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Name : Sabina

Mock Test : English Precis
and Composition

Q4 Correct any 5 of the following sentences.

The bag was so heavy that I couldn't hardly lift.

The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift.

She advised me to never point my finger to anyone.
She advised me never to ~~fi~~ point my finger at anyone.

Use one capful to half bowl of water.

Use one capful in half a bowl of water.

None of two applicants had suitable qualifications.

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had suitable qualifications.

Ahsan doesn't want to study
nor he wants a job.
Ahsan doesn't want to study
nor does he want a job.

Q5. Punctuate the following passage.
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The prisoner looked through
the 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 the bars.
The cell fell silent. The
prisoner smiled faintly and
whispered, "They can cage
a man, but not his conviction."

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5 Rewrite the following sentences
b) after filling prepositions

i Tehmina applied _____ a bank
for loan

Tehmina applied to a bank
for loan.

ii She died _____ starvation
She died of starvation.

iii Look _____ the left and you
will see our destination
Look to the left and you
will see our destination

iv We saw the movie _____ theatre
We saw the movie at theatre

v We all sat _____ the dinner
table.
We all sat at the dinner
table

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Q6 - Use only 5 of the following sentences to bring out their meaning,

i) A fish out of water → While attending party in casual wear Mr Ali was feeling like fish out of water.

ii) Give the devil his due → Despite of the fact that he is too arrogant, but give the devil his due, he is best educationist in the area.

iii) Go to the wall → Due to economic crisis many small scale businesses in Pakistan went to the wall.

iv) To play Traunt → Principal suspended the students from school for playing traunts on multiple occasions.

v) Live wire → Physics' lectures was a live wire always ready to start debate once

Tricky Topics.

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Q7 Translate the following in English keeping in mind the idiomatic expression.

If an Urdu professor thinks / claims that he can understand Ghalib's work very well and can deliver an in-depth and engaging talk on his literary qualities, indeed he is displaying his knowledge and ability but if he is asked to write poetry like Ghalib, he will fail.

Understanding poetry and creating it are two different things. Understanding comes from study and reasons while creation comes from feeling and inspiration. The talent which Ghalib got wasn't result of hard work but a divine blessing.

This is the reason even after hundreds of years, his poetry touches the hearts just as strongly as it did

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in his own times.

Q3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Q1- Why did Timothy Dexter's rivals advise him to ship coal to Newcastle, and what was intended outcome of this suggestion?

Timothy Dexter's rivals were sick of his success and wanted him to face massive loss. That's why they advised him to ship coal to the Newcastle, the intended outcome of this suggestion was loss of everything he had achieved through successful business.

Q2 What unexpected event in England transformed Dexter's apparently foolish coal venture into profitable success?

local miners strike stopped

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The coal supply and Dexter's coal was sold with profit leading to a ^{conversion of} foolish business plan into profitable event.

Q3 What does the author imply about the relationship between luck and intelligence in Timothy Dexter's success?

Author implies that there is no relation between luck and intelligence. In case of Timothy Dexter every ^{single} time his ^{foolish} decision led to huge success and profit.

Q4 How does Dexter's repeated success in turning mockery into profit challenge conventional ideas about business, wisdom and education?

Dexter's repeated success in turning mockery into profit challenges conventional ideas about business, wisdom and education by showing that luck is the only factor that

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can be heavier than wisdom
education and business. If
luck favors someone, no power
can beat that person

Q5 What can be inferred about
human perception of
foolishness and genius
from the way Timothy
Dexter's rivals reacted
to his achievements?

People often judge someone
as foolish or wise by results.
Dexter's rivals thought he
was foolish but when he
became successful, they
saw him as clever. People
call a person genius only
when he succeeds.