

Q.3

1.

They suggested shipping coal to Newcastle sarcastically because Newcastle was famed for abundant local coal. The rivals intended the proposal as a trap, they expected Dexter's cargo to be worthless there and hoped he would suffer a financial loss and humiliation.

2.

A miners' strike in England created a sudden coal shortage; Dexter arrived with coal when local supply was interrupted and sold his cargo at a large profit.

3.

The author implies Dexter's success stemmed more from fortunate circumstances and his boldness than conventional intelligence or formal

education, luck combined with risk-taking turned seemingly foolish actions into profit.

4.

Dexter's wins show that formal education and accepted business wisdom are not the sole routes to success, unconventional thinking, opportunism, and being underestimated can yield profitable outcomes that defy standard expectations.

5.

People may conflate unusual behaviour with foolishness and undervalue unconventional actors, when such actors succeed, it reveals how fragile our labels are, "foolishness" can conceal insight or luck, and social estimation may be biased by expectations and envy.

Q.4

- i. We accepted their offer on the grounds that something is better than nothing.
- ii. Use one capful for half a bowl of water.
- iii. The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift it.
- v. An inning is one of the divisions of a match during which one team takes its turn to bat.
- vii. Ahsan neither wants to study nor wants a job.

Q.5

A: Punctuate the 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 the 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: Fill in prepositions

- i. Tehmina applied to a bank for a loan.
- ii. She died of starvation.
- 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.

Q.6

1. A fish out of water: When i started CSS i felt like i am a fish out of water

2. Live wire : My International Relations teacher is a real live wire

3. To play truant: He played truant in school and later regretted the lost learning.

4. On pins and needles: The team waited on pins and needles for the selection committee's call.

5. A laconic speech: The captain gave a laconic speech before the match.

Q.7

if an Urdu Professor claims that he fully understands Galib's poetry and can give a detailed lecture on his artistic merits, he is surely showing his academic brilliance. However, when he is asked to compose a couplets like Galib, he will fail. This is because comprehension and creation are two different things.

Comprehension is the product of Intelligence whereas creation is the result of inspiration and connection. His effort is not the result of sustained scholarly labour but mere imitation. What he offers are superficial resemblances, not the rank that belongs to Ghalib. Ghalib's powers of insight and inspiration are not the fruits of study or hard work, but was a manifestation of extraordinary genius, emotion, and divine grace. That's why, even after centuries, his couplets have the same effect on hearts as they did in his time.

Q.2

The Hidden Costs of the Green Revolution

Renewable energy is widely portrayed as the ethical cure for fossil fuel damage, yet this portrayal hides serious contradictions. The manufacture of "clean" technologies solar panels, wind turbines and electric vehicle batteries, depends on intensive mining for rare earths, lithium and cobalt, often carried out in ecologically destructive ways in poor regions, creating new environmental harms. Electric vehicles batteries can generate large carbon emissions during production, are hard to recycle and add to electronic waste problems. Wind and solar infrastructure also carry hidden costs: non-recyclable turbine composites, toxic solar waste decades later, and ongoing fossil fuel use for

transport, construction and grid support. Thus "net zero" slogans can mislead. Genuine sustainability requires restraint, efficiency and humility, not repeating industrial exploitation under a green label.