VENDING MACHINES

11.1. Vocabulary

Ex. 1. *Match the words with their Russian equivalents.*

1. improve	a. торговый автомат
2. improvement	b. улучшение
3. consumer	c. потребление
4. consume	d. потреблять
5. advantage	e. оборудовать
6. save	f. оборудование
7. equip	g. улучшать
8. vending machine	h. достоинство
9. consumption	i. экономить
10. vend	j. потребитель
11. equipment	k. продавать

Ex. 2. *Complete the sentences with the given words.*

save, equipment, improvement, consume, improve, advantage, equipped, consumption, vend, vending machine

It's important to _____(1) snacks in moderation from vending machines.

I want to _____(2) the selection of snacks in the vending machine.

As a consumer, I prefer healthy options in vending machines.

One _____(3) of vending machines is that they provide quick snacks.

Have you seen the new _____(4) in the break room?

The vending machine is _____(5) with a variety of drinks and snacks.

She noticed an _____(6) in the prices of items in the vending machine.

Excessive _____(7) of items from vending machines is not recommended.

Let's _____(8) some chips from the vending machine for our snack break.

The _____(9) inside the vending machine needs to be restocked regularly.

We can _____(10) time by using the vending machine instead of waiting in line.

11.2. Grammar

Ex. 1. Put the words in the correct order.

1. place needs constantly changing are market today's of the

2. many machines vending have advantages

3. is weight the of controlled volume automatically of helpings

4. obtain the machines includes in vending also different combination standard coins with for change right value coin changes to equipment of insertion

5. growing service demands and product for are

11.3. Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

Wandering through the bustling corridors of an airport, one can hardly ignore the ubiquitous hum of vending machines. These automated merchants have evolved dramatically from merely dispensing snacks and beverages. Today's vending machines offer an astonishing array of products, from fresh salads to high-end electronics. Fascinatingly, in countries like Japan, vending machines display an incredible versatility, selling everything from umbrellas to hot meals.

Their convenience cannot be overstated. Whether it's a quick lunch in a corporate office or a midnight coffee at a train station, vending machines cater to our fast-paced lives. Technological advancements have also played a pivotal role. Modern machines are equipped with touch screens, cashless payments, and even AI, capable of making personalized recommendations based on purchase history.

Nevertheless, the rise of vending machines raises questions about the human touch in customer service. While they undoubtedly offer efficiency and convenience, can they replicate the warmth of a friendly

cashier or the nuanced service of a knowledgeable barista? Perhaps the future will see a blend of technology and human interaction, designed to preserve the best of both worlds.

Yet, the environmental impact cannot be ignored. These machines consume energy and generate waste, urging us to ponder a balance between innovation and sustainability. Can vending machines of the future be both convenient and eco-friendly? As technology advances, this question will undoubtedly shape the trajectory of these automated helpers.

Ex. 2. *Answer the questions.*

1. What products do vending machines offer today besides snacks and beverages?

2. How have technological advancements improved vending machines?

3. In what country do vending machines sell items like umbrellas and hot meals?

4. How do vending machines cater to our fast-paced lives?

5. What concerns are raised about the human touch in customer service with the rise of vending machines?

6. What environmental impact do vending machines have?

7. How might technology shape the future of vending machines in terms of convenience and sustainability?