

English Precis Exam

Q1. Schengen Visa Disparities for Pakistanis

Schengen countries often reject Pakistani visa applications with trivial excuses. Applicants are treated unfairly and their dreams are dismissed. Whereas, Pakistan welcomes Western visitors warmly, offering cultural hospitality without discrimination. Schengen nations perceive Pakistani citizens as troublemakers and thus ignore their humanity. This imbalance reflects biases and highlights the need for equitable treatment. True understanding should emerge if Schengen visitors face similar challenges in obtaining Pakistani visas.

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Q2. Comprehension

i) George Foreman retired from professional boxing in 1974 after suffering his first defeat. He believed

he would live a financially comfortable life post-retirement. However, due to severe financial mismanagement, poor decision-making, and overspending, Foreman was left with no money. Therefore, to improve his financial condition he transitioned from boxing to business.

ii)

George Foreman Grill attained a competitive advantage because of two reasons. Firstly, the product itself was a new innovation, ^{the design} allowing grease to drain off one side. Secondly, the branding of the grill was done by George Foreman himself. He smartly utilised his own image, revived personality which resonated with potential buyers. Thus, the product and effective branding provided George Foreman Grill a competitive advantage.

iii)

In 1999, George ~~Foreman~~ Foreman sold the naming rights for \$137.5 million. The reason behind the sale was the potential downside that could have occurred in the upcoming years. The players in the market had increased

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and the market was nearing a saturation point. Had he not sold the business, he would have had to compete on low prices, reduced profitability, and could have potentially faced a loss.

iv)

The story evokes contrasting sentiments of failure and triumph, despair and hope, and struggle and resilience. Foreman fell from financial stability to being broke which contrasts with his later resurgence as a boxing champion once again along with success as a businessman. Similarly he faced criticism for returning to boxing at an old age which contrasts sharply with the admiration and triumph he earned for becoming the oldest heavyweight champion.

v)

The text successfully presents a well-rounded picture of George Foreman and his struggle. It portrays him as an undefeated boxing champion, his fall into financial ruin due to poor decision-making, and his resurgence both in and out of the boxing ring. The text also discusses Foreman's

authenticity, highlighting how his family-oriented personality resonated with audiences and led to his business success. Overall, the text effectively illustrates Foreman's journey, making his story inspirational.

Q3. Sentence Correction

- i) Most of the shelves in the library are empty.
- ii) Ten miles is a long distance.
- iii) The culture of our country is richer than that of any other country in the world.
- iv) She is one of the students who have passed the competitive exams.
- v) Learning to play the piano requires a lot of effort.

Q4. Punctuate The Following

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

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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."

Q5b Preposition

- i) He poured the water into the glass
- ii) The people were driven of despair by the horrors of war.
- iii) There were a lot of shops along the main street.
- iv) He wrote them a cheque of \$100.
- v) A grey macintosh was folded over her arm.

Q7. Translation

The African philosopher once said that, when the British came to Africa, they had the Bible, and we had the land. The British told and convinced the Africans that they had come to bring prosperity for the locals. The Africans believed

them and closed their eyes. When the Africans reopened their eyes and got aware about the reality; they now had the Bible while the British controlled the land. Similarly, when social media network science emerged, they had Facebook and Whatsapp applications. We (Africans) were told it was free and we trusted them closing our eyes. However, when we regained conscious, we had the Facebook and Whatsapp apps while they had our freedom and personal information. Whenever something is free, it comes at the cost of our freedom!