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**1. Comment on the following extract.**

Fixing the ‘problem’ of ageing is the mission of Silicon Valley, where billions is pouring into biotech firms working to ‘hack the code’ of life – despite concerns about the social implications. Some scientists believe it is possible to “solve ageing” and get people to live, healthily, more or less indefinitely. They say this is a moral rather than personal quest, while there is no absolute biological limit on human age, arguing that cellular immortality – in effect running the clock backwards – should be possible. Whether this will happen this century or not none can say. Such ideas are just speculation for now.

There are a number of scientists who intend to slow the aging process and currently study the problem in animal models. There have been attempts to develop drugs that will have the same effect on the aging process as a caloric restriction diet known as Caloric restriction drugs. Some drugs that are already approved for other uses have been studied for possible longevity effects on laboratory animals.

Meanwhile, there is an increasing number of people realising that the concept of anti-ageing medicine that actually works is going to be the biggest industry that ever existed. Serious people are doing research in this area and serious thinkers are thinking about this. Radical life extension isn't consigned to the realm of cranks and science fiction writers any more.

Ageing is a problem, that humanity was trying to solve from the beginning of its deep past. In many ancient texts we can find information about different ways how to (do) ~~live~~ <sup>live</sup> called "drink of life", that will help ~~human~~ <sup>human</sup> to ~~live~~ <sup>live</sup> forever, or how to find the way to the spring of youth. In the Middle centuries, many alchemists tried to find the "philosopher's stone", that helps anyone to live as long as ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> wish and to be happy life until ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> lose this stone. ~~Nowadays~~ <sup>Nowadays</sup>, when science is the main institute of information and knowledge about world around us and about human too, scientists are trying to find drug, that will extend human's life radically. And some scientists ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> successful in this. The biggest research about the problem of ~~aging~~ <sup>aging</sup> ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> taking now in the Silicon Valley, where work many of very clever and skillful scientists. I am sure that in future such drug will be found and human's life will prolong from 80 years (it is estimated that the average life span on Earth - 70-80 years) to 200-300. Of course, it can cause some social and political problems, but all in all, such invention will be a sign of ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> era for humanity. ~~People will enjoy their lives like live~~ <sup>People will enjoy their lives like live</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~become~~ <sup>become</sup> reality.

2. Read the fable and write down the moral it contains in the space below the fable.

#### The Ass in the Lion's Skin Fable.

An Ass once found a Lion's skin which the hunters had left out in the sun to dry.

He put it on and went towards his native village.

All fled at his approach, both men and animals, and he was a proud Ass that day.

In his delight he lifted up his voice and brayed, but then every one knew him, and his owner came up and gave him a sound cudgelling for the fright he had caused.

A fool will be forever a fool, no matter what appearance he has or what clothes he wears. ~~A fool is a fool not~~

8. Insert the required articles where necessary. If no article is required put X.

1. He hadn't said a word since the dinner began. 2. The National Gallery and the Albert Hall are the right places to visit when you come to the capital of the United Kingdom. 3. It was X late afternoon when we finally came to the Savoy Hotel after a long tiresome trip.

9. These are among the best novels of the English-speaking world. Who are their authors?

	Book	Author
1.	'The Old Curiosity Shop'	+ Ch. Dickens
2.	'The Happy Prince'	+ Oscar Wilde
3.	'Sister Carrie'	+ Th. Dreiser.
4.	'The Old Man and the Sea'	+ E. Hemingway
5.	'The Moon and Sixpence'	+ S. Maugham
6.	'The Quiet American'	+ Gr. Green
7.	'Pygmalion'	+ B. Shaw
8.	'Hamlet'	+ W. Shakespeare
9.	'Martin Eden'	+ J. London
10.	'The Man of Property'	+ J. Galsworthy.

Authors: J. Galsworthy, W. Shakespeare, J. London, Oscar Wilde, Ch. Dickens, Ernest Hemingway, Bernard Shaw, Th. Dreiser, S. Maugham, Gr. Green

10. Find and underline idioms in the sentences in the left column of the table. Write down your sentences with the same meaning but without the idiom in the right one.

	Sentences with idioms	Sentences without idioms
1.	Mr. Davis thinks he can teach us the trombone. <u>He must have a bee in his bonnet.</u>	<del>He thinks going mad about the idea to teach</del> <del>to</del> <del>he</del> <del>can</del> <del>teach</del> <del>us</del> <del>the</del> <del>trombone.</del> +
2.	She likes to have a finger in every pie in the village.	<del>She likes to be in every business in the village.</del> +
3.	When the missing money was noticed, she chose to disappear rather than <u>face the music.</u>	<del>she chose to disappear rather than tell the truth.</del> +
4.	What you say is <u>double Dutch</u> for me.	<del>I don't understand what you say.</del> +
5.	On the night of the play, Ann's father told her to break a leg.	<del>Ann's father told her to say "Good luck!"</del> +

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## 6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

One can google any information in seconds, rather than searching for it in libraries. E-books save us precious time and money, while real books are made of woods, which causes reducing of forests and making the ecology worse. Do paper books have a chance for the future?

Good! The Internet is one of the greatest inventions of the humanity. However, paper books some time ago were the ~~greatest~~ greatest invention too. The Internet ~~doesn't~~ <sup>doesn't</sup> produce information. The Internet accumulates information, that it gets from... paper books. So, I suppose, that to save the Internet and humanity to paper books will survive, because in case of war the Internet won't work, there will be only paper books, and if they ~~can't~~ <sup>can't</sup> live, then humanity have no chances. So, if humanity want to have chances, paper books must have chances in future, and I am sure that paper books will survive forever. The problem also is that nearly 70% of people on Earth do not have access to the Internet. And, so, they can get information only from books, newspapers and TV. So, again paper books must survive, if we want to ~~defend~~ <sup>defend</sup> ~~information~~ <sup>information</sup> popularize ~~educate~~ <sup>educate</sup> information around the world. Paper books will help us in this ~~done~~ <sup>done</sup> ~~mission~~ <sup>mission</sup> programme. 8

## 7. Explain the meaning of the following 2 words which reflect peculiarities of British and American cultures.

(1). The House of Commons The part of the Parliament of the UK. Lower than The House of Lords. The government is seated in the House of Commons. It has the speaker. It has the leader. All new laws are taken there. 5

(2). FLOTUS This is ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~abreviature~~ <sup>abreviature</sup> means First Lady of The United States. The wife of the USA president is FLOTUS. Now FLOTUS is Melania Trump, wife of the 45<sup>th</sup> USA president - Donald Trump. 5

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because he does mistakes, but, because he doesn't think before ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~doing something~~ <sup>doing something</sup> because a fool is always thinks he is very clever, because a fool never thinks about other people around him, because a fool never learns on his own mistakes, because a fool thinks that he never does mistakes. However, Dostoyevsky said that "A fool that considers himself a fool, is already not a fool", so ~~ever~~ <sup>ever</sup> all have a chance to change themselves. 9

## 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.

"The History of Plymouth Plantation" had been written by William Bradford between 1620 and 1651. It is a kind of diary in which he was writing about the life of the Pilgrims. After the Pilgrims had been landed in Plymouth harbour, they unload the "Mayflower". Then all their things had been put in a dry place. Later, cottages were being built for someone. The pilgrims also had discussed things and had made laws for their small group. In the winter months over half of the Pilgrims died and over 40 became ill. For sometime all the work had been done by only six or seven people. They fetched wood and made fires in everybody's houses. Food was cooked for the people who were ill, too.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	had been written	was written +
2	Pilgrims had been landed	Pilgrims <sup>had</sup> landed +
3	things had been put	things were put +
4	cottages were being built	cottages were built +
5	built for someone	built for everyone +

