

NOA mock

ENGLISH PRECIS + COMPOSITION.

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Q1A) 1. D

2. A

3. C

4. C

5. C

6. D

7. A

8. A

9. B

10. B

Q1B)

1. D

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Q2.

Sustainability or Sacrifice

Renewable energy has ~~long~~ been coveted as man-kind's ^{salvage} ethical ~~saving~~ grace, ^{if} it would reverse the damage done. ^{Rather} However, it is contradictory as the ^{renewable} process of such is burdensome on the planet. The production of essential components requires exorbitant amounts of rare earth minerals. The extraction of which is energy and environmentally exhaustive. ^{It leads to} ~~The aftermath is that of~~ deforestation, chemical waste creating a paradox of solving a problem by creating another. The production of batteries ~~for~~ ^{an amount of} electric vehicles emits a egregious amount of carbon when they are short-lived and ^{non-recyclable} difficult to recycle. The facade of sustainability hides pollution. Wind and solar farms pose the same threats, ^{as} even though their labour and maintenance requires the ~~usage of~~ non-renewable energy. Going green ^{is a mere} ~~has been turned into~~ marketing gimmicks, it is no more the emergence of a ~~new~~ sustainable era, but rather that of ~~con~~ aiding and abetting. Real sustainability comes from withdrawal, efficiency and modesty, not misuse. This is not the planet's saving grace, but rather ~~a different~~ an alternate path to downfall.

Precis → 137 words

Passage → 399 words

Q3. 1) His rivals were jealous of his success hence they wished to embarrass him, and cause him extreme losses.

2) There had been an ongoing miners strike in England which had halted production. Usually, there was no demand for

imported coal, but the lack of local coal production had caused an unexpected shortage.

3). The author denotes that in the case of Timothy Dexter, whilst he was not clever, he was confident and fortunate.

That fortuitousness made him successful even though he was not traditionally or book smart, he was blessed. It also "indicates that bold and unconventional risks may pay off greatly at times."

4). T. Dexter defied the traditional ideas of how success can only be obtained through formal education or rational planning. His unusual methods and risks albeit "criticized" tended to outperform others.

5). The author implies that whilst Dexters rivals considered him foolish, ^{he} ~~was~~ ^{was} unconventionally intelligent. He was clearly practically wise rather than traditionally. Moreover, that human perception is often flawed, and cursory glances never paint a whole picture; but rather a mere segment of it.

Q4. i) We accepted their offer on the ground as something was better than nothing.

iii) The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift it.

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

vi) Neither of the two applicants ^{were} ~~had~~ suitably ~~qualifications~~ ^{qualified}

vii) Ahsan does not want to study, nor does he want a job.

Q5.A) 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."

B) 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

vi) You can go since you have done your homework

vii) We all sat at the dinner table

viii) I pushed through the crowd.

Q6. i). Joining a new school in the middle of the academic year had me feeling like a fish out of water.

ii) She may be rude, but to give the devil his due, her win was well deserved.

v) She has always been the life of the party, a real live wire.

vi) I was on pins and needles all day awaiting my result.

vii) If I could put back the clock, I would do things differently.

Q7.

If an Urdu professor claims that he thoroughly comprehends Ghalib's poetry, and can captivate an audience through an articulate discussion of its artistic merits then he is indubitably showcasing his merit. However, if he was requested to compose a verse of equal eloquence, he would be helpless as understanding and creating are worlds apart. Understanding such poetry is a byproduct of intellect whereas creation stems from inspiration. The esteemed rank Ghalib attained was not merely through studying or striving, but rather a reflection of extraordinary intelligence, sensitivity and grace. Hence, even now after centuries have passed, his verses are just as heartfelt as they were before.