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Question . 2

Title: The Hollow Triumph of Material Progress

Precis

In the modern age, despite remarkable advancements and abundance, humanity faces a deep moral crisis. The pursuit of wealth and desire has overshadowed conscience, integrity and virtue. Institutions once considered moral beacons, home, education and religion are now driven by material gains. This shift has led to decline in trust, character and ethical values. While technological progress flourishes, spiritual fulfillment dwindles. Without a revival of moral sensibility, such progress will only illuminate the emptiness of a declining humanity.



Question . 3 (Answers)

1. Arab leaders were impressed by Pakistan's digital warfare capabilities and disciplined conduct, leading them to view it as a formidable power as restoring its regional respect.

2. The blackout - paralyzed communication, caused panic in New Delhi, and dealt a psychological blow by demonstrating Pakistan's technological reach and preparedness.
3. Without digital warfare, the conflict would have remained conventional, possibly escalating further. India might have recovered strategically, and Pakistan would not have gained the diplomatic and regional advantage it did.
4. Traditional force involved missiles and air defense, causing immediate damage. However, digital warfare proved more decisive by disabling systems, paralyzing enemy operations, and shifting global perceptions, without further bloodshed.
5. The event highlights that in the 21st century, power is no longer solely military strength, but the ability to control information, technology, and cyber domains, shaping outcomes invisibly but effectively.



Question . 4

Correct Sentences

- (i) While we were standing in the line, a thunderstorm could be heard.
- (ii) He had better speak the truth or he will be punished.
- (iii) She would rather read a book than watch television.
- (iv) The lambs were gamboling in the field.
- (v) A five-foot-long snake was killed by the villagers.



Question . 5A (Punctuation)

Corrected Version

As the rain poured down over the flooded city, Adeel whispered to his friend, "Did you hear what the mayor said today?" His friend looked puzzled and asked, "What did he say?" Adeel replied, "He said, 'We ignored warnings for years, now the city is paying the price.' Those were his exact words. People around them sighed, and one man muttered, "It is strange how leaders only speak the truth when disasters strike."



Question 5B (Propositions)

- 1- He persisted in the teeth of overwhelming opposition.
- 2- The glass broke into pieces.
- 3- She is married to him.
- 4- Prop this bicycle against the wall.
- 5- He is sitting in the shade of tree.

Question 6A (Idioms in Sentences)

1- Throw cold water on

She threw cold water on my business idea by pointing out all the flaws.

2- Move Heaven and earth

He moved heaven and earth to get a scholarship abroad.

3- Cry over spilt milk

There is no use crying over spilt-milk; let's find a solution.

4- Clutch at straws

Desperate to escape blame, he started clutching at straws.

5- Build castles in the air

Instead of building castles in the air, try working toward your goals.

Question .7 (Translation)

Margaret, an elderly woman, visits the train station every day just to hear the announcement "Mind the Gap" in the voice of her late husband, Oswald Lawrence. This announcement, recorded in the 1970s, held deep sentimental value for her after Oswald's death. When the voice was replaced with an electronic recording in 2012, Margaret contacted Transport for London with an emotional plea. The authorities, touched by her feelings, restored the announcement. Now, each day she listens to that loving voice of her husband echoing through the station.

