

**Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (20)**

Many people from interior regions of Pakistan, such as Punjab, Sindh, and Balochistan, migrate to Karachi in hopes of a better life. One such person was Bashiran, a young girl from a village in Rahim Yar Khan. When she was twelve, her father decided to move the family to Karachi to improve their future.

In Karachi, an acquaintance helped them find a vacant plot in Gulistan-e-Jauhar owned by a wealthy man named Seth Kareemuddin. Bashiran's father became the watchman of the plot, and the family built a hut there to live in. Soon, the whole family found work: Bashiran, her mother, and sisters started working in homes; her brothers joined repair shops or began training in mechanical work.

Within months, their financial situation improved. Bashiran's father bought an illegal 240-yard plot near Hazara Goth using the family's savings. Around Ramadan, a relative advised them to also collect charity like Zakat and Fitranā from wealthy employers. From then on, they began collecting donations and ration, along with their wages.

Over time, Bashiran's family registered with three welfare organizations and started receiving monthly ration bags. After ten years, the family owned five plots, had bank savings, and ran cars on rent—yet they continued to collect charity as they once did when they were poor.

This story is not unique. Thousands of families working as domestic workers, guards, and drivers continue to receive Zakat and charity despite becoming financially stable. They rarely reveal that they are no longer in need. Some justify this by saying, "No business is bad, and no religion is greater than business."

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, some well-off workers collected free rations from mosques despite receiving food from their employers. Sadly, many wealthy donors give without verifying the recipients' needs, unintentionally wasting their charity.

Not every worker in humble professions is eligible for Zakat. True dignity lies in self-sufficiency and building one's own identity.

**Questions:**

- Q1. Why did Bashiran's family continue collecting charity even after becoming financially stable?
- Q2. What can we infer about the effectiveness of charity distribution in Karachi?
- Q3. What message is the writer trying to convey through the phrase: "No business is bad, and no religion is greater than business"?
- Q4. Why might people like Bashiran hesitate to stop collecting charity?
- Q5. What does the passage suggest about the long-term impact of unchecked charity practices on society?

## Comprehension:

### QUESTION: 1

#### ANSWER:

Bashirwan's family, once poor, continue collecting charity even after becoming financially stable, because some perceive the acquisition of wealth more important than morality and religion.

### QUESTION: 2

#### ANSWER:

We can infer from this passage regarding the effectiveness of charity distribution in Karachi, it is unfortunate that many wealthy people give charity without verifying the recipients' charity. As a result, their charity is wasted and not received by poor people.

### QUESTION: 3

#### ANSWER:

The writer tried to convey the most important message through this phrase, "No business is bad, and no religion is greater than business". The writer believes that some people prioritize collecting wealth even if their means of acquiring wealth is against morality and religious injunctions.

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#### ANSWER:

People like Bashirwan's family <sup>might</sup> hesitate to stop collecting charity. It is because, they consider it justified to collect as much wealth as possible to ensure their survival. They may even ignore religion in this blind pursuit of wealth.

#### QUESTION 15

#### ANSWER:

The long-term impact of unchecked charity practices

on society include genuinely poor people face food insecurity as charity is consumed by people who disguise poverty to collect wealth.

#### QUESTION: 4 Correction of sentences.

- i) Hardly had he left the room when the phone rang.
- ii) Neither the teacher nor the students know the answer.
- iii) Being a doctor, the illness was quickly diagnosed.
- iv) She advised me to take a break.
- v) If I had seen him, I would have told him the truth.
- vi) The committee has announced its decision.
- vii) He is one of those writers who have won many awards.