier because he ______. He stole more than \$ 100 in a week.
- 10. I expected the physics test to be difficult but it was ______.

Idioms: *a smart cookie; hit the books; beat around the bush; walk on air; a piece of cake; under the weather; have sticky fingers; a hard nut to crack; break the ice; go cold turkey.*

(1) a smart cookie; (2) a hard nut to crack; (3) under the weather; (4) walking on air; (5) break the ice; (6) beating around the bush; (7) went cold turkey; (8) hit the books; (9) had sticky fingers; (10) a piece of cake.

Variant III

Английский язык

1. Comment on the following extract.

HISTORY AND PREDICTIONS

Have you ever thought about why you study history in school? There are many reasons, one of which is that studying history can help you improve your ability to reason about how changes happen over time. Understanding history can help you think through the causes, effects, and significance of things that happened in the past.

But if you can reason well about change over time, why not contemplate what the future might hold, too? There will always be some uncertainty, and usually a lot of uncertainty, when you make predictions. But applying the kind of reasoning you develop in history courses can help you avoid especially bad predictions, gain insight into how things might play out, and become a better judge of how reliable different predictions are.

Science and history usually predict the future in one of two ways:

- Understand how something works, the "laws" that apply to a given situation, and use that understanding to predict what will happen. For example, understanding how gravity works allows astronomers and physicists to predict the movement of planets for millions of years to come.
- Have enough data from the past to identify a trend and make educated guesses about how that trend is likely to continue. For example, cosmologists can make predictions about how fast the Universe might expand in the future, based on an understanding of how fast the Universe has expanded over time up until now.

Likewise, population experts make predictions about how many people might live on Earth decades in the future, based on how world population has changed over time in the past. Technology experts make predictions about what computers may be able to do in the future, based on past trends.

What other subjects you study can, in your opinion, help predict future?

2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:

Androclus and the Lion

by James Baldwin

In Rome there was once a poor slave whose name was Androclus. His master was a cruel man, and so unkind to him that at last Androclus ran away.

He hid himself in a wild wood for many days; but there was no food to be found, and he grew so weak and sick that he thought he should die. So one day he crept into a cave and lay down, and soon he was asleep.

After a while a great noise woke him up. A lion had come into the cave, and was roaring loudly. Androclus was very much afraid. Soon, however, he saw that the lion was not angry, but that he limped as though his foot hurt him.

Then Androclus took hold of the lion's paw to see what the matte was. The lion stood quite still, and rubbed his head against the man's shoulder.

Androclus lifted the paw from the ground, and saw that it was a long, sharp thorn which hurt the lion so much. He took the end of the thorn in his fingers and out it came. The lion was full of joy. He jumped about like a dog, and licked the hands and feet of his new friend.

For a long time, the lion brought food to Androclus every day; and the two became such good friends, that Androclus found his new life a very happy one.

One day some soldiers who were passing through the wood found Androclus in the cave. They knew who he was, and so took him back to Rome.

It was the law at that time that every slave who ran away from his master should be made to fight a hungry lion.

When the day came, thousands of people crowded to see the sport. The door opened, and poor Androclus was brought in.



Ответ:

Androclus and the Lion

by James Baldwin

Then the hungry lion rushed in, and Androclus recognized his old friend. The crowd saw him approach and hug the animal. People were so impressed, that they demanded to set free both the man and the lion.

3.Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar). Write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.

"Happy Christmas," said Tracey, before kissing them both on a cheek. Neither of them did not respond. Had they forgotten it was Christmas Day? They both looked embarrassing as they stared at the two wrapped boxes that their daughter had placed on the table. They haven't remembered to buy Tracey a Christmas present and resorted to giving her cash, something they hadn't done since she was a teenager. Tracey hoped that it was nothing more than the Christmas rush, and excitement at the thought of their visit to the States, which had caused so uncharacteristic behavior. Boxing Day turned out to be a few better. Sue and Chris appeared more relaxed, although they often lapsed into long silences. After lunch Tracy suggested that they took the dog for a run and get some fresh air. During the long walk one of them would begin a sentence and than fall silent. Few minutes later another would finish it.

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2	did not respond	responded
3	looked embarrassing	looked embarrassed
4	haven't remembered	hadn't remembered
5	so uncharacteristic behavior	such uncharacteristic behavior
6	to be a few better	to be a little better
7	suggested that they took	suggested that they take
8	and than	and then
9	few minutes later	a few minutes later
10	another	the other

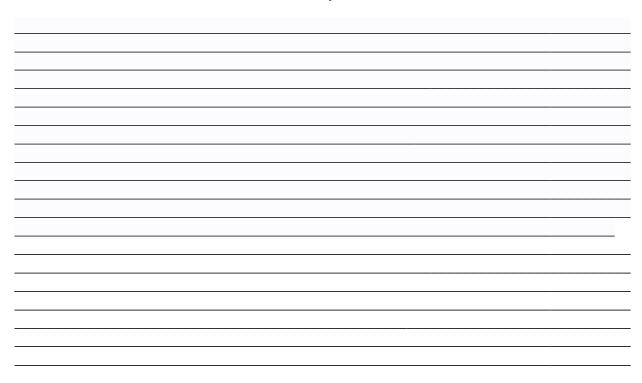
4.Comment on the following saying: *The squeaky wheel gets the grease*

5.Comment on the story in pictures.



6. Explain the processes below as if you were talking to a six-year-old. Remember to keep your English clear and simple answering the question

How blood moves around our body?



7.Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.

1. Self-important

pompous formal notable clean

2. Believable

undecided plausible somber normal

3. Touching

sassy poignant rural hungry

4. Essence

abbreviation gist happiness enlargement

5. Bored

guarded biased jaded captivated

6. Natural

blessed uncommon trained intrinsic

7. Relevant

quick fussy germane drowsy

8. Spirit

friend expectation gestalt talent

9. Connection

difference religion country liaison

10. Talkative

thoughtless rotten secretive garrulous

Ответ:

(1) pompous; (2) plausible; (3) poignant; (4) gist; (5) jaded; (6) intrinsic; (7) germane; (8) gestalt; (9) liaison; (10) garrulous;

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

(2). The US Congress

Book Author Robinson Crusoe 1. For Whom the Bell Tolls 2. Great Expectations 3. Murder on the Orient Express 4. 5. Persuasion 6. The Scarlet Letter 7. The Wind in the Willows 8. The Quiet American Cat's Cradle 9. 10. The Sound and the Fury

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

Authors: Jane Austen, Agatha Christie, Daniel Defoe, Charles Dickens, William Faulkner, Kenneth Grahame, Graham Greene, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ernest Hemingway, Kurt Vonnegut.

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5.	Persuasion	Jane Austen
6.	The Scarlet Letter	Nathaniel Hawthorne
7.	The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
8.	The Quiet American	Graham Greene
9.	Cat's Cradle	Kurt Vonnegut
10.	The Sound and the Fury	William Faulkner

10.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. Can we address ______ before this problem ends all of our friendship?
- 2. This new song has been stuck in my head for a month. It seems impossible to get rid of this _____.
- 3. When she first started working for that company, she was a real _____.
- 4. The teacher suspected that there had been some______ going on while she was out of the room.
- 5. He sank back on his pillow and fell into _____.
- 6. I know you're upset that you didn't get the lead in the play, but it's just_____.
- 7. The kids are going to ______ when we tell them about the trip.
- 8. Amy is such a ______ so we never invite her to our parties.
- 9. Why didn't you ______ and cover the furniture before you started painting?
- 10. I always have a great time when Mary's around she's _____!

Idioms: monkey business; earworm; wet blanket; the elephant in the room; as funny as a barrel of monkeys; eager beaver; a brown study; a bump in the road; go bananas; use your loaf.

(1) the elephant in the room; (2) earworm; (3) eager beaver; (4) monkey business; (5) a brown study; (6) a bump in the road; (7) go bananas; (8) wet blanket; (9) use your loaf; (10) as funny as a barrel of monkeys.

Variant IV

Английский язык

1. Comment on the following extract.

Esports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions. Although organized competitions have long been a part of video game culture, these were largely between amateurs until the late 2000s, when participation by professional gamers and spectatorship in these events through live streaming saw a large surge in popularity. In the last two decades esports has become a billion-dollar industry on a trajectory that would make NASA jealous. Players are celebrities, tournaments fill arenas with screaming fans, and sponsors are increasingly injecting real money into the esports ecosystem.

Esports skeptics would hold that the values of teams and the industry itself may be experiencing a bubble. As more than one observer has noted, the same people who report its success stand to profit from it. And like any startup, enormous investments power PR, which enhances valuations, which lures additional investment and keeps the entire game operating. And so the cycle goes on until, as it always does, the music stops. At that time, invested parties may be looking for a chair to sit in.

Esports industry stands out for some unique characteristics and dynamics. First, esports players tend to be younger than physical sports athletes, and so far, peak between 17 and 25. They're also less mature folks with relatively brief adult careers. Second, publishers own esports games. These are potentially paradigm-level differences.

Yet while esports clearly differ drastically from traditional sports on many fronts, there are a number of ways that they parallel and indeed mirror traditional sports. These parallels can provide some basis for predicting future problems for the esports industry.

What problems may esports face in future?

2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:

The Prisoner of Zembla

by O. Henry

One king fell into a furious rage and he said that since the Princess had disobeyed him there would be a great tourney, and to the knight who should prove himself of the greatest valor he would give the hand of the princess.

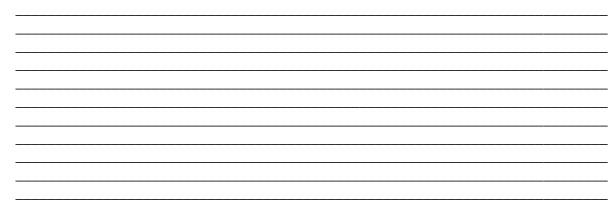
And when the day came, the king sat in the grandstand, and by his side sat the Princess, looking very pale and beautiful, but with mournful eyes. And the knights who came to the tourney gazed upon the princess, and each swore to win so that he could marry her. Suddenly the heart of the princess gave a bound, for she saw among the knights one of the poor students with whom she had been in love and who betrayed her years ago.

The knights mounted and rode in a line past the grandstand. The fight was harsh, and 217 of them lost. But two of the knights were left, one of them being the princess' lover.

The two knights fought for two hours, and at length the princess' lover prevailed and stretched the other upon the ground. The victorious knight made his horse caracole before the king, and bowed low in his saddle.

On the Princess's cheeks was a rosy flush; her lovely hair unbound, and she grasped the arms of her chair and leaned forward with a happy smile to hear the words of her lover.

"You have fought well, sir knight," said the king. "And if there is any boon you crave you have but to name it."



The Prisoner of Zembla

by O. Henry

The knight said that the only thing he needed was for the king to endorse the law he was fighting for for so long. The king agreed, and the happy knight threw himself on the horse and rode away. The king was about to speak, when a horrible suspicion flashed upon him – the knight has forgotten to take the princess.

3.Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar). Write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.

Mario's can be found on the Fulham Road in Chelsea, and the restaurant's popularity is due in no small part to his wife, Teresa, who run the kitchen. Mario always remains front of house. I regularly have lunch there on a Friday, often accompanied by two my sons and their last girlfriends, who used to change more often then the menu.

Over the years I have become aware that many of the customers are regulars, which leaves an impression that we are all part of an exclusive club, in which it's almost unpossible to book a table unless you are the member. However, the real prove of Mario's popularity is that the restaurant does not except credit cards– checks, cash and account-paying customers are all welcome, but **NO CREDIT CARDS** is printed in bold letters at the foot of every menu.

During the month of August the establishment is closing, in order for the Gambotti family to return to their native Florence and reunite with all another Gambottis.

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Ответ:

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1	who run	who runs
2	two my sons	my two sons
3	their last girlfriends	their latest girlfriends
4	then the menu	than the menu
5	unpossible	impossible
6	you are the member	you are a member
7	the real prove	the real proof
8	does not except credit cards	does not accept credit cards
9	is closing	is closed
10	all another Gambottis	all the other Gambottis

4.Comment on the following saying: *When the going gets tough, the tough get going*

5.Comment on the story in pictures.

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6. Explain the processes below as if you were talking to a six-year-old. Remember to keep your English clear and simple answering the question

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Where the wind comes from



7.Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.

1. Reproach

melt test scold recommend

2. Unstoppable

disastrous orderly impressive inexorable

3. Heartless

slick fuzzy indurate rectangular

4. Indescribable

ineffable unbecoming brawny ancient

5. Faith

honour inflexibility creativity piety

6. Promise

winner suffering resolution thought

7. Lazy

significant deadly mindful indolent

8. Meaningful

urgent pertinent positive entertaining

9. Cliff

forest fort precipice beach

10. Continue

schedule crash resume assert

Ответ:

(1) scold; (2) inexorable; (3) indurate; (4) ineffable; (5) piety; (6) resolution; (7) indolent; (8) pertinent; (9) precipice; (10) resume;

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

(2). The Bill of Rights

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

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7.	The Call of the Wild	
8.	Emma	
9.	Tender is the Night	
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Authors: Jane Austen, Ray Bradbury, Charlotte Brontë, Charles Dickens, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Jack London, W. Somerset Maugham, Mary Shelley, Harriet Beecher Stowe.

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10.	Oliver Twist; or, the Parish Boy's Progress	Charles Dickens

10.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. Just _____, Charlie! Let's stop and think about this for a moment.
- 2. We ______ as the celebrity guests emerged from the car.
- 3. You can tell her to clean her room until you are _____, but she won't do it.
- 4. The government's decision to curb benefits to some sections of society is like **a_____**.
- 5. My sister lives in Alaska, so I only see her _____.
- 6. We've had a guy renting our spare room for the last two months. We were worried it would feel crowded, but he works so much that we're ______ with him.
- 7. My friend told me that he wanted to live _____ without hard work, winning the Jackpot made his dream come true.
- 8. No one knows which of the candidates Mary will marry. She is ______.
- 9. I _____looking at muffin recipes, and now I'm thinking about opening my own bakery.
- 10. She never stops talking about dieting she's got a real _____about it.

Idioms: blue in the face; go down a rabbit hole; a bee in one's bonnet; a bed of roses; once in a blue moon; hot potato; hold your horses, be all eyes; like ships that pass in the night; sit on the fence.

Ответы:

(1) hold your horses; (2) were all eyes; (3) blue in the face; (4) hot potato; (5) once in a blue moon; (6) like ships that pass in the night; (7) a bed of roses; (8) sitting on the fence; (9) went down a rabbit hole; (10) bee in her bonnet.

Variant V

Английский язык

1. Comment on the following extract.

ESSENCE OF THE FUTURE FASHION

The very core, and point behind, the fashion of the future is to have a fashion that is friendly to everyone and everything. That might sound idealistic, and perhaps it is, but a fashion that is not paid by the price of others or the environment. For that to be able to happen, we need to stay creative in all fields relating to this industry. Scientists and people in technology need to find smarter fabrics, more sustainable materials. Designers and stylists need to come up with clothes that can be used for more than one thing. Fashion companies need to stop using cheap labour and start going ethical on all levels.

Fashion magazines, bloggers and influencers need to use their platforms to raise awareness of the issues that are negatively affecting our precious passion.

We, as consumers, need to have higher demands on the clothes we buy. We also need to start asking ourselves questions. Are five fast-produced tops more worth than one top for the same price that is a product of sustainable development? We are all equally contributing and equally guilty of the problems we are facing today. Naturally, we are also the solution.

Sustainable clothes that are multifunctional in the way that they can be done and redone over and over again. Perhaps a color that you can use for dying, but also remove, easily? Like nail polish but for clothes? Take a basic white tee, put it in colored water and you have a silver metallic tee for the day? And next day you use some color removal and the color is gone? Versatile clothes that you are in charge of rather than having bought a finished and already defined product.

This new value system will allow technology to influence fashion for the better,

making things like sustainability fashionable. "Fashion destroys. It is time to destroy fashion".

What will fashion be like 20 years from now?



2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below:

An Uncomfortable Bed

by Guy de Maupassant

One autumn I went to spend the hunting season with some friends in a chateau in Picardy. My friends were fond of practical jokes. I do not care to know people who are not.

When I arrived, they gave me a princely reception, which at once awakened suspicion in my mind. I scented a practical joke in the air, as a dog scents game. But what was it? I was watchful. Everyone seemed to me an object of suspicion, and I even looked distrustfully at the faces of the servants.

The hour struck for retiring; and the whole household came to escort me to my room. Why? I entered the apartment, shut the door, and remained standing, without moving a single step. I felt danger.

Finally, I made up my mind to go to bed. But the bed was particularly suspicious-looking. I pulled at the curtains. They seemed to be secure.

I knew I was going perhaps to receive a cold shower, or perhaps, the moment I stretched myself out, to find myself sinking to the floor with my mattress. I searched in my memory for all the practical jokes I remembered. I explored the bed and dragged the mattress into the very middle of the room, just in case. Then I made my bed over again, extinguished all the candles, and, fell asleep.

I must have been in a deep sleep for a long time, but all of a sudden I was awakened with a start by the fall of a heavy body tumbling right on top of my own, and, at the same time, I received on my face and on my chest a burning liquid which made me utter a howl of pain. "What is that practical joke that I've missed?" – I thought.

Ответ:

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The noise brought my friends into my apartment, and we found the servant, who, while bringing me my morning cup of tea, had tripped over this obstacle in the middle of the floor and fallen on his stomach, spilling my breakfast over my face. The precautions I had taken had only brought about the practical joke I had been trying to avoid.

3.Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar). Write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.

Dick sat silently in the back of the car, going over everything that needed to cover before he would return to St. Petersburg. By the time Stan driven through the wrought-iron gates and came to halt outside the neo-Georgian mansion, Dick knew what had to be done. He jumped out of the car and ran into a house. He left Stan to unload the bags, and his housekeeper to unpack them.

Dick ran upstairs to his bedroom, and quickly stripped off his clothes, dropping it in a pile on the floor. He went into the bathroom and turned on the shower, allowing the warm jets of water to slow remove the grime of St. Petersburg and Aeroflot.

After he'd put on some casual clothes, Dick chequed his appearance in the mirror. At fifty-three, his hairs were turning prematurely gray, and although he tried to hold his stomach in, he knew he ought to lose few pounds-once the deal was signed and he had a little more time.

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2	before he would return	before he returned
3	Stan driven through	Stan drove through
4	came to halt	came to a halt
5	ran into a house	ran into the house
6	clothes, dropping it	clothes, dropping them
7	to slow remove	to slowly remove
8	chequed his appearance	checked his appearance
9	his hairs were	his hair was
10	to lose few pounds	to lose a few pounds

4.Comment on the following saying: *There's no such thing as a free lunch*

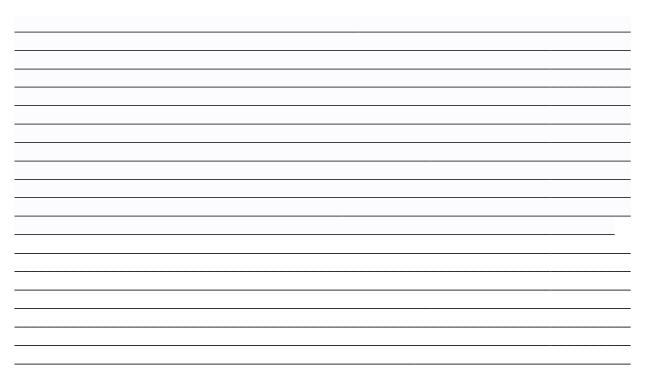
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What makes the lightning appear.



7.Find synonyms of the following words and underline them.

1. Sluggish

crazy rich rare lackadaisical

2. Loaded

capable unkind laden mature

3. Neglectful

selective annoying remiss safe

4. Only

honest sole cruel heartfelt

5. Shameful

terrifying communal louche near

6. Occasional

unnatural sporadic constant orderly

7. Clever

shrewd ugly unknowing good-natured

8. Payment

gift remuneration island holiday

9. Concise

involved laconic explanatory young

10. Pay

swindle deposit remit transfer

Ответ:

(1) lackadaisical; (2) laden; (3) remiss; (4) sole; (5) louche; (6) sporadic; (7) shrewd; (8) remuneration; (9) laconic; (10) remit;

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- 2. He's_____ that bookcase he was supposed to be making.
- 3. He keeps trying to get his first book published but I think he's ______.
- 4. I get the impression he's ______ for months now. A holiday will do him good.
- 5. Emily _______ when she applied to such good colleges with her average grades.
- 6. That idea from last week's meeting ______ now that the CEO has vetoed it.
- 7. Next time you find yourself in my _____, give me a call and I'll show you around.
- 8. My sister and I haven't seen each other in nearly five years, so we stayed up half the night
- 9. Jack will really ______ if the manager decides not to increase our funding for this project.
- 10. The guys who work in the warehouse are _____. They don't really socialize with anyone else in the company.

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Ответ:

(1) been over the moon; (2) made a pig's ear of; (3) flogging a dead horse; (4) been running on empty; (5) barked up the wrong tree; (6) is dead as a doornail; (7) neck of the woods; (8) chewing the fat; (9) throw a monkey wrench into the works; (10) thick as thieves.