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Question No. 2

For Pakistanis, Schengen visas are some of the hardest to obtain. The visa officer seems adamant on rejecting our applications. Often, he cites reasons such as 'suspicious bank balance' or 'bad intentions' as the main culprits. On the other hand, if Europeans apply for a visa, we give them the royal treatment. Europeans believe we might cause a ruckus, while forgetting most of our energy is spent during application stage; maybe, if they will only understand our plight, if the same treatment is meted out to them during our country's visa process.

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Question 3

- (1) George Foreman announced his retirement in 1974; however, due to poor financial planning he had to step back into the ring. During this, he developed a love for burgers and cooking. When Foreman saw an opportunity to acquire and grow a struggling business

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he jumped on the gun. and ^{and} he transitioned from
boiling ~~g~~ to burgers.

(2) The George Foreman Grill had an ergonomic design and most of all had the brand ^{base of} ~~base of~~ Foreman as the brand. Foreman's marketing strategy revolved around family and fun rather than just the product. This strategy ^{provided} became an immense boost to the sales and earned it a competitive edge throughout the market.

(3) With the advent of the Foreman grill, the market saw the opportunity to ride this new wave. Competitors showed up and in turn saturated the already small market. If Foreman had not sold his rights his net gain would be ^a net loss. As the competition would've forced him out.

(4) Foreman's story is about reinventing oneself and being defiant in the face of adversity. At the same time, this story invokes a sense of optimism and hope while cautioning what might happen if people do not think their decisions through.

(5) George Foreman's true struggle is effectively captured in this text. As the boxer turned businessman

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suffered many blows in the ring and outside of it. This text tells a story of the true struggle that Foreman ^{underwent} while being in the ring and during his time as a businessman.

Question No. 4

- ① Many of the shelves in the library are empty.
- ④ Ten miles is a long distance
- ⑥ She is one of the students who had passed the competitive exams.
- ⑦ The student had written a 20-page report last night.
- ⑧ Learning to play the piano requires a lot of efforts.

Question 5(b)

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- ⑤ on
- ⑥ with
- ⑦ of
- ⑧ beneath

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Question No. 5 (a)

Bill Gates once had coffee at a coffee shop. When the waiter was taking the dishes away, Bill Gates tipped him One-Dollar. "Whenever your daughter comes for a coffee, she gives me a five-dollar tip", said the waiter. "She is the daughter of billionaire", replied (said) 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."

Question No. 6 (A)

Shear

The shear strength of the beam was 2000 Newtons.

Sheer

the sheer height of the mountain was going dropping.

Flounder

The chef prepared a flounder for the main course.

Founder

Quaid-e-Azam is the founder of Pakistan.

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Quaint

The talkshow host's
quaint reply was
shrugged off by the
minister.

Queer

There are a lot of
queer people in the
US.

Tortuous

Dealing with Pakistani
bureaucracy is a
tortuous ordeal

Torturous

The soldier escaped ^{from}
a torturous ordeal

Discrete

The signal was
classified as a
discrete one and
not a continuous one.

Discreet

The body was disposed
off discreetly

Question No. 6 (B)

② Eric Cantona hung up his hat in the late 2000s.

④ Radio is now considered as deadwood, when it comes to home appliances.

⑥ He is credited with having the Midas touch, as he saved his company from solvency.

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⑥ After winning the football match, the footballers were all fat and sassy.

⑦ The wedding guests were as full as ticks after the meal.

Question No. 7

An African philosopher once remarked, "When the British came to Africa, they brought innovation along with themselves and told us that we are here to help ^{you} progress; all the while, we only had our land. We believed them and trusted their words; only to find out, that we had traded our land for their innovation." He goes on to say, "Similarly, when these social media came to the lime light, Facebook and WhatsApp were pitched as free. Later on, we learned that they had our personal data and freedom." Hence, whenever something is pitched as free, there is always a hidden cost attached to it, in order to, to obtain it. That cost is freedom.