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Mock Exam

Q2.

Precis

Schengen countries rejecting visas from Pakistanis is similar to getting denied entry into a big event. The applications feel like sharing your dreams to the world, only to hear that documents and balance, even our intentions are dubious, as if the teacher failed you without examining. On the contrary, Pakistanis welcome western visa applicants happily. Schengen countries should realise that Pakistanis are peaceful humans who regret coming, finding themselves fulfilling documents and fees.

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No. of words in precis: 73

The suitable title for this text is:

**Schengen Visa: A Pakistani
Nightmare**

Q3:

Comprehension Passage

1. What were the reasons behind Foreman's transition from boxing to business?

Ans: The reasons behind Foreman's transition from his flourishing boxing career to a totally different venture of business were quite unique. The second time he started boxing, he projected himself not as a menacing boxer, but instead revealed a light-hearted and cheerful personality. This authenticity of his personality and warmth was a big reason behind his transition to business, hence.

2. What was the competitive advantage of the George Foreman Grill?

Ans: When the company approached George Foreman for the sale of the product, he ignored it at first. But then he saw that the grill had a unique design which allowed the grease to drain off from one side of the grill, the feature that Foreman really liked. Therefore, Foreman found out the competitive advantage of the grill that led him to invest himself in that business.

3. What would have happened if Foreman had not sold the name rights?

Ans: Foreman made a very calculated move, by selling the naming rights. If he had not done this, he would have got stuck in an increasingly saturated market that would have eventually overcome the grill's unique point of selling. Therefore, Foreman sold the rights because he knew when to step out of the business.

4. What kind of contrasted and complimentary sentiments are evoked in this story?

Ans: Several contrasting and complimentary sentiments are seen in this story. The transition from boxing to business is to a great extent, similar to the personality transition of George Foreman from a menacing boxer to a charismatic, warm, and authentic person. The authenticity garnered a lot of praise for Foreman, and it complimented his advertisements for the George Foreman Grill. Hence, boxing to business and wrath to warmth, along with business complimenting his authentic

nature are some of the sentiments seen in the story.

5. How far is the text successful to present the true picture of Foreman and his struggle?

Ans: The text has been quite successful in presenting the true picture of Foreman and his struggle. The defeat in boxing, no money, immense financial burden and the change in personality after that shows that one should come back stronger after any setback. The fact that his 2nd time boxing earned him a business opportunity due to his charismatic personality shows that one should not give up after any mishap, but one should change oneself for good and it would favor him in the long run.

Q4:

Sentence Correction

1. Most of the shelves in the library is empty.

Most of the shelves in the library are empty.

2. The culture of our country is richer than that any other country in the world.

The culture of our country is richer than that of any other country in the world.

3. Ten miles are a long distance.

Ten miles is a long distance.

4. She is one of the student who has passed competitive exams.

She is one of the students who have passed competitive exams.

5. The student has written a 20-page report last night.

The student wrote a 20-page report last night.

Q5. A.

Punctuation

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 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."

Q5: B.

Prepositions

1. He poured the water the glass.

He poured the water into the glass.

2. The people were driven despair by the horrors of war.

The people were driven by despair by the horrors of war.

3. His success cannot be cried by anyone.

His success cannot be cried upon by anyone.

4. The thief has run away some money.

The thief has run away with some money.

5. He wrote them a cheque \$1000.

He wrote them a cheque of \$1000.

Q6: A.

Pairs of Words

1. **Flounder:** She was seen floundering in the shallow waters of the stream clumsily.

Founder: I met the founder of a well-reputed tourism venture, also its CEO.

2. **Shear:** We once saw a shepherd shearing his sheep to sell its wool.

Sheer: The soldier fought with sheer courage.

till his last breath.

3. **Discrete:** In Mathematics, a set is referred to as a collection of discrete objects, all distinct.

Discreet: The employees were told to be discreet about the next ^{secret} move of the company.

4. **Quaint:** On my trip to the north, I saw some quaint cottages that looked very picturesque and attractive.

Queer: The woman got a queer feeling ^{days} before her death. The feeling was quite strange and unusual.

5. **Epigram:** When I read the epigram I wrote, I could not believe the witty remarks in it were written by me.

Epigraph: The epigraph at the start of the book named "Karakoram ka Taj Mahal" gives me goosebumps every time I come across it.

Q6: B.

Idioms

1. **Blot one's copy-book:** The man blotted his own copybook by making nonserious jokes and satirical comments in the meeting.

2. **Hang up one's hat:** My father finally hung up his hat after a successful career in civil service. He retired at 60.
3. **Eat crow:** The enemy army had to eat crow after facing a humiliating defeat.
4. **Dead wood:** The company downsized by removing the dead wood from the company, hence alleviating financial burden and enhancing the productivity of remaining employees.
5. **Shrinking violet:** My sister is such a shrinking violet that when someone asks her something, ^{she} starts crying out of shyness.

Q7:

Translation

An African thinker had once said that when the British came to Africa, they had innovation and we had land. They said that they had gone there to give us progress. We ^{closed} shut our eyes. When our eyes opened, we had innovation and they had our land. The same way, with the advent of social network science, they had Facebook and Whatsapp. They told us that those

were ^{for} free. We closed our eyes and when opened, we had Facebook and Whatsapp and they had our freedom and personal information. Therefore, whenever something is for free, we have to pay its price by giving away our freedom.