

## ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)

### Question no 9.

Precis: (116 approx)

### The Hidden Cost of Green Energy

Renewable energy is often seen as the planet's moral and environmental salvation, but behind its bright image lies a troubling reality. The production of solar panels, wind turbines, and electric vehicles depends on mining rare minerals like cobalt and lithium, which damages land and ecosystems in poor regions. Electric car batteries emit more carbon during production and later add to electronic waste. Wind and solar farms also create non-recyclable waste and still rely on fossil fuels. Thus, the idea of "zero emission" is misleading. Humanity's obsession with green labels has turned environmentalism into marketing, not moral awareness. True sustainability requires moderation and efficiency, not another form of exploitation disguised as progress.

### Question no 3

#### Reading Comprehension

- 1- Timothy Dexter's rivals advised him to ship coal to New Castle because the city was already rich in coal. They wanted to mock him and make him lose his money. The suggestion was meant to expose his lack of business sense. Their real intention was to humiliate him by turning his venture into a public failure.
2. When Dexter's ship arrived in England, a miners' strike had suddenly stopped local coal production. This caused a shortage of coal in Newcastle, creating an unexpected demand. Dexter was able to sell his shipment at a very high price. Thus, what seemed like a foolish plan turned into a profitable success.
3. The author suggests that Dexter's success was a mix of luck and quick decision-making. Although he lacked formal education, he had confidence in business. Luck often favored his unusual choices, turning mistakes into opportunities. This shows that success sometimes depends <sup>much</sup> as ~~much~~ on timing and chance as on intelligence.

4- Dexter's repeated victories proved that success in business is not limited to the educated or conventional thinkers. He turned ridicule into profit through courage and unexpected outcomes. His achievements challenge the idea that only formal training leads to wisdom. They show that intuition and risk-taking can also produce remarkable success.

5- His rivals' reactions reveal that people often confuse unconventional behavior with foolishness. They underestimated him because he did not fit the usual image of a clever businessman. When he succeeded, their mockery turned into surprise and admiration. This suggests that "foolishness" and "genius" can sometimes be two sides of the same coin.

QUESTION NO 4

Correct any five of the following sentences.

(i)

We accepted their offer on the grounds that something is better than nothing.

(ii)

The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift it.

(vi)

Neither of the two applicants had suitable qualifications.

(iv)

She advised me never to point my finger at anyone.

(vii)

Ahsan doesn't want to study, nor does he want a job.

### Question no 5 (A)

Punctuate the following passage:

The prisoner looked through the narrow window and said, "They call this justice, yet I have never been heard."

The guard replied softly, "Orders are orders, sir. Freedom isn't decided here."

A journalist outside shouted, "The minister claimed, 'No one is above the law,' but who decides what law means when truth is behind bars?" The cell fell silent.

The prisoner smiled faintly and whispered, "They can cage a man, but not his conviction."

### (B) Appropriate Prepositions

- (iii) Look to the left and you will see our destination.
- (iv) we saw a movie at the theatre.
- (v) I rowed the boat across the lake.
- (vi) You can go after you have done your homework.
- (vii) We all sat around the dinner table.

### Question no 6

(i)

#### A Fish out of water

On her first day in the new city, Sara felt like a لؤلؤة

fish out of water among strangers.

(ii)

To give the devil his due

People may question the incumbent government's transparency, but to give the devil his due, it has improved foreign relations remarkably.

(iii)

A Laconic Speech

The former President of the US, Barack Obama, gave a laconic speech that was brief but deeply impactful.

(iv)

On pins and needles

I was on pins and needles while waiting for the result of my final exam.

(v)

To put back the clock

We cannot put back the clock and undo the mistakes of the past.

### Question no 7

#### Urdu -> English Translation

If a professor of Urdu claims that he thoroughly understands Ghalib's poetry and can hold an engaging discussion on its artistic merits, he is undoubtedly demonstrating his academic prowess. However, if he is asked to compose a couplet like Ghalib, he will be helpless. This is because comprehension and creation are two different worlds. Comprehension is a product of intellect, whereas creation is the result of intuition and divine inspiration. The status Ghalib achieved was not merely due to study or hardwork, but was a manifestation of extraordinary genius, emotion, and divine grace. This is why, even centuries later, his verses affect hearts just as they did in his time.