

Question no. 4

(vi) Neither of the two applicants had suitable qualifications.

(vii) Neither does Ahsan want to study nor does he want a job.

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

(i) We accepted their offer on the grounds that something is better than nothing.

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

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(b)

(ii) She died of starvation

(viii) I pushed through the g crowd.

(vi) You can go after you have done your homework.

(iv) We saw a movie in the theatre.

(vii) We all sat around the dinner table.

(a)
Punctuation

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."

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~~(i) A fish out of water~~

(ii) To give the devil his due

The politician appreciated his opponent by saying 'Give the devil his due and acknowledge how meticulously he tried to cover his money laundering.'

(iv) To play truant

The mischievous young boy played truant and skipped his classes

(v) Live wire

It is better not to provoke the girl after her breakup; she is a live wire and you will end up getting hurt.

(vii) A laconic speech

When Joe Pesci accepted his Academy Award, he gave a very laconic speech by simply stating, 'Thank you for this.' His speech lasted just three words.

(i) A fish out of water

The soldier had just been shot and was like a fish out of water; he would soon die after struggling to keep his wound from bleeding.

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Translation

If any professor of Urdu makes the claim that he clearly understands the works of Ghalib, and that he can discuss at length the intricacies of his literary genius, then indubitably he is portraying his own skill of prowess and command on knowledge. But, if he is asked to narrate a single verse like that of Ghalib, he will become helpless. This is because ~~well~~ ^{understanding} ~~the~~ ~~creation~~ and creation of poetry are two separate entities. Being able to interpret is related to intelligence, whereas creating poems is ~~is~~ ^{rooted} in deeper philosophical understanding. The stellar position of Ghalib was achieved not ~~only~~ by knowledge and hardwork alone, but by an extraordinary intelligence, faith and godly wisdom. This is the reason due to which his poetry remains as influential ~~despite~~ ~~the~~ in the contemporary world as they were centuries ago.

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1. Timothy Dexter's rivals advised him to ship coal to Newcastle because they believed it would cause a loss to him. They were envious of his business success and wanted to ruin him. His rivals believed that Timothy Dexter would land in trouble as Newcastle already had an abundant coal supply. If he were to ship coal there, it would result in his economic ruin.

2. The unexpected event in England that transformed his apparently foolish venture into a profitable success was the coal ~~worker~~ miners' strike. This led to a lower domestic production and thus coal was in high demand. Timothy Dexter's shipment filled the shortage. As a result his otherwise foolhardy ~~was~~ venture earned him significant profit.

3. The author implies that luck and intelligence do not always go hand in hand. Despite his lack of formal education, he made substantial fortunes. His rivals, who

apparently connived against him were the ultimate losers. ~~They~~ They used their intelligence yet failed. Hence an inverse relationship exists between luck and intelligence: those who have one do not have the other.

4. Conventional ideas about business wisdom and education denote success due to intelligence. Timothy Dexter's shipments brought success to him despite the overt ~~to~~ threat of loss. He lacked the intelligence to escape his rivals' plot, but he inevitably made profit despite this. When he shipped bed warmers, the inhabitants of the island bought them as something else: molasses ladles. His shipment of cats was used ~~to~~ as pest control. Hence, fortune plays a bigger role in the success of an individual unlike what the ideas of ~~conventional~~ business wisdom and education suggest.

5. Human perception of foolishness and genius is paradoxically related to each other. All of his rivals believed Timothy Dexter to be foolish due to his lack of

formal education, and simplistic business decisions. His rivals' speechlessness indicates they were the actual fools who underestimated him.

Question no. 2

Precis

The concept of renewable energy is being popularised as a way out of the dark fossil fuel era. In reality, this transition is proving to be more damaging than beneficial. The clean technology narrative does not shed light on the exploitation required for its production. Places where sustainable materials are mined are left uninhabitable; one environmental crisis leads to another. Moreover, electric vehicles use batteries that have to be disposed off. Similarly, wind turbines and solar panels produce toxic waste that cannot be recycled. Their running costs are dependent on activities that consume fossil fuels. Furthermore, combating climate change is limited to marketing campaigns. Contrarily, in order to solve this problem, a concerted effort - not essentially hypocritical - is needed. Our planet is not being healed; paradoxically, it is being wounded by

the clever enterprise of renewable energy.

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