

6.	Lord of the Flies	George Eliot William Golding +
7.	The Light That Failed	George Eliot —
8.	Little Dorrit	Rudyard Kipling —
9.	The Quiet American	Graham Greene +
10.	The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway +

Authors: Ernest Hemingway, Charles Dickens, George Eliot, William Golding, H. G. Wells, J. D. Salinger, Harper Lee, Graham Greene, Rudyard Kipling, Mark Twain

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ВАРИАНТ 1

1. Comment on the following extract.

Koalas Aren't Extinct, but Their Future Is in Danger, Experts Say.

Claims that koalas were “functionally extinct” spread widely online as fires raged in Australia. With large areas of their crucial habitat ravaged, it is unclear what the future holds for a species that was already under threat before this round of bush fires. Some koalas have been rescued, and with blazes still burning, it is hard to know how many have been killed.

The phrase “functionally extinct” has recently made the rounds in news articles and on social media. The term refers to a species that no longer plays a role in an ecosystem or that is on its way to extinction, possibly irremovably.

In fact, koalas are not extinct. And some scientists warned that exaggeration can hurt, rather than help, conservation efforts. “What is particularly frustrating about the term ‘functional extinction’ is it indicates a population that is basically past the point of no return, so it means that nothing really can be done,” said Jacquelyn Gill, professor of Biology and Ecology.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Red List, says the koala population is declining and vulnerable — but not endangered. Estimates range wildly, and every region is different. In some places, scientists say, koalas’ numbers have declined by up to 80 percent. Koalas evolved to exist alongside wildfires, but the animals are facing new threats from human development, which has dislocated local populations and impaired their ability to survive fires, as well as climate change.

Contrary to some opinions expressed in the extract, I believe that koalas should not be considered extinct and endangered species. Such discourse only hinders the efforts of real ecologists and activists, who are trying to

be made.

To sum up, ~~I am~~ ^{definitely} I am convinced that the craze and the shock of a message of coalas going extinct is not beneficial for the cause of helping these species stay alive. However, their population ~~faces~~ ^{really} is facing the threat of declining because of ~~some~~ ^{some} people's irresponsibility, so I hope there will be ~~a~~ ^{some} clear and definite information on the ways we can collectively improve the situation ~~and~~ (such as donation links, charities' contacts ~~and~~ etc.). That's the only ~~way~~ ^{option} ~~we can~~ for us to actually contribute to this cause and make significant changes ~~in the situation~~ for the better.

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference (Sir Winston Churchill).

I agree that ~~a person's~~ ^{one's} attitude can significantly ~~change~~ affect their personal and professional ~~pe~~ success. For example, I know ^{from} first-hand ^{experience} that positive attitude and clear determination can ~~help~~ ^{boost} my performance in different exams and tests. I am always anxious before the examination but I try to combat my nervousness by

9. (1) Explain the origin and name the principal ingredients of the traditional British dish:

(a). The origin

(b). The ingredients

(2). Explain the meaning of the following words which reflect peculiarities of British or American cultures:

The place in British political headquarters, where the most influential and affluent members of British elite gather to make important political and economical decisions. Their influence is hidden (therefore, the Shadow Cabinet), but it is prominent nonetheless.

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

	Book	Author	
1.	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	M. Twain	+
2.	The Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger	+
3.	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	+
4.	Middlemarch	Charles Dickens	—
5.	The War of the Worlds	H.G. Wells	+

Leita made him a good wife. She was gentle and friendly, busied herself about the house garden, polished the bowls, milked the cows and mended his socks. But as time went by Mr. Peters began to feel that she was not happy. She seemed restless, wandered much in the garden, and sometimes when he came back from the fields he would find the house

One evening he was returning home along the river path when he saw Leita in front of him, down by the water. A swan had sailed up to her and she had her arms round its neck. She was weeping, and as he came nearer he saw that tears were rolling, too, from the swan's eyes.

"Leita, what is it?" he asked, very troubled.

Think of the ending to the story and write it in the space below.

Leita didn't answer but her sorrow ~~showed~~ and tears in her eyes spoke for ~~itself~~ ^{her}. Mr Peters suddenly understood the reason she had been so restless. It struck him like a lightning. "You miss the forest?" he gently inquired. Leita silently nodded, trying to hold back her tears. "Forgive me, I was so selfish. It never crossed my mind that a creature of ~~the~~ nature might not be happy in captivity," he said, having made his decision. Leita's eyes glimpsed with hope as if she understood ~~his~~ him. "My second wish is for ~~Leita~~ ^{as} my wife to be free as the forest!" Mr Peters demanded from the swan. It bowed its head ~~in~~ in gratitude. "And my third wish is for her to be happy," he added impulsively. Although he was never an altruistic man,

7. Here is the list of former colonies. Seven of them were British and three belonged to other countries. Find them and cross out.

~~Qatar, Pakistan, Israel, Guinea, Gabon, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Mali, Bangladesh~~

8. 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. She never stops talking about dieting – she has a bee in her bonnet about it. +
2. Oh man, my car wouldn't start this morning – I just made it here by the skin of my teeth. +
3. As soon as he heard about the announcement of lottery results on TV, he had his heart in his mouth as he himself had purchased five of them. +
4. You can complain about it till you are blue in the face, but we're going to your grandmother's whether you like it or not. +
5. Just hold your horses, Bill! Let's think about this for a moment. +
6. A good mystery novel always has a red herring that keeps readers off guard. +
7. The old lady had led a solitary life, but when she licked the bucket, the whole neighbourhood came to her funeral. +
8. Jones and Cook met at the age of ten and we had been / were thick as thieves since then. +
9. Lilly studied about interior designing but the lights were on but nobody was home. +
10. Let me know next time you are in my neck of the woods and we'll go for a snack. +

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repeating the motto of possibility and self-confidence. More often than not, it makes ^{world} a ~~lot~~ of difference. ~~and~~ without this way of thinking I stress out and perform badly, so there can be no doubt that the change in my attitude towards exams affects my grades.

What is more, this statement ~~is~~ can be proven through some examples from ^{classic} literature and drama. In his famous book "Mammoth" "THE FORSYTE SAGA" Galsworthy shows the importance of a right attitude by contrasting the way Soms Forsyte and Michael Mont are received in high society.

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.

Why Do Seashells Sound Like The Ocean?

Its lovely to reminiscence about your beach vacation by listening to the sound of waves in a big conch shell—but be aware that it isn't the ocean you listen. The shape of seashells allow them to capture and reflect ambient noise, amplifying certain frequencies, so when you hold one to your ear, your really just hearing echoes of the quite sounds that are already surrounding you. Nationally accredited audiologist Shruti Deshpande, PhD, an assistant professor at the St. John's University, told the Huffington Post recently that empty bowls and bottles can produce similarly affects.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	its	it's +
2	conch shell	sea shell
3	listen	are listening hear +
4	allow	allows +
5	your	you're +
6	quite	quiet +
7	are already surrounding	already surround / are already around +
8	accredited	famous / acclaimed +
9	similarly	similar +
10	affects	effects +

4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

1. Clever crime solvers need a direct line and a ruler to make the case ~~and a ruler to make the case~~ +
2. Will the negotiators be able to untie the knot of Gordii? +
3. Morning dreams are the sweetest. +
4. All's well that ends well. +
5. Don't judge a book by its cover. +
6. Two wrongs don't make one right. +
7. Say not always that you know but always know what you say. +

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8. Don't throw the baby into the snake pit. —
 9. We only see our daughter once when she leaves us for another a man to marry. —
 10. He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. +

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



One day Mr Pingley was having a dinner with the Quarrels. at
 Mr Quarrel was smoking a cigar while Mrs Quarrel was knibbing
 and everything seemed perfectly normal. In the midst of
 a conversation Mrs Quarrel suddenly noticed her
 husband's cigar and began accusing him of behaving
 like a pig and ruining her favourite carpet. Mr Quarrel
 rightfully stood up for himself against her accusations, but
 she was unstoppable. The fight broke out. Mr Pingley heard
 all unpleasant unpleasant details of their marriage life he
 never wanted to know about. Soon the violence ensued. at
 Mrs Quarrel slapped her husband and he in return

threatened her with a chair. Mr Pingley was terrified and
 helpless, unable to stop the impending disaster. Clack!
 A gorgeous fine plate shattered against Mr Quarrel's
 face. Upon seeing blood, Mr Pingley nearly fainted. Thud!
 Mr Quarrel pinned his wife to the floor and was ready
 to hit her with a boiling hot kettle, no exaggeration.
 It was the final straw. Mr Pingley fled for his life
 and ran down the stairs. "Policeman! Help! Murder!"
 he cried. Fortunately, an officer was nearby and
 he agreed to visit a suspicious flat.
 However, when Mr Pingley finally cautiously entered
 the Quarrel's flat, he saw no sign of a previous disaster. at
 Everything was clean and picture-perfect. Mr and Mrs
 Quarrel were embracing each other. Mrs Quarrel was sitting
 on her husband's lap and smiling at him. Mr Pingley
 had never felt so stupid and awkward in his life. than
 in this moment in his life

6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

The Third Wish

(after Joan Aiken)

Once Mr. Peters was driving in his car at dusk. He entered a straight, empty stretch of road and heard a faint crying, and a struggling and thrashing, as if somebody was in trouble far away in the trees. He left his car and climbed the mossy bank beside the road. Then he saw the gleam of water. Coming closer he found that it was a swan that had become entangled in the thorns growing on the bank of the canal.

The bird struggled all the more frantically as he approached, looking at him with hate in its yellow eyes. Nevertheless he managed to release it from the thorns.

Then the swan floated in to the bank once more and in a moment turned into a little man all in green with golden crown and long beard, standing by the water. He had fierce glittering eyes and looked by no means friendly.

"Well, Sir," he said threateningly, "You have rescued-by pure good fortune-the King of the Forest from a difficulty, you should have some fabulous reward."

"I expect three wishes, no more and no less," answered Mr. Peters, looking at him steadily and with composure. He stood for some minutes reflecting on how he should use his reward. Finally he said:

"My first wish is to have a wife as beautiful as the forest."

A tremendous quacking and splashing broke out on the surface of the water, and he saw the most beautiful creature he had ever seen, with eyes as blue-green as the canal, hair as dusky as the bushes, and skin as white as the feathers of swans.

"I am your wife", she said. "My name is Leita."

ex. 2.

To conclude, I strongly believe that ~~the right~~ with the right attitude it is easier to go through life and communication, as ~~it~~ ~~the~~ ~~impact~~ of an appropriate mindset ~~is~~ impacts our personal achievements as well as ~~our~~ ~~the~~ other people's perception of us.

ex. 6.

Mr Peters suddenly felt that what he was doing was right.
Leiba ran up to him and threw her arms around him.
She thanked him and kissed him dearly ~~and~~ for a few
last time. Then she turned into a beautiful white swan
and flew away. A King of the Forest made a sword, which
~~she had to be~~ ^{didn't regret his decision.}
laughter However, Mr Peters ~~didn't never~~
~~regretted his decision as he had and to this day~~ his
last day he told his children and grandchildren that
story ~~of~~ a magnificent and rebellious girl woman that
grated his life as quickly and as suddenly as she
came into it. Nobody believed him, of course, but that is
a completely different question.
