

Q: 2

Respecting State Institutions: Critical for Democracy

Judiciary - a basic state institution demands respect. It ensures a just, orderly and equitable society. Likewise, legislature represents public of a state. It's respect is critical for the growth of democracy. Through active engagement and discipline legislature becomes efficient. Ensuring the integrity of state institutions boosts democratic principles. Executive branch, too, requires respect for proper functioning. Cohesive and accountable institutions lead to development of a nation. Leaders are also responsible to uphold democratic principles and respect of institutions to build public trust. Respecting institutions is base of effective democracy. Rule of law, independent judiciary and accountability are major contributors to a nation's strength. It is binding on citizens to ensure equitable state by empowering its institutions.

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Q: 06(A) Idioms

i) Burning the midnight oil

Meaning: Working hard

He is burning the midnight oil to pass

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ii) Castle in the air

To think impractically, to be in fantasy

His plan is not feasible; he is building castles in the air.

iii) Skeleton in the closet

A secret mischief, bad conduct

No one is innocent these days; everyone has a skeleton in the closet

iv) Crocodile Tears

False cry

The staff was shedding crocodile tears at the boss's loss. Actually they all were happy.

v) Bite off more than one can chew

To take responsibility of something that one cannot fulfil

He agreed to do Ana's assignment along with his own but, now he is regretting it because he bite off more than he

Q6(B)

Heer asked Ranjha, where had he been? She had missed him so much.

Ranjha replied that he had to travel, but his heart had never left her. How had she been? he asked.

Heer replied that she had been lonely without him and asked him to tell her about his journey.

Ranjha told her that it ~~was~~ had been a quest for self-discovery. He ^{had} wandered through valleys and had crossed rivers but his thoughts had been always with her.

Heer asked him what had he learn on his journey. Ranjha replied that he had learned the value of struggle and the strength it gave.

Heer told him that she ~~was~~ ^{had been} counting the days until his return.

Ranjha said that he had been counting the moments until he could succeed in his final trial.

Heer ~~and~~ suggested that they should not dwell on the time apart. They were together then and that was all that mattered.

Ranjha ~~said that~~ denied, saying that his exams were near. He had to leave. But his success would conquer distance and time.

can chew

Q: 5 (A)

Bill Clinton walked into a Karachi restaurant and asked the waiter, "do you have biryani?" The waiter grinned, "of course, Sir. Our biryani is so good; it will make you forget your own name!" Bill laughed, "I hope not! I need that for Imran!"

Later, during a power outage, Imran quipped, "In Pakistan, we don't need candles; our biryani alone can light up the room!"

Bill replied, "True, and if you add some spicy chutney, we might even have a disco party!" They both chuckled, realizing that in Pakistan, humor and hospitality go hand in hand, making every meal an unforgettable experience.

5(B)

- i) My brother sat beside me during the movie and shared his popcorn.
- ii) The cat jumped on the table and knocked over the vase.
- iii) We walked through the bridge to reach the other side of the river.

- iv) The kids played in the park until the sun went down.
- v) The plane flew over the clouds, offering a breathtaking view.

Q: 04

- 1) Hassan Ali Gondaal would rather stay home than going to polling station.
- 2) If there were no bad people, there would be no good lawyers.
- 3) I wish I could go back to earlier times.
- 4) Sir Majid, not only grilled a steak for Sir Azhar, but also cooked biryani for Sir Shahab.
- 5) I wasn't satisfied with the education I received in my university, so I took admission in NOA.

Q: 07

All the degrees are going to be useless in upcoming three years. The pace of technology and the desire to harness it is so swift that our previous information and sources of information, even curriculum and subjects, all are becoming irrelevant. When information of every type is available on the screen of palm-sized mobile phone, skills will overpower knowledge and actions will rule over the thought. Now, this threat looms large that how narrators, from the pulpit, will engage their audience? How will teachers teach the secrets of universe to the students, who utilize internet round the clock, in a small classroom.

Q: 03

- 1- Hiroo Onoda was a Japanese intelligence officer during World War II who, unaware of the ending of the war, followed orders for almost 30 years. He is considered as ~~less~~ a symbol of strength and loyalty for his discipline ~~and~~, dedication and steadfastness to his duty for 30 years.
- 2- He was sent to Lubang Island in the Philippines. He was instructed to disrupt enemy operations and engage in guerrilla warfare.
- 3- Onoda and his unit remained isolated and unaware of Japan's surrender in 1945. However the dense foliage of the Island worked as a barrier to communication. Moreover, the soldiers considered the messages enemy tricks and did not believe them.

- 4- Different attempts were made to inform Onoda and his unit about the end of the war. Philippine government dropped leaflets and broadcasted messages. However, sometimes thick foliage of the Island became barrier to communication; sometimes when the messages reached them they discarded them, considering them as enemy trick.
- 5- Norio Suzuki was an adventurer who stepped into the forests of Lubang to find Onoda. He was unable to convince Onoda at first. Then he had to find Onoda's former commanding officer to convince Onoda that war had ended.

