

Question # 02 : Précis

Schengen Versus Pakistani Visa

It is very difficult for a Pakistani citizen to get a Schengen visa. He is deterred to enter the West with excuses such as incomplete documents, skeptical bank balance and dubious intent. In contrary, the European citizens are granted Pakistani visa with ease. The European Union countries might perceive the Pakistani citizens as a threat to their continent. However, the tedious process of visa disenchant the South Asian nationals. Possibly, these countries will change their attitude towards Pakistan if the former are made to taste their own medicine.

Word count

Passage : 212 words

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Question # 03: Comprehension.

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

Foreman had a streak of victory in boxing. He had won 40, with 37 won by knockouts. He then lost to Muhammad Ali in a decisive fight. The loss devastated Foreman and shook his morale. He, therefore, decided to leave boxing, supplemented by the fact that he had finances worth \$5 million to turn to boxing.

- 2) What was the competitive advantage of George Foreman Grill?

Contrary to the apprehensions that George Foreman would fail as a boxer upon his re-entry, Foreman made a big name in boxing. He also became a revered celebrity by showing his authentic self and being a good family man. George Foreman advertising the grill was already an advantage. In addition, the grill was geniusly engineered such that the grease drained off on one side of the cookware. The product became a hit.

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

There is a general principle of everything in the universe: whatever has a zenith, also has a nadir. Foreman realized this timely. He knew that if he bought the rights at a good time, he must also sell it on the right time. Had he not sold the name rights then a downfall was deemed to happen. The market was getting competitive and the rights would have lost a portion of the value.

4) What kinds of contrasted and complementary sentiments are evoked in the story?

The contrasted sentiments include Foreman's constant success, then downfall, exit and re-entry in boxing. They also include him transitioning to business failing, quitting business and then reluctantly resorting back to it. Complementary sentiments include his belief in himself when he returned to boxing and him following his instincts in investing in the grill company. The story as a whole is a rollercoaster of emotions and experience.

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

The text is forthright to a great extent in presenting the true image of George Foreman. It highlights both his failures and successes equally. It sheds light on his undefeated championship as well as his downward trajectory in boxing. It also reveals the unsuccessful business ventures of the boxer-turned-businessman as well as the revival of a businessman-turned-boxer. Conclusively, the text does justice in showing the true image of George Foreman.

Question # 04: Correct the following

i) Most of the shelves in library is empty.

Most of the shelves in library are empty.

ii) Chocolate or vanilla: which do you like best?

Chocolate or vanilla: which one do you like more?

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

The culture of our country is the richest in the world.

iv) Ten mile are a long distance.

Ten miles is a long distance.

v) He told us about the history of the school, the curriculum, and a brief speech on his job as principal.

He told us about the history of the school, the curriculum, and gave a brief speech on his job as a principal.

Question # 05 : 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."

Question # 05 : B) Prepositions

- i) He poured the water into the glass.
- v) There were lots of shops on the main street.
- vi) The thief has run away with some money.
- vii) He wrote them a cheque of \$ 1000.
- viii) A grey mackintosh was folded around her arm.

Question # 06: ^(A) Pair of Words

i) Peek, Pique

- He peeked through the window trying to catch a glimpse of the TV.
- His unbothered behavior piqued her.

ii) Voracious, Veracious

- He is a voracious man and, therefore, never satisfied.
- Her veracious behavior won the trust of the public.

v) Shear, Sheer

- She is shearing the sheep.
- She did not buy the dress because it was sheer and inappropriate.

vi) Discrete, Discreet

- A set consists of discrete elements.
- He was performed the task in a discreet manner.

vii) Quaint, Queer

- He was mesmerized by the quaint view.
- The Queer theory needs more research.

B) Idioms

- ii) Having packed the final box, he hung up his hat.
- iii) Soon Israel will be eating crow and surrender to the world.
- iv) The institution needs to remove the dead wood in order to improve efficiency.
- v) She hired Sarah because she had the Midas touch.
- vii) I cannot eat another bite because I am as full as a tick.

Question # 07: Translations

An African scholar once said that when the Britons went to Africa, they had technology and the Africans had swaths of land. They told the natives that the technology was free and in exchange took their lands. Similarly, the Englishmen lured the Africans into exchanging social media applications with their freedom and personal information.

Thus whatever comes free, comes at the cost of one's freedom.