

Q.2

Title: The Illusion of Sustainability

The public has perceived renewable energy as humanity's moral salvation from the fossil-fueled past. However, this so-called green revolution is slowly exhausting the planet. Clean energy demands ample supply of rare-earth minerals. These minerals are extracted through intensive and ecologically dangerous practices, often in the poorest regions of earth. This extraction poisons these places and makes them uninhabitable.

The irony is that remedying one environmental problem requires igniting other. The production electric vehicle batteries produces more carbon than combustion engines, and have shorter

life span. Similarly, wind and solar farms demand continuous maintenance, making it dependent on fossil fuel. The green revolution is, therefore, both a technological and a moral problem. It has turned environmentalism into a marketing gimmick rather than a moral awakening. Therefore, the path to sustainability requires systemic discipline and humility and not industrial revolution, for renewable energy is not healing the earth but wounding it differently.

Q.4.

(i) We accepted their offer on the ground that something was better than nothing.

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

(iv) She advised me to ~~not~~ never point finger towards anyone.

(vi) None of the applicant had suitable qualifications

(vii) Ahsan neither wants to study nor ~~have~~ ^{want} a job.

Q.5 (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 is not decided here."

A journalist outside shouted,

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"The minister claimed no one is above the law but who decides what law means ~~and~~ 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.
- (vii) We all sat at the dinner table.

Qno 3

① Timothy's advisers were tired of his success. To humiliate him, they advised him to ship coal to New castle, where coal was already in abundance. Despite this, Timothy was able to sell his entire cargo for a massive profit.

② Though, generally, coal was in ample supply in NewCastle, England, a strike by local miners had created a temporary shortage of coal. Timothy used this opportunity to sell his cargo of coal to the locals. This opportunity turned his venture into a profitable one, leaving his rivals speechless.

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③ The author is implying that although Timothy's business decisions appear bizarre and foolish, his confidence and luck has played an important role in his success. His belief in himself gave ^{him} the courage to explore uncharted territories and luck followed suit.

④ Timothy's repeated success in turning mockery into profit challenges conventional ideas about business acumen and wisdom in two ways. First, it brushes off the concept that one has to have the right education, or ~~extra~~ skills to successfully run a business. Second, the myth that businesses

are ideal in less competitive environment was also debunked when Timothy shipped coal to Newcastle, and successfully sold his entire cargo.

⑤ Human perception about foolishness and genius is very clear. Foolishness is an act which is meant to fail and easy to predict that it will fail. Genius on the other hand means coming up with an innovative idea which others had not thought of to be possible. Timothy's decision, though foolish, were buttressed by his confidence and ~~conf~~ luck - the two factors which ~~differentiated him from a fool~~ made him a genius.

Q.6

① A fish out of water

When asked about the corruption charges, Sagib acted like a fish out of water.

② A laconic speech

The audience thought Asad was introverted because of his laconic speech.

③ To give the devil his due

Hamza is a philanderer;

I do not like him, but to give devil his due, he is quite hardworking.

Qno 7

If an Urdu professor claims to understand Ghalib and works fully, then ~~his~~ despite his advanced understanding, he should be asked to produce a verse similar to that of Ghalibs. He ^{will} fail to do so. Because understanding and creation are a far cry from each other. Understanding is the result of learning, whereas creation comes from intuition. The status which Ghalib achieved was not merely a result of his hardwork but his extraordinary intellect — a manifestation of empathy and wisdom. This is the reason why his poetry leaves ^{the same} a lasting impression on people today as it did on the people of his time.