

English (Precis and Composition)

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Q:2

Precis

Title:

“Green Revolution: A Deceptive Paradox”

Renewable energy is being presented as a promising approach to heal the planet. Yet, beneath all labels, green revolution is burdening the planet. Renewable energy sources have their own downturns. They require rare earth minerals, which are extracted by unsustainable practices. Batteries in electric vehicles have a short life span and are non-recyclable. Similarly, turbines and solar panels are also non-recyclable. They all contribute to electronic waste. This makes the idea of zero emission a hoax. Environmentalism is now being used to generate revenue. The key to a sustainable future is not industrial revolution. It is efficient use of resources which can heal the planet.

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Q:3 Comprehension

(Q:1)

Timothy Dexter's rivals advised him to ship coal to Newcastle to set him in a humiliating trap.

Since Newcastle had never had shortage of coal, hence by traveling all the way to Newcastle and trying to sell what was already in abundance in the city, he would eventually lose all his resources. By doing this his rivals would succeed in ending their competition with Dexter.

(Q:2)

Dexter's apparently foolish coal venture in England transformed into a profitable success because a minor's strike in Newcastle had stopped all coal production, resulting in the increase in demand but decrease in coal supply to the market. Dexter earned a huge profit by fulfilling the market's coal demand. Hence, his foolish venture turned out to be ~~his~~ one of his greatest ventures and victories.

(Q:3)

The author implies that the void due to Dexter's little formal education and foolish decision was always filled by his fortune in such a way that he ended up achieving profit. Despite being underestimated by his rivals, his self confidence and good fortune always earned him victory and profit.

(Q:4)

Dexter's repeated success in turning mockery into profit challenges the conventional notion about business wisdom and education. Realistically, a business without strategy or proper planning is bound to fail. By applying business wisdom and education potential risks could be avoided. Dexter's unplanned venture to England without any risk assessment of his destination's current situation negates the approach of conventional business.

(Q:5)

Dexter earned his reputation as both a fool and a genius. From the way Dexter's rivals reacted to his success, his foolishness could be attributed to his unusual business decisions and his habit of being easily ~~trap~~ getting in trap of his rivals. This made him appear unwise and fool. But the art of his fortune to turn every foolish business decision into a victory, made him appear wise and genius.

Q: 4 (E.O.)

Sentence Corrections

- 1: The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift it.
- 2: She advised me to never point my finger at anyone.
- 3: Ahsan neither wants to study, nor wants a job.
- 4: We accepted their offer on the ground that, something is better off than nothing.
- 5: None of the applicants had suitable qualifications.

Q: 5 (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 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)

Re-write Sentences

- 1: Tehmina applied at a bank for a loan.
- 2: She died of starvation.
- 3: We saw a movie at the theatre.
- 4: You can go once you have done your homework.
- 5: Look at the left and you will see our destination.

Q6

(i): Live wire:

A live wire would be a perfect candidate to lead this protest.

(ii): A laconic speech:

Daniel's laconic speech ~~test~~ raised many questions, yet to be answered.

(iii): Go to the wall:

Tesla's Ekutomatic cars are expected to make many driving agencies go to the walls.

(iv): on pins and needles:

The students were on pins and needles awaiting the result of their tough science competition.

(v): To play truant:

He used to play truant and spent rest of his day at the park.

Q:7 Translation

If any professor of Urdu claims that he clearly understands the writings of Galib and can create a joyful environment by discussing the ~~at~~ crux of Galib's artistic qualities, then without doubt he is demonstrating his literary aptitude. But if he is being requested to present just one verse like that of Galib, he will be helpless. Because understanding something and creating something are two entire different worlds. Understanding is born of intellect but creativity is the result of spiritual and divine awakening. The respect and fame earned by Galib was not merely due to intellect or hardwork rather it was ^{the display of a} unique intellectual awakening, realization and divine guidance. This is the very reason why his poems still are engraved in the hearts today just like they used to be in his own era.