

Q2.THE GREEN TRAGEDY

The green tragedy lies in the hypocrisy of saving the world by further damaging it. The elites have been successful in positioning renewable energy as a cure, but they have failed to address its underlying costs. The extraction of rare-earth minerals, through environmentally hazardous means, has led to further ailment. No where has this been more evident than in the production process, where the creation and delivering of the products has ~~em~~ emitted more carbon than the conventional sources. Furthermore, the total environmental cost of 'green' products in their lifetime negates their "zero-emission" claim. The real path towards sustainability lies in the moral awakening not in industrial exploitation.

Precis Words: 105

Total Words: 307

Q3

(i)

Timothy Dexter's rivals were tired of his success, so they advised him to ship coal to Newcastle. As Newcastle was known for its endless supply of coal, Timothy's rivals believed that upon reaching Newcastle he would be humiliated and lose everything.

(ii)

The event that turned the tide for Dexter's coal venture was the ongoing coal miner strike that created a sudden shortage of coal in the city. He was then able to sell all of his coal supply that resulted in his profitable success.

(iii)

The author implies that the relationship between luck and intelligence lies in the confidence one has in his decision. Though, Dexter did not have formal education, his success came from his bold decisions that produced success. His rivals might think he was lucky, however, it was the confidence he had in his decision that led to his success.

(iv)

It challenges the conventional ideas

about business wisdom and education by placing emphasis on taking risks. Conventional business wisdom and education places immense importance in calculation and cost of a decision. However through Dexter, we understand that grabbing or embracing what life throws at you can lead to results that cannot be calculated by any business model.

(v)

One lesson that can be inferred about human perception of "foolishness" and "genius" is that people tend to think that ~~whatever~~ a decision that does not compliment their understanding is foolish until it gets results. This is the reason why people who think differently and out of the box succeed. There is a saying that goes "Failure is an orphan, but success has many fathers". Dexter was considered a genius because he was successful, he would have been a fool if he had not.

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 was above the law, but who decides what law means when the truth is behind bars." The cell fell silent, the prisoner smiled faintly and whispered, "They can cage a man, but not his conviction."

(B)

(ii) She died **of** starvation.

(iii) Look **towards** the left and you will see our destination.

(v) I rowed the boat **across** the lake.

(vii) We all sat **at** the dinner table.

(viii) I pushed **away** the crowd.

Q6

(i)

Ordering a sprinter to run a marathon is like taking **a fish out of water**.

(ii)

Initiating an inquiry against the corrupt officers is **giving the devil his due**.

(vi)

The operation against terrorism was **on pins and needles** due to its importance in national security.

(vii)

The headmaster gave a **Laconic speech** despite his non-chalant personality.

(viii)

The team had to **put back the clock** as the clients did not approve the product.

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(ii)

Use one cup to fill half a bowl of water.

(iii)

The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift it

(iv)

She advised me to never point fingers at anyone

(vi)

Neither of the two applicants had suitable qualifications

(vii)

Ahsan neither wants to study, nor does he want a job.

Q7

If any of the Urdu professor's claim to have completely understood Ghalib's work and could indulge in literary debates on his poetry, then he is showing his academic prowess. However, if he is instructed to recite a poem similar to that of Ghalib's then he would be disappointed. The reason being, understanding meaning and creating is two different concepts. Understanding comes from one's intellect, while creation is the result of consistency. The stature that Ghalib gained was not because of hard work, but through extraordinary wisdom, empathy, and the blessing of Allah. This is the reason why even after centuries his poetry touches the individual as it did to individual in his time.
