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Q.2 - Précis

① The Schengen Visa Humiliation ② The Schengen-Visa Dilemma

The issue of rejection of ^{Schengen} Visas for Pakistanis is similar to preparing for a high profile event. The ^{desperate} poor Pakistani citizens pack their dreams in one bag in hopes for a better life abroad only to hear bitter responses. Even after spending a great deal of their energy and money, they are questioned about their documents, bank balances and even intentions.

It is quite the opposite when a Western country seeks Pakistani visa. We wholeheartedly welcome them and offer whatever good or bad we have. This disparity raises a lot of questions and calls for Schengen countries to realise that Pakistani citizens are humans too, and they need to be treated accordingly.

Q-3

1) There were a number of reasons behind Foreman's transition from boxing to business. Firstly, he was running out of money so he had to shift to business. Secondly, he developed a light-hearted personality and showed his true-authentic self to the world, this landed him an extraordinary business opportunity.

2) "George Foreman Grill" was once a company at disadvantage. But the grills had a very distinct design which allowed grease to drain off one side. ^{Also George Foreman attached his name to it.} This put the company at a greater competitive advantage than other companies.

3) In 1999, Foreman sold the naming rights of the company for a whopping \$137.5 million. If he had not done so, the company would have went into losses as market competition was mounting. Hence, Foreman realised the need of the hour, and knew exactly when to quit.

4) The contrasting sentiments include Foreman as the menacing boxer of the past and Foreman as a cheerful, lighthearted person. Foreman as a boxer and then as a businessman. Meanwhile, the complementary sentiments include Foreman's lighthearted personality which landed him a business opportunity. Hence the story evokes a blend of different kinds of contrasted and complimentary sentiments.

5) Despite being short, the text is successful to a great extent in presenting the true picture of Foreman and his struggle. It beautifully captures different phases of his life, his struggles, his accomplishments. It reflects his personality and how he managed to carve a name for himself after so many setbacks. The text also portrays some life lessons at the end in an amusing manner.

Q-4

i- Most of the shelves in the library are empty.

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iv- Ten miles is a long distance.

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vi- She is one of the students who has passed competitive exams.

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

viii- Learning to play piano requires a lot of effort.

Q-5 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."

Q-5 B.

viii- around

vii- of

vi- with

v- in/on

i- into

Q. 6 A.

(v) Shear: Aluminium is very resistant to shearing.

Sheer: He managed to accomplish his goal by his sheer hardwork.

(i) Peek: He peeked into the balcony to have a glimpse of her.

Pique: I was piqued by the shopkeeper's unnecessary stares.

(vii) Quaint: The couple was amused by Switzerland's quaint country cottages.

Queer: The Queer Theory is very famous in the contemporary era.

(vi) Discrete: Quanta are discrete units of energy in quantum physics.

Discreet: They were assigned to deliver a discreet piece of information.

Q6. B. eat crow :

(iii) The realists had to eat crow after the 'not so realist' end to the cold war.

(vi) fat and sassy : The women of this age are accepting to be fat and sassy.

Q.7 Translation.

Africa's thinker/philosopher once said that when the English ~~had~~ came to Africa, they had innovation and we had land. They said that we have come here to give you advancement. We closed our eyes. When we opened our eyes, we had innovation and they had our land.

Likewise / similarly, when social network science came, they had Facebook and WhatsApp. They said it was for free. We closed our eyes again and when we opened them, we had Facebook and WhatsApp and they had our freedom and personal information. Thus, whenever something is for free, we always have to pay its price in the form of our personal freedom.