

Mock Exam

Precis and Composition

AMMARA - BATCH 80

Q #2. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

Title: The Hidden Costs of Renewable Energy

Renewable energy is widely celebrated as a solution to climate change, yet its apparent benefits conceal significant environmental and social costs. Technologies such as solar panels, wind turbines, and electric vehicles rely on extensive mining of rare-earth minerals, cobalt, and lithium. This mining often occurs in poor regions, causing land degradation, chemical pollution, and displacement of communities. Electric Vehicle batteries generate higher carbon emissions than conventional engines during production and create complex electronic waste challenges. Wind and solar infrastructure, while operationally clean,

depend on fossil fuels for manufacturing, transport and maintenance, and produce non-recyclable or toxic waste. The emphasis on "green" labels promotes moral complacency, turning the environmentalism into marketing rather than genuine ecological responsibility. True sustainability demands careful resource use, efficiency, and systemic humility, rather than substituting one ecological problem with another under the guise of progress.

Original word count : 344

Precis word count : 137

Q #3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1. Why did Timothy Dexter's rivals advise him to stop coal to Newcastle, and what was the intended outcome of this suggestion?

Timothy Dexter's rivals advised him

to ship coal to Newcastle purposely to ridicule and financially ruin him. Newcastle was already abundant in coal, so the idea was absurd. They expected that he would incur heavy losses and finally be exposed as a fool.

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

By sheer coincidence, a miners' strike in Newcastle temporarily halted coal production and caused an unexpected shortage. Dexter's shipment arrived exactly during this crisis. This allowed him to sell the coal at a high price and earn a large profit.

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

The author implies that Dexter's

Success was not solely due to intelligence or strategy, but significantly influenced by extraordinary luck. His successes blur the line between genius and luck. They show that fortune can amplify even seemingly foolish decisions.

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

Dexter's continuous ability to profit from ventures designed to mock him challenges the conventional beliefs that business success requires formal education or calculated wisdom. His story proves that unconventional thinking, or even accidents, can outperform traditional expertise.

5. What can be inferred about human perception of "foolishness" and "genius" from the way

Dexter's rivals reacted to his achievements?

The rivals' reaction shows that society often labels unconventional success as foolishness until it yields results. What is mocked as stupidity can later be celebrated as genius. This reveals that human judgements of intelligence are often driven by prejudice and hindsight.

Q # 4. Correct any five of the following sentences.

- i) We accepted their offer on the ground that something is better than nothing.
- ii) Use one capful for half a bowl of water.
- iii) The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift.
- iv) She advised me never to point

my finger to anyone.

vii) Ahsan doesn't want to study, nor does he want a job.

Q# 5. A. Punctuate the following passage.

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, "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. Re-write the following sentences after filling in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

- i) Tehmina applied to a bank for a loan.
- ii) She died of starvation.
- iii) Look at the left and you will see our destination.
- iv) We saw a movie at the theatre.
- vii) We all sat at the dinner table.

Q# 6. Use only five of the following in your own sentences to bring out their meanings.

- i) Abdullah felt like a fish out of water at the wedding because he did not know anyone.
- ii) Even though I disagreed with his methods, I must give the devil his due; his plan was remarkably effective.

iv) Zara is a live wire in our office, always full of energy and ideas.

vi) We were on pins and needles waiting for the final exam results.

viii) The new law cannot put back the clock on years of environmental damage.

Q # 7. Translate into English.

If an Urdu Professor claims that he thoroughly understands Ghalib's poetry and can mesmerize an audience by discussing its artistic qualities at length, he is undoubtedly showing his scholarly ability. Yet, if asked to compose even a single couplet like Ghalib, he would be helpless. This is because understanding and creation belongs to two entirely different worlds. Understanding is a product of intellect, whereas creation is the outcome of inspiration, emotion, and divine guidance. The greatness that Ghalib

attained was not merely the result of study or effort, but a manifestation of extraordinary intellect, sensitivity, and God-given talent. It is for this reason that centuries later, his verses continue to affect hearts just as profoundly as they did in his own time.