

ENGLISH (PRELIS AND COMPOSITION)

Question no. 4

- (i) Most of the shelves in the library are empty.
- (ii) Chocolate or vanilla: which one do you like best?
- (iv) Ten miles is a long distance.
- (vi) She is one of the students who has passed competitive exams.
- (viii) Learning to play piano requires a lot of effort.

Question no. 5 (A)

Bill Gates once had a coffee at a coffee shop. When the waiter was taking the dishes away, Bill Gates tipped him one dollar. "Whenever your daughter comes for coffee, she gives me a five-dollar tip," said the waiter. "She is the daughter of a billionaire", replied Bill Gates, "and I am the son of a poor carpenter." This is why it is often said, "Never forget your past because your past is your greatest teacher."

Part B

- (i) He poured the water in the glass.
- (v) There were lots of shops on the main street.
- (vi) The thief has run away with some money.
- (vii) He wrote them a cheque of \$1000.
- (viii) A grey mackintosh was folded in her arm.

Question no. 7

Once an African said that when British came to Africa, they had technology and we had land. They claimed that they had come to revolutionize us and we blindly trusted them. When we opened our eyes, we had technology but they had captured our land. Similarly, when social networking emerged, they had Facebook and WhatsApp. They claimed that it is free and we once again blindly trusted them. But once we opened our eyes, we realized that we had acquired Facebook and WhatsApp but had lost our freedom and personal information to them. Therefore, whenever something is free, we sacrifice our freedom to pay its price.

Question no 6

Part A

(v) Sheer : Sheer force is required in lifting this rock.

Shear : The parents had to face sheer disappointment due to misconduct of their child.

(vii) Quaint : Her friends are very quaint and well-mannered.

Queer : I met a very queer child today who was up to no good.

(iii) Voracious : Despite having voracious weapons, the enemy still lost the battle.

Veracious : Even though she is quite veracious, she appeared hesitant in the debate competition.

(vi) Discrete : The information regarding the investigation is quite discrete.

Discreet : After discreet analysis, he concluded the odds were not in his favour.

(viii) Epigram : The epigram of this restaurant is quite regal.

Epigraph : The epigraph of this model depicts positive trends.

Part B

(vii) as full as a tick :

She appears hungry but, trust me, she is as full as a tick.

(vi) fat and sassy :

Although he looks quite noble, he is truly fat and sassy.

(iv) dead wood

The snake appeared dead wood until the man approached it.

(i) blot one's copy-book

In doing so, she had hurt no one other than blotting her own copy-book.

(ii) hang up one's hat

The man hung up his hat once he became comfortable with the strangers.

Question no. 2

The Issue of Schengen Countries

Schengen countries reject visas of Pakistani citizens over ridiculous reasons. Even though Pakistanis apply for visas with great hope, the inhumane response they get, shatters their dreams. Whereas, when Europeans want to visit Pakistan, they are welcomed with great hospitality. Probably, the Europeans are afraid that Pakistanis would cause havoc in their countries but they overlook the fact that most of the energies of Pakistanis are spent in acquiring a visa. Perhaps they will understand the struggle perils Pakistanis go through, once they themselves would struggle for Pakistani visa.

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Question no. 3

(1)

George Foreman was a brilliant boxer but he was aware of the fact that age plays a crucial role in the field of boxing and one cannot stay a champion for long. Therefore, as

he was growing old, he quickly grabbed the opportunity of switching towards business, where age does not matter. Moreover, he knew that because of his fame, he would quickly succeed in business.

(2)

George Foreman was already a widely acclaimed boxer. So when he decided to brand the product as "George Foreman Grill", the product instantly gained competitive advantage as everybody was already familiar with the name. Moreover, he even featured himself in the commercials of the product, emphasizing on family and fun rather than the product itself. Resultantly, the product sold like hot cakes and he earned millions every month.

(3)

If Foreman had not sold the name rights, his name would have lost the value as the competition was increasing and the market was becoming saturated. Therefore, it was a perfect time to back down. He understood the crucial principle of business where

it is equally important to know when to step in and when to get out.

(4)

The story perfectly depicts the complicated nature of decisions and their vital role in shaping the life of humans.

Foreman, due to his bad decisions, turned from a millionaire to a broke person. Then later on, his wise decisions to switch towards business helped him amass a fortune and transform his life. The story also shows that one does not attain true success solely through fame, but rather by utilizing fame wisely.

(5)

The text successfully presents the story of George Foreman by succinctly explaining the highs and lows of his life. The story perfectly depicts how initially, despite of fame, Foreman failed miserably due to his bad decisions. Then later on, by utilizing fame wisely, he was able to transform his life again.
