

*Variant I*

**АНГЛИЙСКИЙ ЯЗЫК**

1. *Comment on the following extract.*

**Has Science Discovered God?**

Einstein didn't believe it was possible.

Stephen Hawking said it might be the greatest scientific discovery of all time.

What discovery has baffled the greatest scientific minds of the past century, and why has it caused them to rethink the origin of our universe? New, more powerful, telescopes have revealed mysteries about our universe that have raised new questions about the origin of life.

But wait a minute! Hasn't science proven we don't need God to explain the universe? Lightning, earthquakes and even babies used to be explained as acts of God. But now we know better. What is it about this discovery that is so fundamentally different, and why has it stunned the scientific world?

This discovery and what molecular biologists have learned about the sophisticated coding within DNA have many scientists now admitting that the universe appears to be part of a grand design.

One cosmologist put it this way: "Many scientists, when they admit their views, incline toward the teleological or design argument. Surprisingly, many scientists who are talking about God have no religious belief whatsoever".

So, what are these stunning discoveries that have scientists suddenly speaking of God? Three revolutionary discoveries from the fields of astronomy and molecular biology stand out:

1. The universe had a beginning
2. The universe is just right for life
3. DNA coding reveals intelligence

So, what do you personally think about it?

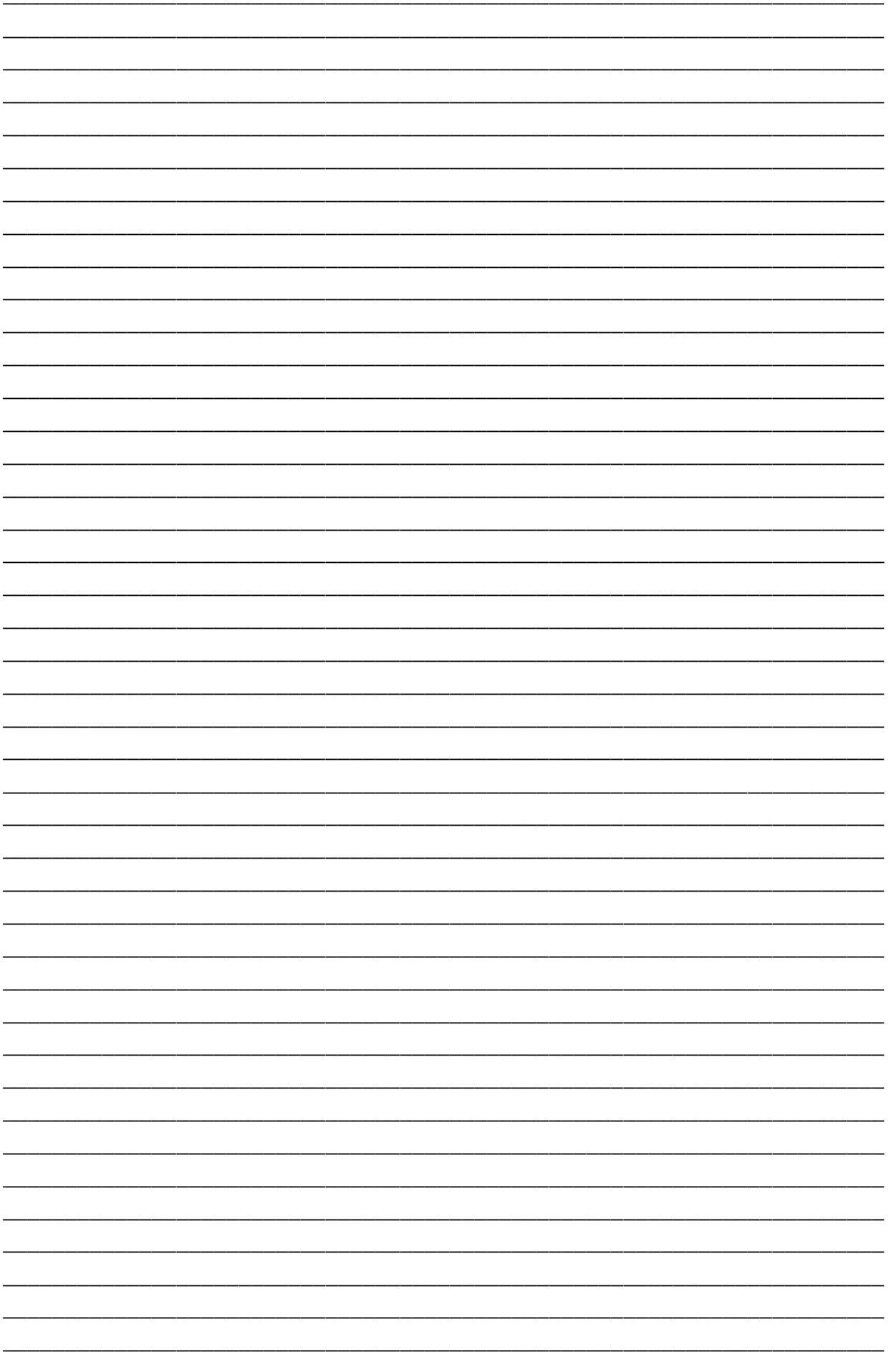
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3. *Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar) and write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.*

Artificial intelligence, or AI, is all around us. Streaming services use AI to suggest films, while online shops use it to suggest products. Phone navigation apps and self-driving cars use AI to plan their routes. Basically, AI is behind any device solving a problem that typically requires humane brainpower.

Much of today's AI based on machine learning. This is a computer science technique that allows computers to learn of examples or experience. Take SuperGo, for instance. This AI famously beat world champions at a complex game called Go. SuperGo learned to play by study 30 millions Go moves that people had made. The AI then honed its skills by playing against different versions of themselves.

AI has the power to do lot of good. Thinking machines could help diagnose diseases or give medical advices. Online AI moderators could screen hatred posts or flag fake news stories. Artsy AI is giving the world new paintings, songs and other creative works. Still, todays AI is nowhere near so smart as people.

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

1. friable

modest    crumbly    sneaky    bitter

2. gauche

insecure    contemporary    awkward    rattled

3. furtive

smelly    offbeat    sneaky    private

4. intermittent

irregular    intense    hesitant    brief

5. petty

luxurious    hardy    teeny    trivial

6. layoff

furlough    pride    childhood    money

7. insular

sloppy    doubtful    isolated    fuzzy

8. persuade

convince    trick    tempt    accept

9. aggressive

amusing    powerful    intellectual    bellicose

10. due

cautious    free    estimated    expected



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

**(1). The British humour**

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

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1.	Atonement	

2.	To the Lighthouse	
3.	Jude the Obscure	
4.	The Remains of the Day	
5.	The Painted Veil	
6.	The Ambassadors	
7.	The Scarlet Letter	
8.	Martin Eden	
9.	Lord of the Flies	
10.	Great Expectations	

*Authors: Virginia Woolf, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Kazuo Ishiguro, W. Somerset Maugham, Charles Dickens, Ian McEwan, Thomas Hardy, William Golding, Henry James, Jack London.*

**10. Below is the list of some of the funniest English idioms, most of which came from**

1. There is no other way to go about your online dating addiction. Just delete all the dating apps on your phone and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Dana didn't show up again today. She gave us some \_\_\_\_\_ about falling down the stairs and hurting her pinky finger.

3. Crag just stood there and didn't say a thing. I think he had a \_\_\_\_\_.

4. I tried to follow the instructions on how to put the table together but it is \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

5. Susan accusing Claire of faking the test results is \_\_\_\_\_. They both got busted last night!

6. He thought his new business \_\_\_\_\_. Thankfully, a new investor arrived just in time.

7. You don't know what to get your girlfriend for her birthday? Come on, \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Maybe you should sit down first and organize your thoughts. You seem to be running around like \_\_\_\_\_ all day.

9. Oh no, I hate when she sings, she has \_\_\_\_\_.

10. The streets are so slippery today I was worried our car \_\_\_\_\_!

Idioms: *bite the dust; Van Gogh's ear for music; all Greek; cock and bull story; a headless chicken; the pot calling the kettle black; frog in the throat; use one's loaf; quit cold turkey; turn turtle.*



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

Once a man named George Andrews had to go to court, because his neighbour had filed a nasty lawsuit against him. He seemed to be worried and asked his lawyer which judge would be hearing his case. His lawyer told him and then wondered, 'Do you know many judges in the city? Do you happen to know this one?' The man answered, 'No, but I wanted to know his name so that I could send him a dozen bottles of good wine as a present.'

The lawyer was terribly shocked and condemned the idea. 'You simply can't do that,' he said. 'You would be breaking the law very seriously, and, therefore, you would be sure to lose the case.'

Some weeks later the case was heard, and Mr. Andrews and his lawyer confidently won it. The latter looked extremely proud of his own work and wise present-related warning. As George was leaving the court, he boasted to his lawyer, 'The selection of wines I sent to the judge was quite successful, wasn't it?'

The lawyer was even more shocked and appalled than before, and said, 'What? Did you really send him that present after I had explicitly told you not to make such a grave mistake?'



music were more likely to be positively affected. Unless you are feeling stressed from work, school or everyday life – then sit back, close your eyes, and play Bach’s Twelve Little Preludes on the stereo. Why? Because classical music is linked to reducing stress. Finding sleep a struggle? There’s an alternative for sleepy pills. Researchers have found that classical music reduces nervous system activity. It is clear that classical music can positively effect not only the brain, and the whole body too. It’s ability to lower bloody pressure, decrease anxiety and even reduce pain is enough reason to start listening to it.

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

**1.docile**

**obedient educational petty immature**

**2.damaging**

**thirsty baleful worried feared**

**3.confer**

**pull give delegate coordinate**

**4.conducive**

**sensitive attractive disastrous helpful**

**5.behest**

**job vacation command corner**

**6.related**

**hopeful consanguineous daring athletic**

**7.eccentric**

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2.	Pride and Prejudice	
3.	Lucky Jim	
4.	Scoop	
5.	Under the Net	
6.	The Grapes of Wrath	
7.	Wuthering Heights	
8.	The Sound and the Fury	
9.	Kim	
10.	Slaughterhouse-Five	

*Authors: Jane Austen, Emily Brontë, Iris Murdoch, Arthur Conan Doyle, Evelyn Waugh, William Faulkner, Kurt Vonnegut, Rudyard Kipling, Kingsley Amis, John Steinbeck.*

**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. I \_\_\_\_\_ before going on vacation. I don't want my officemates thinking I'm lousy at my job.
2. The way they act, it would seem like the new employee is the best \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Those three boys are cooped up inside the room. I wonder what \_\_\_\_\_ they are planning this time?
4. My ex-fiancé \_\_\_\_\_ the whole time. I didn't know his other secret life until the day before our wedding.
5. The way she corrects everything really \_\_\_\_\_! Thank you very much, Miss Know-it-all!
6. Good thing he realized the trouble he's in before he could propose. He escaped that wicked woman's grasp \_\_\_\_\_!
7. Ever since Adrian headed the new team, the management seems to be doing everything to please them. This is a case of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. When the host announced that Robert Downey Jr. has crashed the party, the crowd \_\_\_\_\_!
9. That lady thinks she's the boss of me! She's still \_\_\_\_\_!
10. I have nothing against Martha, but she's such \_\_\_\_\_. Always volunteering on new projects and staying up late every day – she makes us all look bad!

Idioms: *an eager beaver; since sliced bread; get one's goat; pull the wool over one's eyes; the tail wagging the dog; go bananas; by the skin of one's teeth; monkey business; wet behind the ears; get one's ducks in a row.*









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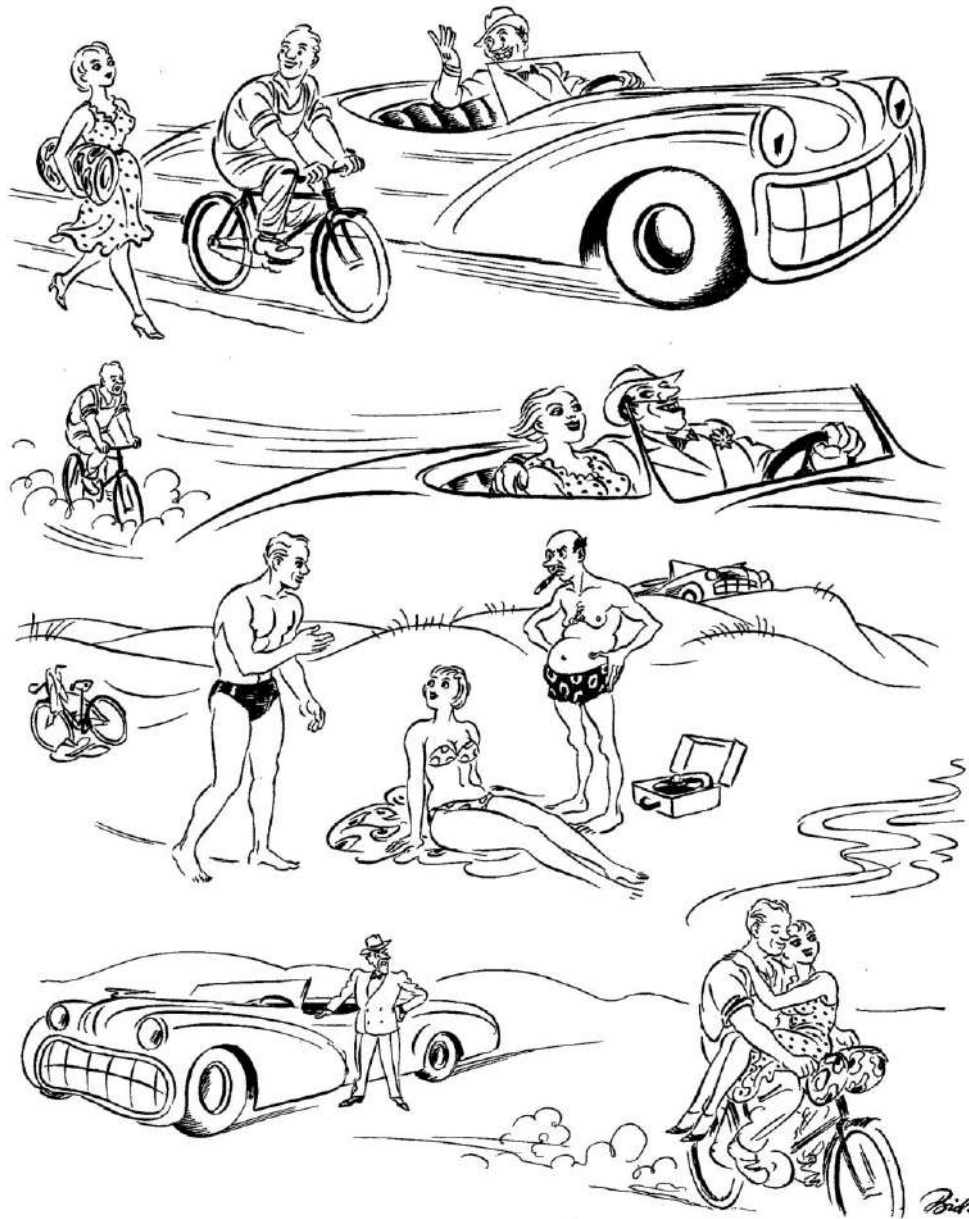
It is scientifically proven that art can have positive effects on our mood and can help improving our mental health. But what it is about art that gives it the power to help us so? During the process of truly looking at art, we are transformed and taken to other place, a place outside of reality. This transformative experience influences on our well-being. The experience of looking can be interactive, sensory, cognitive, emotional, or even spiritual. Studies show that this is repeated experience can have a long-term impact on our brain circuits. It is not surprise, then, that art therapy has become a frequently used form of psychotherapy to encourage expression and communication. Aimed on people struggling with emotional, behavioral, or mental healthy problems, the process of creating art helps process feelings while also reducing stress and anxiety. Anyone maybe creative and that is why creating art is something that everyone can get involved in. Whether it is the process of drawing every day or working towards a finished painting, it takes you away from any dairy worries or stress that you may experience.

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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. (Advisable length of the answer is up to 200 words).

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**unending    noticeable    inconsistent    trivial**

**2.mountebank**

**authority    maestro    conspirator    charlatan**

**3.vitilate**

**prohibit    tarnish    avenge    blend**

**4.ostracize**

**avenge    teach    blacklist    include**

**5.commodious**



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4.	The Call of the Wild	
5.	Persuasion	
6.	Brideshead Revisited	
7.	The French Lieutenant's Woman	
8.	Wide Sargasso Sea	

9.	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	
10.	The Woman in White	

*Authors: Jane Austen, Toni Morrison, Virginia Woolf, Jean Rhys, Evelyn Waugh, Jack London, John Fowles, Wilkie Collins, Thomas Hardy, Robert Penn Warren.*

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1. "Why did you borrow my pencil without asking?" – "\_\_\_\_\_! It was only for a second."
2. I don't think we really \_\_\_\_\_ over this matter, do we?
3. At last! Rob \_\_\_\_\_ and come round to my way of thinking.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ looking at muffin recipes, and now I'm thinking about opening my own bakery.
5. Hey, can I \_\_\_\_\_ about this new project? I'd love to ask you some questions
6. – Banana muffins are the BEST kind of muffins in the entire world! I could go on and
7. Listen, I have \_\_\_\_\_ with you. – You do? – Yeah, you really hurt my feelings
8. – More potatoes? – Oh, no thank you! I'm \_\_\_\_\_. What a delicious meal!
9. I know that they're not being very nice right now, but it's important \_\_\_\_\_
10. I tried to stay calm, I really did. But then he said my dog was ugly, and I just

Idioms: *take a chill pill; keep a cool head; a bone to pick; see the light; keep one's shirt*





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

A policeman returned to his police station one evening and reported to the sergeant that while he had been on patrol around the town, he had found an old, rusty, battered car with no number plates.

'Where was it located?' inquired the sergeant.

'In Ecclesiastes Street, beyond the bridge, opposite the old mill,' answered the policeman diligently.

The sergeant opened the report book and began to write the details of the new case. When he reached the name of the street, he began to spell aloud: 'E-c-l'. He stopped, looked at these three letters for a few seconds, then crossed them out and wrote 'E-c-k'. Then he stopped again, looked at the new letters, crossed them out as well, and decided that his plate was already full with other important professional duties. Looking visibly annoyed, the sergeant instructed the policeman to write the report himself as the eyewitness of the inappropriately positioned car.

The policeman had several tries too, but after a couple of minutes, he suddenly sprung to his feet, put his helmet on and began to go out without looking at the sergeant.

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The media and its influence on the masses have raised in the past five decades. Initially, the news and media channels were limited to the telegraph. The technological inventions than have found many channels to spread the news such as newspapers, magazines, television, and websites. On the one hand, a positive use of technology and mass media enables people to collaborate in innovative ways and stay in touch with friends and family. On the other hand, these connections can be used to dangerous cybercrime. Social media can help people feel connected and happy, however, they can lead to depression or anxiety, when life do not meet the expectations created by perfectly edited profiles. The Internet may be a source of motivational massages, videos, or blog posts that improve your life and increase productivity. However, it's just as possible that all this can prevent you with getting out there and living. When it comes to the influence of the media, you need to look at your own life to do decisions. How does your use of social media effect your mood, productivity, and sense of well-being? If you tend more toward the negative impacts – depression, anxiety, inactivity – it maybe time to limit your media consumption.







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criterion    lucrative    rhetoric    profligacy

**6.bland**

insipid    simplistic    pabulum    hopeful

**7.focus**

schism    conclusion    continuation    cynosure

**8.stupid**

translucent    obese    gormless    unstructured

**9.preceptor**

**teacher   antagonist   king   forefather**

**10.imprimatur**

**enjoyment   approval   naivety   skill**

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

**(1). Cream tea**

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3.	The Golden Bowl	
4.	East of Eden	
5.	The Public Image	
6.	A Farewell to Arms	
7.	Brave New World	
8.	Gulliver's Travels	
9.	The Heart of the Matter	
10.	The War of the Worlds	

*Authors: Muriel Spark, E. M. Forster, Ernest Hemingway, Kazuo Ishiguro, Jonathan Swift, H. G. Wells, Graham Greene, Henry James, John Steinbeck, Aldous Huxley.*

**10. Below is the list of some of the funniest English idioms, most of which came from**

1. I lost my job, so I \_\_\_\_\_, trying to figure out how to pay rent.
2. If you try to start a new business when you're already in debt, you might \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_, working in the daytime and going to school at night. I don't know how much longer he can go on like this.
4. Jane was yelling while I was studying so I told her \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "It won't be easy getting her approval; she's \_\_\_\_\_."
6. "I loved the first film but the sequel is \_\_\_\_\_"
7. "I was almost ready to go out but losing one of my shoes really \_\_\_\_\_."
8. My parents wanted me to give up writing, but I \_\_\_\_\_ and went on to become a famous writer.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ for months before I found a job in a fast food restaurant.
10. I wasn't sure how she was going to react, but I had \_\_\_\_\_, so I told her I had found another woman.

*Idioms: get it out of your system; dig in your heels; tear your hair out; throw a spanner in the works; put a sock in it; jump out of the frying pan and into the fire; a different kettle of fish; burn the candle at both ends; a tough/hard nut to crack pound the pavement.*