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1.Comment on the following extract.

Living for ever may be a terrible fate but living a lot longer in good health sounds like a wonderful one. As we reflect on the relation between time and experience, for instance, there is an interesting and important paradox to be observed: the more life is experienced as meaningful, the less we are aware of time. The activities that give us the most satisfaction and happiness are those in which we are totally absorbed. Performing music, doing sports, reading good books, writing texts: there are many examples of activities that demand all our attention. In those activities that constitute human happiness there seem to be no time and space, no subject and object. From this one may infer that what we basically seek as human beings is not more time to live, but meaningful experiences.

If your body could be kept going for a thousand years, in what sense would the you that exists now still be around then? It would be more like a descendant than it would a continuation of you. I sometimes find it hard to identify with my teenage self, and that was less than 40 years ago.

If I change, I eventually become someone else. If I don't, life becomes stagnant and loses its direction.

Even if we could survive for hundreds of years, focusing too much on the future always risks neglecting the present. There is a very real sense in which we only ever exist in the here and now.

Being fully alive requires staying yourself, safe and sound, in that present as fully as possible. Dreams of eternal life interfere with making the most of the reality of temporal life.

Personally, I totally agree with the above-mentioned extract that our life consists of meaningful experiences. It is better and much more essential to live your life now, without guessing what are you going to face up in the morning. People ~~do~~ tend to forget about little everyday moments which can bring happiness just because of their attempts to achieve something more substantial and meaningful than they already have.

It is my strong opinion that people should be grateful for all of the favours they get from life. First of all, memories are also significant part of our life. Spending time with your family or friends, taking part in your favourite activities or travelling can ~~you~~ bring you various emotions: happiness, enjoyment or even sadness. But this is ~~what~~ makes human. That's why you should value the time spent on anything that makes you happy. Our favourite activities are the reason why we forget about time. However, you need to remember to achieve set goals and try to achieve them. Although it doesn't mean that you must devote all ~~lot~~ your time to your aims. You still live now in the present and I consider that you should take all ~~that~~ you get from life. I agree with that state: "Being fully alive requires staying yourself, safe and sound, in that present as fully as possible".

In conclusion, I would like to point out that memories and experiences are significant part of our life and that's why we should live now and get every happiness in the present. Be grateful for the favours you take.

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

The Lion and the Fox Fable

The Lion and the Fox were hunting together.

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

1. The highest mountain chain, which is called X Himalayas, is situated in X Asia. 2. The dinner was substantial, but she asked to buy X ice after it. 3. Why not go to the Netherlands in X summer to practice X Dutch language. 4. When he left X school, he built houses in the West.

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

	Book	Author
1.	'Othello'	W. Shakespeare
2.	'The Grapes of Wrath'	J. Stainbeck
3.	'The Sea Wolf'	T. London
4.	'A Handful of Dust'	E. Waugh
5.	'Death on the Nile'	Agatha Christie
6.	'Our man in Havana'	Gr. Green
7.	'Sister Carrier'	Th. Dreiser
8.	'Twilight'	W. Faulkner
9.	'The importance of being earnest'	Oscar Wild
10.	'The Pick Papers'	Ch. Dickens

Authors: Ch. Dickens, J. Stainbeck, Oscar Wild, Gr. Green, J. London E. Waugh, W. Shakespeare, Th. Dreiser, Agatha Christie, W. Faulkner

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.	My washing machine is <u>on its last legs</u> . I've had it twenty-five years ago.	My washing machine is in bad condition. I've had it twenty-five years ago.
2.	We had to work hard at our last programmes, and they weren't always successful, <u>but no pains, no games</u> .	We had to work hard at our last programmes and they weren't always successful, but we won't achieve our goals without trying.
3.	<u>No ifs and buts</u> , just do what I tell you.	No excuses, just do what I tell you
4.	Stop wasting your time and start working at last. <u>Time and tide wait for no man</u> .	Stop wasting your time and start working at last. Stop delaying your work.
5.	You'll have to <u>mind your Ps and Qs</u> when you meet your girlfriend's mother for the first time.	You'll have to be especially polite when you meet your girlfriend's mother for the first time.

6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

Thinking - the maximum step of human knowledge. Yet the computer solves precisely formulated problems much more quickly than the person. However, the computer does not solve indistinctly formulated problems, and the person solves. Do you share the opinion that a computer can think?

In To my point of view, computers are unable to think. To begin with, they are electronic machines which have an artificial brain created by human. They cannot feel or have emotions and this is the important part of being human. There is no need in arguing that electronic devices nowadays ~~are~~ are the essential element of our life because we always address to it when we are facing up with some problems. However, the computers will be unable to work without human. Gadgets make our life much easier, but they cannot replace us. Human brain is always working and it always produces a lot of ideas which simplifies our frenetic pace of life. Computers are unable to support or to make you feel better when you are on the mood. They will never share your happiness or encourage you to achieve anything you want. What I'm trying to say is that human qualities can never be replaced with the artificial mind. And our heart often goes with our brain. That is why I firmly believe that a computer cannot think and I'm not sure that it will be able some day, because after all it is just a machine.

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

(1) Shadow Cabinet goes to British culture and it means a group of leaders of a ~~parliamentary~~ parliamentary opposition which base the ~~party~~ when their power is returned to them the membership of the cabinet ~~when~~ the power is returned to their party.

(2) Tory (goes to British culture) - one of the main parties in Britain in the 17th century;
the British conservative party;
the person who supported British government during the American revolution.

The Lion, on the advice of the Fox, sent a message to the Ass, proposing to make an alliance between their families.

The Ass came to the place of meeting, overjoyed at the prospect of a royal alliance.

But when he came there the Lion simply pounced on the Ass, and said to the Fox:

"here is our dinner for to-day. Watch you here while I go and have a nap. Woe betide you if you touch my prey."

The Lion went away and the Fox waited; but finding that his master did not return, ventured to take out the brains of the Ass and ate them up.

When the Lion came back he soon noticed the absence of the brains, and asked the Fox in a terrible voice:

"What have you done with the brains?"

"Brains, your Majesty! It had none, or it would never have fallen into your trap."

In my opinion, the given fable teaches a couple of morals.

First of all, even the Ass was looking forward of making an alliance with such families as The Lions and The Foxes, he still should have been suspicious and not eager to do everything more clever to see that there could have been a trap. However, he was so overjoyed at the prospect of a royal alliance that he was killed.

Secondly, even though the Fox and the Lion were haunting together, the Fox should still be aware that the Lion is dangerous. It had to be one on one step cleverer than the Lion and that's why he saved his life own life.



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.

When the old lady had returned to her flat she saw at once that burglars broke in during her absence, because the front door was open and everything in the flat was upside down. The burglars themselves were no longer there, but they probably just left because a cigarette still burnt on an ornamental table. She wondered if they found her jewellery and was rather hoping that they did. It was given to her by her late husband, yet she didn't like it and if it was stolen she would have get the insurance money.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	had returned	returned

2	broke	had broken
3	just left	had just left
4	still burnt	was still burning
5	found	had found
6	was rather hoping	rather hoped
7	didn't like	hadn't liked it
8	was given	had been given
9	did was stolen	had had been stolen
10	would have get	would get have got

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4. Comment on the following quotation:

There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.

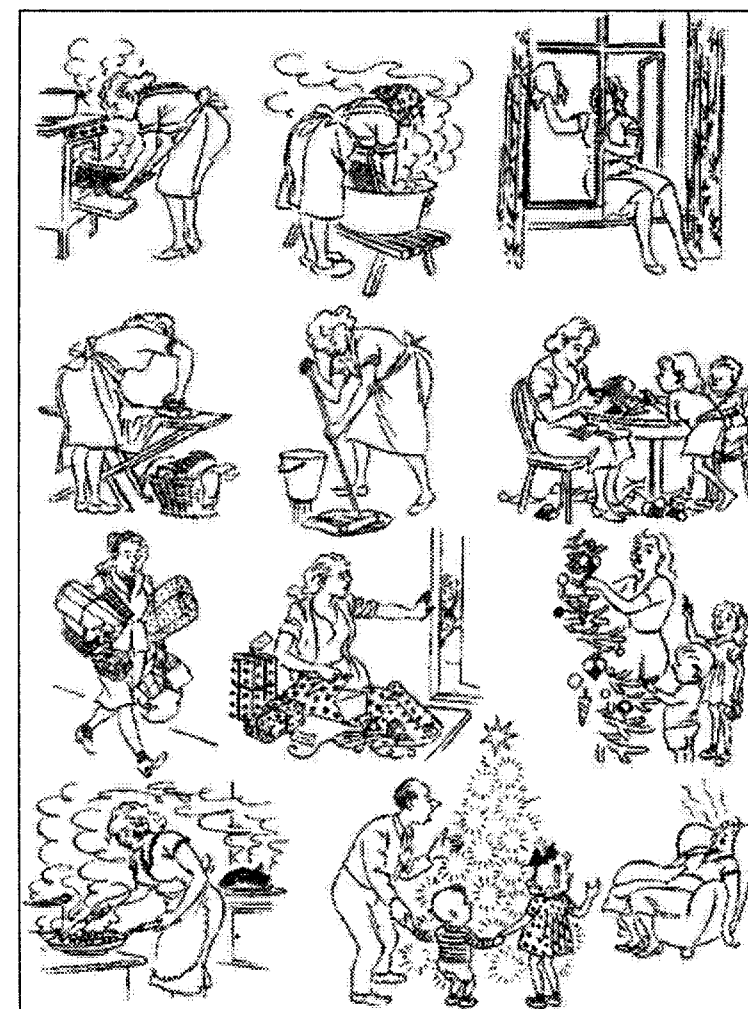
(Aristotle)

It is common that people express their opinions without thinking that they can hurt someone. They do not pay attention on what they are saying, but often their words cause more pain than any weapon. I agree with the quotation of the Aristotle that we often get criticized for whatever we are doing.

In such situations there is only one way out: stop paying attention to what others say and live your fully life. Obviously, sometimes we need an advice when we are lost or don't know what to do. However, being abused or humiliated by others words is awful. I strongly believe that every body should love themselves and be what they truly are. Trying to follow at people's words will make you dependent on their opinions and unable to think for yourself. There is no way to avoid to criticism by staying who you are and it isn't necessary. Love and value yourself, because you are individual with special abilities and skills and listening to what others say will mean that you are betraying yourself.

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5. Comment on the story in pictures.



The pictures show a woman who is doing all the house hold chores: spopping, ironing, wash, baking. I suppose the she has been doing this routine since morning ~~that~~ that is why she fell asleep in the evening. I believe that she is mother and wife. She is so caring and responsible and does everything for her family. Sometimes people think that women without work are doing nothing at home. However, it isn't true. They have in a lot of duties which keeps home clean and tidy. It is necessary to value all that our mothers do for us. They are always there to help, they sacrifice everything to their family. Their role in our life is essential and meaningful. Personally, I cannot imagine my life without my mother because she is often the best friend which will always help no matter what and give you a wise advice.

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