

Reality Behind Shift to Renewable Energy

Renewable energy has been increasingly presented as an alternative to non-renewable sources, a move that has done more harm than good. The idea is sold as a poster for sustainability, overlooking its long term implications. The raw materials to power renewable technology ^{are} sourced through mining. Overexploitation and misuse has made much land inhabitable. Similarly, switching from fuel to electric batteries has been environmentally damaging. The batteries are harder to reuse and dispose of, while the manufacturing process releases pollutants in the atmosphere. Moreover, the benefits of wind and solar energy are also rendered by unsustainable inputs to production. The motive behind environment friendly renewables is thus flawed. It uses one menace to replace another, instead of promoting real change and impact.

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COMPREHENSION

Q1. Timothy Dexter's rivals advised him to ship coal to Newcastle to humiliate him. They were jealous of his consistent success. They wanted to test his luck by suggesting an ill-intended idea. However, the move proved ~~for~~ profitable and he was able to sell his coal. The advise meant to humiliate Timothy resulted in a success.

Q2. The unexpected event that transformed Dexter's idea into a success was the coal miners' strike. Production of coal was discontinued which created a sudden rise in demand. Due to the timing of the strike, Dexter was able to sell all his coal for a profit, turning a foolish venture into success.

Q3. The author implies that while luck was a factor in Dexter's success, he was also intelligent. Consistent success requires both qualities. Dexter was considered only lucky and a fool by his rivals. However, one cannot accomplish something just by luck alone. Therefore,

the author implies that Dexter was an intelligent person, as both qualities are needed for to be successful.

24. Dexter's ~~ventures~~ decisions challenge the conventional ideas about business. Some of the principles that include identifying a potential market and not venturing into multiple domains initially, is challenged. Business education teaches one to follow a prescribed path to develop a business. However, in reality, success may come from ~~unidentified~~ ideas unexpected areas and decisions. Timorin's success is an example of following one's own path instead of restricting yourself to established norms.

Q5. It can be inferred that human perception of "foolishness" and "genius" is rooted in certain behaviors and qualities of an individual. Dexter was uneducated, yet he was always confident about his trading decisions. Similarly, he made unconventional decisions that no one dared to make. These qualities are seen as a sign of foolishness by others whereas those following norms, not risk averse behaviour and an educated background is considered ~~perious~~ genius. It can thus be inferred that human

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perception is based on certain qualities and behaviours from the reaction of Dexter's rivals to his achievements.

Q4 CORRECTION

- (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.
- (iv) She advised me to never point my finger towards anyone.
- (v) An innings is one of the divisions of the match during which one team takes its turn to bat.
- (vi) Neither of the two applicants had suitable qualifications.

Q5(A) PUNCTUATION

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} ~~back~~ 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) PREPOSITIONS

(iii) Look to the left and you will see our destination.

~~(iv)~~

(iv) We saw a movie at the theatre

(vi) You can go when you have done your homework

(vii) We all sat around the dinner table.

(viii) I pushed through the crowd.

Q6. ~~(iii)~~ (ii) To give the devil his due

Ali had to give the devil his due after cheating in the exam with the help of his friend.

(v) Live wire

After an embarrassing loss, the captain of the football team turned into a live wire around his team.

(vi) On pins and needles

Ali had to walk on pins and needles to get his masters degree.

(viii) To put back the clock

Asad tried to put back the clock after wrecking his father's new car.

(i) A fish out of water

Due to his timely application, Ali was able to grab a scholarship like a fish out of water.

Q7. TRANSLATION

If an Urdu professor makes a claim that he is well-versed in Ghalib's literary style and can converse endlessly and proficiently on the matter, then he is undoubtedly intellectually capable. But, if he is asked to produce even a single verse like Ghalib, he will not be able to do so, because knowledge and ^{creativity} ~~creation~~ are two different realms. Knowledge is derived from intellect whereas creativity is the result of thinking and imagination. The status achieved

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by Ghalib was the result of his God-given genius and perception, instead of mere reading and hardwork. This is also the reason why his verses have not lost their impact on readers ^{today,} even after many centuries.