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Q2: Précis

From One Catastrophe to Another: The Dark Side of Green Energy

Renewable energy has been sold as the elixir of life for healing the planet. However, it has proven to be an empty promise as it is bleeding the planet further through mining. Renewable energy sources like electric vehicles, solar panels, and wind turbines demand huge amounts of rare earth minerals whose mining has rendered large parts of several underdeveloped regions uninhabitable. These resources have a massive carbon footprint, are responsible for exacerbating the electronic waste crisis due to recycling challenges, and rely on fossil fuels for their maintenance. The catastrophe is further amplified by humanity's blatant hypocrisy of turning environmental protection into a marketing gimmick. Real sustainable solution lies in the observance of control and adoption of efficient usage.

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Q3: Comprehension

i) Sick and tired of his constant successes, Timothy's competitors suggested him to ship coal to Newcastle England in a nefarious attempt to abuse him. This is because Newcastle was rich in coal and selling coal there would result in massive loss for Timothy as it would not find any buyers.

ii)



A miner's strike had stopped local production of coal in Newcastle England. This had resulted in a shortage of coal. Resultantly, Timothy's entire cargo was sold out with massive profit to the humiliation of his rivals.

iii)



According to the author, fortune favours those who take action. While Timothy was not considered conventionally intelligent, he was smart enough to act whenever an opportunity arose, without thinking about consequences. He had the courage to take action and luck rewarded him for it despite his bizarre decisions. Therefore, luck does not correlate with the kind of intelligence that makes the most calculated decisions but favours the unconventional wisdom to seize every opportunity.

iv)



It shows that success is not dependent on making the most sound business decision based on

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cost-profit analysis. It depends on having the courage to seize any opportunity that comes your way and acting promptly before it is late..

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- v) Humans see "geniusness" as a function of rational, calculated, and risk-averse decisions that can incur minimal loss and maximum profits. "Foolishness" is associated with risk-takers as it has the tendency to bring loss which humans avoid. Since Dettter's decisions were risky and often times guaranteed loss, his successes astonished his rivals who only expected luck to reward careful rational choices.

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Q4: Sentence Correction

- iii) The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift it.
- vii) Ansan neither wants to study, nor he wants a job.
- i) We accepted their offer on the grounds that something is better than nothing.
- iv) She advised me never to point my finger at anyone.
- vi) Neither of the two applicants had suitable qualifications.
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Q5: Punctuation

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

Q5(b): Prepositions

1. Tehmina applied **to** a bank for loan.
2. She died **of** starvation.
3. Look **to** the left and you will see our destination.
4. We saw a movie **at** the theatre.
6. You can go **if** you have done your homework.
8. I pushed **through** the crowd.

Q6: Idioms

- i) A fish out of water: I did not know anyone at that event and I was late, so I felt like a fish out of water.
- ii) To give the devil his due: He had been really mean to me since the last 5 years, so I only gave the devil his due by publicly rebuking him.
- v) live wire: She is a live wire; she is going to lose her temper even if I talk calmly to him.

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vi) on pins and needles: I was extremely sick and spent all night on pins and needles due to excruciating pain.

viii) to put back the clock: I wish I could put back the clock and resolved my differences with him before he died.



Q7: Translation

If an Urdu professor claims to fully understand Ghalib's poetry and can spellbind the audience by discussing the merits of his craft, he is undoubtedly demonstrating his aptitude. However, ~~upon~~ ^{but} if he is asked to recite a single verse resembling Ghalib's, he would find himself in a bind. This is because understanding and creativity are two distinct realms. Understanding stems from intellect whereas creativity is the result of profound perception. The esteemed status bestowed upon Ghalib was not due to mere study and hardwork, but it was a manifestation of a rare wisdom, sensitivity, and God-gifted ability. It is precisely due to this reason that even after centuries, his verses can stir hearts like they used to in his time.