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Question No. 2

Ans:-

The Dark Side of Green Energy

The widespread adoption of renewable energy is a moral paradox, despite its presentations as an ethical solution to fossil fuel use. So-called "clean" technologies necessitate the environmentally destructive and ruinously expensive extractions of rare-earth metals and lithium from the world's poorest regions, creating significant ecological damage and human rights issues. Furthermore, the massive amount of waste generated by batteries and turbine blades creates major recycling challenges and toxic accumulations contradicting the movement's "green" claims. The use of "green labels" is therefore a successful marketing strategy and an act of profound hypocrisy, selling

an illusion of sustainability while ignoring the ingrained exploitation and pollution.

Question No. 3

Ans:-

(1) Timothy Dexter's rivals advised him to ship coal to Newcastle because it was a famously foolish and impractical business idea. Newcastle was the primary source of coal production in England, so sending coal to Newcastle was intended to be guaranteed financial failure leading to Dexter's ruin.

(2) A miners' strike in England stopped the local production of coal. This created a sudden, severe shortage, causing the price of coal to skyrocket and allowing Dexter to sell his entire cargo for a massive profit.

(3) The author implies that Dexter's success was driven more by extraordinary luck and the unforeseen circumstances of the world by the ~~cont~~ conventional business intelligence or education. The passage suggests that his being underestimated combined with pure chance, was the key to his prosperity transforming his foolish ventures into genius achievements.

(4) Dexter's success challenges conventional ideas by demonstrating that formal education and traditional wisdom are not always prerequisites for commercial success. His ventures were based on suggestions meant to mock him, yet they turned a profit. This suggests that factors like luck, timing and the ability to persist can be just as important as conventional business acumen or a good education.

(5) It can be inferred that the human perception of foolishness and genius is highly conditional

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and retrospective. When Dexter underlook the coal venture, he was widely regarded as a fool. However, once the venture resulted in massive profit, his rivals were forced to acknowledge it as an achievement. The lesson is that results.

Question No. 4
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(i) We accepted their offer on the grounds that something is better than nothing.

(ii) Use one cupful for half a bowl of water

(iv) She advised me never to point my fingers at anyone.

(vi) Neither of the two applicants had suitable qualifications.

(vii) Ashan wants neither to study nor to get a job.

Question No.5 (a)

Ans:-

The prisoner looked through the narrow window and said, "They call this justice, yet I have never been heard." The guard replies swiftly, "Orders are orders, sir. Freedom is not/isn't decided here." A journalist outside shouted: "The master claimed no one is above the law, but who decides what law means when truth is behind bars?" The cell fell silent. The prisoner trailed faintly and whispered, "They can cage a man, but not his conviction."

(B)

- (i) Tehmina applied for a bank for a loan.
- (ii) She died of starvation.
- (iv) We saw a movie at the theatre.
- (v) I rowed the boat across the lake.
- (vii) I pushed through the crowd.

Question No. 6

Ans:

(i) A fish out of a water:

After retiring from the army, the disciplined general felt like a fish out of a water in the unstructured corporate environment.

(iv) Go to the wall:

Due to the pandemic, the small restaurant was forced to go to wall after ten years in business.

(v) to play truant:

The teacher called his parents when he started to play truant from the school every Friday afternoon to go to the park.

(vii) Live wire:

The CEO is a real live wire - always full of energy, constantly generating new ideas, and driving the team forward.

(viii) To put back the clock:

The new policy will effectively put back the clock on environmental progress, undoing years of conservation work.

Question No. 7

Ans:

TRANSLATION

A scholar who claims to fully grasp the genius of Ghalib and tries to elevate his own prestige by discussing Ghalib's poetic merits is merely a victim of his own academic arrogance.

However, if asked to recite single verse by Ghalib that fully captures that genius, he will be instantly silenced.

This is because grief and creation are two different realms.

Grief is a product of intellect, while Creation is the result of intuition and divine inspiration.

The sorrow Ghalib was afflicted with attacked him from two different fronts. His genius was not just a great intellect, but the manifestation of extraordinary brilliance, sensitivity, and divine blessing. This is why, centuries later, his verses still carry the same awe and majesty that they did in his own time.
