

Q3

(i) What is drought and what are its consequences?

Ans A drought is natural phenomenon in which no rain fell for long periods of time. It causes lakes, streams and rivers to dry, which results in loss of crops and livestock.

(ii) Does the writer endorse the popular sayings about the red sky.

Ans No, the writer does not endorse the popular saying, 'A red sky at night is the shepherd's delight. A red sky in the morning is the shepherd's warning.' However, the writer claims that the probability of this being right is less than being wrong. He says that if such sayings were true then there would be no need of weather science or technology.

(iii) Is weather forecasting a science; if so, what is it called?

Ans Yes, weather forecasting is a science as it is based on analysis of various environmental factors through technology. It is called meteorology.

(iv) Why is it not easy to forecast the weather?

Ans Weather forecasting or to find out what it will be like in several day's time, has always been a difficult task. There are a lot of different factors that affect the weather and these factors must be thoroughly analyzed before predicting the weather forecasting. Technological advancement has made it quicker to know the future forecast.

(v) How would the moon help the people in forecasting weather?

Ans In ancient times, before the invention of instruments like thermometer and barometer, people used to predict weather by looking at the objects in the sky. They believed that moon controls all weather and it is full of water. They predicted weather by the shape of the crescent sickle-shaped moon and even today such practices prevail.

Q4

- (i) The priest joined the bride and groom in holy wedlock.
- (ii) Alan Turing, was a scholar, a scientist and an artist.
- (v) Tim let his son swim with his friends.
- (vi) He has a year-subscription to that magazine.
- (vii) Your heritage is different from mine.

Q5(B)

- (ii) Sam is going to the meeting in place of his brother, who has to work.
- (iv) John called his brother in hopes of finding somebody to watch his children.
- (v) If you study the material very thoroughly, you will have no trouble in the examination.
- (vi) We were walking to the woods when, all of a sudden we heard a strange sound.
- (vii) The course will commence from 1st May, 2025.

Q5 (A)

A fly sat on one of the shafts of a cart and said to the mule, who was pulling it, how slow you are do mend your pace or I shall have to use my sting. As a goal the mule was not in the least disturbed. ~~behind~~

Behind me in the cart, said he sits my master, he holds the reins and flicks me with his whip and him I obey, but I don't want any of your impertinence. I know when I may dawdle and when I may not.

Q7

Translation:

Recently, a controversy broke out in a book fair in Lahore, as literature activities were outnumbered by the food stalls, and stalls selling non-literature items, this over-shadowed the true essence.

Many participants expressed utter disappointment and felt it was more like a food festival, where food was given more attention than books and literary discussions. Due to giving more attention to food stalls instead of books reading and purchasing, a debate started whether this event was serving its literary purpose or it was ^{only} prioritizing economic interests.

The Pursuit of Peace In a Nuclear Age

The author advocates for peace in the new age of war. In an era where great powers have acquired nuclear weapons, even a single weapon can cause more disaster than all the Allied air forces did in the Second World War. Moreover, the consequences of a nuclear weapons exchange would be far-reaching, intoxicating the environment and causing severe damage to the future generations. Every year billions of dollars are spent on these weapons to prevent their use, which is necessary to achieve peace. However, the pursuit of war appeals more to the ears than the message of peace. People argue that hostile nations should enlighten themselves. The author wishes this would happen, but he also realizes that everyone must revisit their own attitudes on both individual and national levels. Everyone must understand that peace is not an impractical idea and that war is not an inevitable reality. By doing this, we can take steps towards peace and instill hope in masses.

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