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## Mock Exam

### English Précis & Composition

#### QND2: Précis Writing

The Schengen countries rejecting visa applications is similar to shutting door on someone, implying that they are not appropriate enough to enter. A Schengen visa application is taken as a conspiracy. The inferiorating remarks of rejection seem as if a teacher is determined on dismissing a student's exam.

Besides, western citizens are warmly welcomed in Pakistan, despite their negative remarks on our problems. The Schengen countries consider ~~if~~ Pakistanis a threat, even though all the hardwork for getting the visa results into them ~~ask~~ questioning their choice of applying for one.

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Schengen countries should stop considering Pakistanis as aliens. Maybe someday, they face similar circumstances to get a Pakistani visa.

Title: "Pakistanis' Misfortune in Schengen Visa"

QND3:

### Comprehension

(1) The reasons behind Foreman's transition from boxing to business are numerous. But the most eminent was his need to provide him with a permanent and continuous means of earning. As, once he had gone through the turmoil of going broke when he retired for the first time. So, the second time he wanted to ensure a continuous prosperity for himself and his family. Another important reason...

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his internal urge to prove himself to the world, as after his first retirement, people mocked him for spending all his gratuity money and returning to the ring.



(2) The competitive advantage of the "George Foreman Grill" over the market, was its unique design that allowed grease to drain off one side. Adding to which, Foreman's unconventional marketing strategy, showing the warmth of a connected family, enjoying cooking burgers together, rather than focusing too much on the product itself proved very successful.



(3) If Foreman had not sold the name rights at appropriate time, estimating the increasing competition in the market and initiation of saturation in market, would have caused him more harm than good.

Foreman's brilliance in truly understanding the situation and taking precautionary measures at the right time proves his resilience and reinvention of ideas and opinions over the incidents of past.



(4) The complementary sentiments evoked in this story are of resilience, reinvention and understanding that true success comes not just from fame, but from using that fame wisely. As, George Foreman; a retired Boxer was

not expected to make such a comeback, not just in the ring but outside the ring and in the hearts of his fans and regaining a victory ten times more appreciated and unexpected i.e. winning against a much fitter and in-form boxer. And also, establishing a very successful business.

There is another side of the story that has evoked rather contrasted sentiments, which is that if he had wisely used and handled his retirement money for the first time, he must not had to start all over again, which was ten times the risk of failing than before. He put his family at stake to prove himself, which he was lucky enough to do, but there was a great risk.

(5) The text is partially & successful in presenting the true picture of Foreman, as it is seemingly more leaned towards him. The writer has supposedly presented a more optimistic picture, ~~concealing~~ concealing the darker and grey areas of his struggle and how many times he failed before actually getting to the destination.

Speaking of Foreman, his transition was very abrupt, from an egoistic person who got retirement due to losing several times, to a warm, charismatic family man who was loved by his fans.



## QNO4 Sentence Correction

- (i) Most of the shelves in the library are empty.
- (iv) Ten miles is a long distance.
- (v) He told us about the history of the school, the school curriculum, and his job as the Principal.
- (vi) She is one of the students who have passed the competitive exams.
- (vii) The student wrote a 20-pages report last night.

## QNO5 (A) Punctuation

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."



### (B) Prepositions

- (i) He poured the water in the glass.
- (ii) The government has tided over difficulties.
- (v) There were lots of shop on the main street.
- (vii) He wrote them a cheque of \$1000.
- (viii) A grey mackintosh was folded around her arm.





## Q No 6 (A) Pairs of words

(i) Peek: Ayesha peeked through the hole in the door to know the situation outside.

Pique: Ali gets piqued easily by his sister's mocking.

(ii) Flounder: The sea-diver captured pretty shots of flounders on the sea bed.

Founder: Quaid-e-Azam was the founder of Pakistan.

(iv) Tortuous: Eman has a tortuous personality, and is hard to understand.

Torturous: He experienced a torturous childhood due to abuse from his dad.

(v) Shear: Ayesha got her cat's hair sheared off as summer approaches.

Sheer: She is preparing for her exams with sheer determination.

(vi) Discrete: Her discrete style makes her stand out.

Discreet: ~~Her~~ ~~discreet~~ Ayesha started humming and coughing in discreet when Ali ~~is~~ lost the game.

## (B) Idioms

(i) Blot one's copy-book:

Erik blotted his own copy-book while trying to bully Ali.

(ii) Hang up one's hat:

George Foreman hung up his hat from boxing after losing.

(iii) Eat crow:

The suspected culprit had to eat crow after the prosecutor presented evidence against her.

(iv) Dead wood:

I told her that making him understand you is like blowing on dead wood, there is no spark left.

(v) Shrinking Violet:

The teacher asked her to stand in front of the class and present the topic, which made her go shrinking violet.



## Q:-7 Translation

Once, an African thinker said;  
"When the English came to Africa,  
they had innovation and we had  
land. They began say that we  
are here to make you developed  
~~we were blind folded. When we~~  
~~opened our eyes. When we~~  
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We were blind folded. When our  
eyes opened, we had innovation  
and they had our land.

Similarly, when social network  
science emerged, they had  
Facebook and whatsapp. They  
said it's free. We, once  
again went blind folded. When  
we opened our eyes, we had  
Facebook and whatsapp and  
they had our freedom and  
personal information. Hence,  
whenever something seems free  
of cost, we have to pay for  
it with our independence.

