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1. Comment on the following extract.

There's no known limit to how long humans can live, scientists say. The wish to extend the human lifespan has a long tradition in many cultures. Optimistic views of the possibility of achieving this goal through the latest developments in medicine feature increasingly in serious scientific and philosophical discussion. Focusing on interventions in biological ageing, one can distinguish between research that is first and foremost aimed at prolonging life by slowing or even arresting ageing processes and research that is directed at combating the diseases that seem to be intrinsically connected with biological ageing.

We seem to be enjoying now the new buzz about defeating ageing. For a long time scientists have been on a crusade to inspire the world to embark on a scientific quest to eliminate ageing and extend healthy lifespan indefinitely. It is a difficult job because the world is considered to be in a

“pro-ageing trance” happy to accept that ageing is unavoidable, when the reality is that it’s simply a “medical problem” that science can solve. If a consequence of increasing health is that life is extended, that’s a good thing, but the most important part is keeping people healthy as long as possible. Just as a vintage car can be kept in good condition indefinitely with periodic preventative maintenance, so there is no reason why, in principle, the same can’t be true of the human body.

The text given ~~above~~ is about the problem of possibility of extending the human lifespan. The author claims that ageing is not a big problem, thanks to the developments in medicine. Why do people care so much about defeating ageing and prolonging life?

I think that modern culture really affects our thoughts about being old. A lot of people think that wrinkles, prob-lem with health and even make them look old and not beautiful. We tend to buy special creams and pills to slow down ageing and to stay young as long as possible. People do not want to be unhealthy and to spend much time on curing diseases they have. It is also believed that ~~def~~ defeating ageing can extend lifespan. Most people say that they love life and want to stay alive for many more years to see the whole world, to meet new people and so on.

As for me, I am looking forward to see what kinds of pro-longing lifespan will be given to us in the nearest future. The progress scientists have already made is huge and it would be incredible if we found the way to stay young for decades or even hundreds of years.

To sum up, keeping healthy and young is what most people worry about a lot. ~~It would make people happier~~ People would become happier if the solution for eternal life was found. Nevertheless, for now we can just keep simple rules like ~~eat~~ healthy ~~doing~~ exercises and to sleep well for staying fit and young.

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

The Dog and the Shadow Fable.

It happened that a Dog had got a piece of meat and was carrying it home in his mouth to eat it in peace.

Now on his way home he had to cross a plank lying across a running brook.

As he crossed, he looked down and saw his own shadow reflected in the water beneath.

Thinking it was another dog with another piece of meat, he made up his mind to have that also.

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

1. On the whole they had X good weather. 2. The Browns are going to spend the week-end in the Lake District. 3. The sky was still dark in the East, but at X dawn it would clear up. 4. Though the rain ceased at X noon, the air still felt moist.

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

	Book	Author
1.	'David Copperfield'	S. Maugham
2.	'An American Tragedy'	Th. Dreiser
3.	'The Quiet American'	F. Scott Fitzgerald
4.	'The Great Gatsby'	F. Scott Fitzgerald
5.	'Cakes and Ale'	Gr. Green
6.	'Richard III'	W. Shakespeare
7.	'The Hound of Baskervilles'	A. Conan Doyle
8.	'Tender is the Night'	Ch. Dickens
9.	'Martin Eden'	J. London
10.	'Murder on the Orient Express'	Agatha Christie

Authors: Gr. Green, Ch. Dickens, F. Scott Fitzgerald, A. Conan Doyle, S. Maugham, Th. Dreiser, Agatha Christie, W. Shakespeare, F. Scott Fitzgerald, J. London

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.	If you're late to the interview, you'll <u>miss the boat</u> for the job.	If you're late to the interview, you won't get the job.
2.	He seems to be involved in some <u>monkey business</u> or other.	He seems to be involved in some criminal business or other.
3.	We couldn't <u>make heads or tails out</u> of the instructions of our boss.	We couldn't understand the instructions of our boss.
4.	So who told you she'd got the job? – Oh, let's say, <u>a little bird told me so</u> .	So who told you she'd got the job? – Oh, let's say, I have my own sources of information.
5.	The <u>lion's share</u> of the museum's budget goes on special exhibitions.	The big part of the museum's budget goes on special exhibitions.

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6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

The Internet and e-books have provided the world of education with the incredible facilities. Do you believe that the Internet will absorb all the knowledge, become the crucial source of know-how and replace traditional paper books, with positive and negative consequences?

From my point of view, modern technologies have made our lives much easier and they allow us to get any information we need, to keep in touch with people from all over the world and to do many different things people could not do fifty years ago. Even though the Internet and e-books have a lot of advantages, some people still use paper books and other traditional ways of getting information.

I think that paper books will never disappear and they cannot be replaced with gadgets. I prefer using e-books because they are easy to be carried and they are less expensive than paper books. However, the gadgets are pretty harmful for human's health so many people fight for traditional books and are against using the Internet and e-books in education. These people will save books at all costs and they will not let the Internet become the leading source of information.

Electronic tools are very useful and are good for most people. Nevertheless, paper book covers will always exist and work hard to support the traditional sources of information.

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

(1). The City is a nickname (unofficial name) of London, which is the capital of Great Britain.

(2). A Donkey and an Elephant are the symbols of two main political parties in the USA.

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So he made a snap at the shadow in the water, but as he opened his mouth the piece of meat fell out, dropped into the water and was never seen more.

The moral of the fable is that greed never does any good to anybody. Only bad people, who think that they must get anything at all costs, would fight with others for something they already have. The Dog had a piece of meat and decided to hit another dog to take the same thing away because of greed. The Dog got what he truly deserved because he had lost his piece of meat.

The fable is also about making right decisions. You must not destroy happiness of another person to build up your life. If the Dog managed to get that piece of meat he would make its owner sad and unhappy.

Greed is harmful for all of us and consequences for those who cannot control their wishes are not the best. We must share goods with each other instead of trying to get as much as possible.

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.

"Frankenstein" is a name that is known by many people today. But not everybody knows that Victor Frankenstein is the main character in a horrible story of Mary Shelley. The book had been written at the beginning of the 19th century. Mary Shelley was only twenty years old when she had written it. In the story Frankenstein, a scientist, had wanted to create a "person", but unfortunate he had created a "monster". The monster wanted to love by people, but nobody had liked him. That's why he had became violent and started killing people. In the end he also killed Victor Frankenstein.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	horrible	horrific
2	had been written	was written
3	at	in
4	had written	wrote
5	had wanted	wanted

6	unfortunate	unfortunately	+
7	had created	created	+
8	love	be loved	+
9	had liked	liked	+
10	had became	became	+

4. Comment on the following quotation:

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give (Winston Churchill).

In my opinion, Winston Churchill's quotation is about ~~that~~ what must be important for people. We make ~~our~~ decisions ourselves and only we have to choose what is good and what is not.

Of course, we have to get money to buy food, to pay for accommodation, to live the best life, in a nutshell. However, money is not a main thing we can have. People should remember about love, friendship, happiness and other wonderful things. Your closest people cannot be replaced with random people so we must share good emotions with our relatives and friends. We must be kind, honest, and generous with others.

People that are involved in charity projects, in volunteering and in other activities, which allow us to be useful for those who need help, have the best souls. They know not only how to get but also how to give. These people have lives full of thankfulness and kindness. Undoubtedly, it all makes our world much better.

I agree with Winston Churchill because it is more important to be able to give than to ~~to~~ get ~~something~~ something. People must be proud of what they give and what they get does not play a big role.

5. Comment on the story in pictures.



The story is about the family that has made a beautiful garden together. Even that little boy worked hard to help his parents. When the father wanted to make his wife happier he picked a flower. Children are likely to ~~to~~ behave just like their parents so the son decided to give all the flowers to his mother but that was not the best idea. The parents were shocked and surprised. Did they ~~even~~ expect ~~to~~ their son to behave like this? They ~~didn't~~. I think it is obvious that your ~~child~~ child will repeat after you and these parents had to understand it.

In conclusion, the moral of this story is that children and their parents are the same. Kids do not understand what is bad and their parents must show them examples of good behaviour.