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ВАРИАНТ 6

1. Comment on the following extract.

How a Rooftop Meadow of Bees and Butterflies Shows N.Y.C.'s Future

As bird and insect populations plummet, sounding new alarms about the health of the natural world, one promising arena where humans can help is also a surprising one: cities. In New York, scientists and officials are calling for residents and companies to do their part, with projects as ambitious as the rooftop meadow and as simple as choosing native plants for home window boxes.

A Greenpoint building in New-York is part of a push to combat climate change and make the city more welcoming to wildlife. The wild-looking meadow on the roof of the building creates a welcoming environment for the bees and butterflies of the season. Tall grasses glow in the afternoon sunlight. Silver orbs that look like alien spacecrafts shimmer nearby.

For some species, scientists say, cities can be more hospitable than rural and suburban areas, because fewer lawns and farms mean fewer pesticides. The green roof in Brooklyn draws endangered monarch butterflies, a panoply of birds and wild bees that are native to New York City but threatened by what scientists have called an “insect apocalypse.”

Green roofs like the one in Greenpoint are expected to multiply under a city law that will require new buildings to be topped with green spaces or solar panels.

It is difficult to quantify the effect of wildlife corridors, scientists say, but research shows that such corridors increase the number of species and individual creatures able to thrive in cities and may serve as a patchwork of habitats in the future.

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If we see a headline of an article dedicated to the topic of ecology and climate change, we instantly feel anxious. Does it always have to be so? A Greenpoint building in New York has launched a project dedicated to preserving several wildlife species.

If a sheer thought of having tall grasses and meadows on top of industrial buildings doesn't excite you, maybe the feedback received from environmentalists will. Scientists claim that urban areas provide a sustainable environment better than some rural areas. ~~and~~ The government has also been supportive enough to ~~provide~~ a land that will require new buildings to be equipped with solar panels or green spaces.

Whether you put a solar panel on top of a building or simply choose native plants for home window boxes, no one is too small to make a difference. We're constantly frustrated by the current state of events but if we challenge ourselves to pick a sustainable way of living we can help for a better future for our planet, present and for us.

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2. Comment on the following statement:

Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live.

~~In our~~ Nowadays, our society is ~~striving~~ ^{striving} towards being independent and self-reliant, but people can sometimes forget that we should always prioritise empathy and kindness. We become selfish when we proclaim this lifestyle as the only lifestyle that will make us happy. By invading personal spaces in order to make someone feel wrong for living, thinking and being the way they are, we become rude and selfish.

When we allow ourselves to be and others to have more empathy and kindness, we establish healthy ways of communicating and living. All it takes to do so is just to stop telling people to live the way you wish to live.

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potatoes. Sometimes it is served with onion or mushroom ^{dry} and some vegetables

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

The White House - this building is the President's residence where he lives with his family and makes important decisions, which later on reflect on America's future. It is also home to the executive branch.

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

Book	Author
1. Nineteen Eighty-Four	George Orwell +
2. The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame +
3. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain +
4. The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald +
5. Kim	Rudyard Kipling +
6. The Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde +
7. Death on the Nile	Agatha Christie +
8. The Painted Veil	Charles Dickens - 4
9. Our Mutual Friend	W. Somerset Maugham -
10. The Sun Also Rises	Ernest Hemingway +

Authors: Agatha Christie, Kenneth Grahame, W. Somerset Maugham, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Rudyard Kipling, Charles Dickens, Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain, George Orwell

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6-2 laughing at her. Roger took no notice of this and told Ruth that she needs to take some rest. After several months of living with Ruth, who was slowly, but surely becoming mentally unstable, Roger thought this needs to be put to an end. Ruth couldn't bear the thought of Roger leaving her, so she made a wooden doll and, therefore, was able to control his emotions and actions. 40 days later, the police found that Roger died in his house and that is how Ruth became a widow twice.

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7. Here is the list of universities. Seven of them are in the USA and three are located in other countries. Find them and cross out.
Princeton University, Macquarie University, James Cook University, Yale University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgetown University, Clark University, Imperial College, Drexel University, Dartmouth College

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. I was on cloud nine after receiving the news of my promotion.
- 2. The browser was as slow as but it worked. ~~was slow~~
- 3. After some reflection, he decided to bite the bullet. ^{face}
- 4. The roads were full of traffic and we were travelling at a snail's pace for two hours.
- 5. I was left out in the cold in the annual promotions in the company.
- 6. My wife's a night owl, but I like to be in bed by 10 o'clock.
- 7. I go out for walks once in a blue moon. ^{side of the coin}
- 8. We only see the glamor and money in showbiz. But the other is that only one in hundreds reach there.
- 9. I am dizzy. I'm feeling under the weather.
- 10. We told her it was a delicate situation but she went into the meeting like a bull in a china shop.

Idioms: on cloud nine, the other side of the coin, left out in the cold, a bull in a china shop, bite the bullet, once in a blue moon, under the weather, night owl, at a snail's pace, (as) slow as molasses.

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

Sunday roast

- (a). The origin
Sunday roast was made to celebrate God every Sunday. ^{originally}
Since there is always religious service on Sundays, but only at ~~the~~ these people celebrate God, they also celebrate their family and loved ones.
- (b). The ingredients
Sunday roast is traditionally made of meat, and ² ₃

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 are most blackboards green and not black?

Before blackboards were large enough to take ^{up} in an entire wall in a classroom, students would use individual size boards ~~making~~ ^{made of} of slate or wood that ~~had been painted~~ in black. So the first blackboards, were in fact, black. Once teachers realized they needed ^{more} more space to teach their students, they put ~~the~~ multiple boards of slate together on the wall to make bigger blackboards. Finally, as the demand for blackboards ~~raised~~ ^{was} raised, companies started making them out of steel plates coated with green porcelain-based enamel in spite of the traditional dark slate. This way the boards were ~~more light~~ ^{lighter} lighter, less fragile, and easier to ship. This is what the school was like a 100 years before. ~~word~~

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	take in	take up +
2	making of	made of +
3	these students	their students +
4	a 100 years before	a 100 years ago -
5	more light	lighter +
6	had been painted	was painted -
7	they need	they needed +
8	the multiple boards	multiple boards +
9	realized	had realized -
10	raised	was rising -

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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.

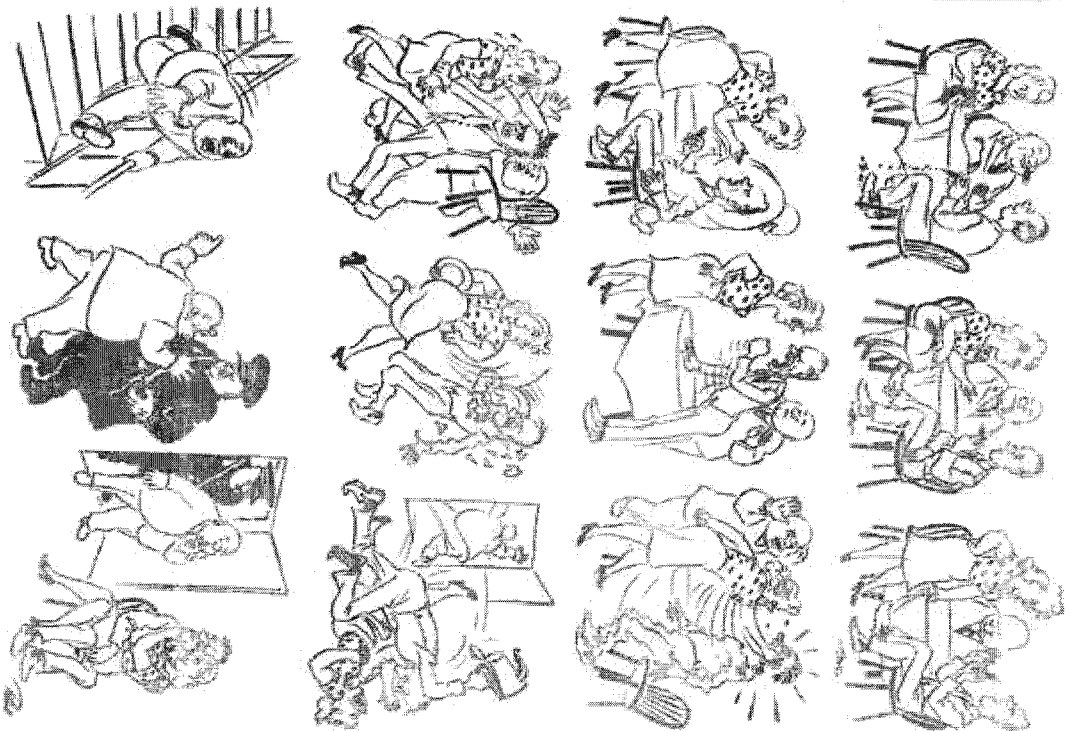
Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

- 1. When my friend and I go out, it is always about going just as both of us don't have much money.
- 2. Bad news come first.
- 3. Let sleeping dogs lie.



4. Bless those who help themselves
5. You will really see your friends' true faces when you call upon them in a time of crisis.
6. Opera is not hallet
7. When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
8. Once bitten, always swollen
9. Don't judge a book by its cover
10. The grass is greener on the other side of the hill

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



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I know it was a bad idea to invite John ~~to~~ but we is one of my most promising business partners and I was really looking forward to finally making a deal with him. Cynthia said she wanted to go too, ~~since~~ she knew John from since high school, so I thought that I would make the atmosphere welcoming and friendly, so I said: "Sure, why not."

By the time we had arrived, John ~~was~~ ^{had} already been smoking a cigar. Cynthia noticed ~~the~~ ^{had} the mess around her and went absolutely crazy! ~~in~~ ^{well} look at ~~her~~ ^{always} the same ~~hostile~~ ^{careless} and immature ~~John~~ ^{John} ~~total~~ ^{total} her ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~take~~ ^{take} her words back and then they got into a fight. This was already a miserable day for me and my company but seeing my wife punching my friend's nose I couldn't stand this anymore, so I went to get the police. ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~run~~ ^{run} back to the crime scene, expecting a huge scandal, but what ~~do~~ ^{do} I see? John and Cynthia ~~are~~ ^{are} making out! Turns out, they were dating in high school and I seeing each other after so many years just I made them ignored some kind of spark.

So ~~you~~ ^{you} so, I guess you can say that despite all of these events, I still made a deal. A deal with the Devil himself I suppose.

6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

The Escape

(after W.S. Maugham)

Roger Charing was no longer young when he fell in love with Ruth Barlow and he had had enough experience to make him careful; but Ruth Barlow had a gift that makes most men defenceless. This was the gift of pathos. Mrs. Barlow was twice a widow. She had splendid dark eyes and they were the most moving I ever saw. They seemed to be always on the point of filling with tears and you felt that her sufferings had been impossible to bear. Mrs. Barlow was one of those unfortunate persons with whom nothing goes right. If she married the husband beat her; if she employed a broker he cheated her; if she took a cook she drank.

When Roger told me that he was going to marry her, I wished him joy. As for me I thought she was stupid and as hard as nails.

Roger introduced her to his friends. He gave her lovely jewels. He took her everywhere. Their marriage was announced for the nearest future. Roger was very pleased with himself, he was committing a good action.

Then suddenly he fell out of love. I don't know why. He realized that Ruth Barlow had made up her mind to marry him and he swore that nothing would make him marry her. Roger knew it wouldn't be easy. Roger didn't show that his feelings to Ruth Barlow had changed. He remained attentive to all her wishes, he took her to dine at restaurants, he sent her flowers, he was charming.

They were to get married as soon as they found a house that suited them; and they started looking for residences. The agents sent Roger orders to view and he took Ruth to see some houses. It was very difficult to find anything satisfactory. They visited house after house. Sometimes they were too large and sometimes they were too small; sometimes they were too far from the centre and sometimes they were too close; sometimes they were too expensive and sometimes they wanted too many repairs; sometimes they were too stuffy and sometimes they were too airy. Roger always found a fault that made the house unsuitable. He couldn't let his dear Ruth to live in a bad house.

Think of the ending to the story and write it in the space below. Surely, after a week At last ~~the~~ ^{she} settled on an abandoned mansion. Ruth started noticing things like her reflection in the mirror