

PRECIS AND COMPOSITION

RENEWABLE ENERGY - A MARKETING SLOGAN

Renewable energy has been the reason of human interest but it is important to realize that the ways they are mined are harming the planet. The use of renewable energy resources like solar panels, wind turbines and electric vehicles seemingly have ~~omitted~~ omitted their invisible cost ~~and~~ ignoring the fact that production of these renewable resources demand extraction of rare earth elements. The process of extraction of these renewable resources require energy intensive and ecologically ruining mining practices mostly carried out in poor regions of the world. Large areas of Congo, China and Chile have been mined turning areas short of vegetation, poisoned and ^{un}inhabitable. The production of electric vehicles, solar panels and wind farms emits heavy amount of carbons and the end product after decades serves as waste. This tragedy mainly lies in moral complacency and healthy environment has rather become a marketing slogan as renewable energy alone doesnot heal the planet, it infact harms it.

Q3: Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows.

Q1: Timothy Dexter's rivals were jealous and grew tired of success ~~and~~ ^{hence} decided to humiliate him by suggesting him to ship coal to Newcastle, England, a city which was already famous for endless supply of coal. The intended outcome of their suggestion was to cause humiliation to the reputation of Timothy Dexter, which instead became his victory.

Q2: When Timothy's ship ^{carrying coal to be shipped} reached England, a miner's strike had stopped local production, creating a sudden shortage of coal in the city. Therefore, Dexter sold his entire cargo for massive profit, leaving his rivals speechless. This way the unexpected event transformed Dexter's foolish coal venture into profitable success.

Q3: The author implies about the relationship between luck and intelligence by outlining ~~that~~ ^{how} Timothy Dexter was intelligent and lucky both. Whenever, he was about to make a business move, he confidently used to take intelligent business decisions which

used to prove successful as he was a lucky man. This proves that ^{it's not} only textbook knowledge it's important for business but thinking abilities coupled with luck is also very important.

Q4: Dexter's life was a living reminder that sometimes being underestimated is the best advantage that a man can have. Although, Timothy only had a little formal education but he still used to make wise business decisions. He was a skilled, creative and quick thinker with loads of confidence which led him make intelligent business decisions taking advantage of the situation. Usually it is believed that formal education is the only way to gain knowledge but Timothy proved it all wrong with his creative and talented use of skilled mind.

Q5: Human's ^{certain} perception of "foolishness" and "genius" has set boundaries with which they can weigh human beings knowledge. It is a common belief that formal, textbook education is an important component of knowledge while lesser importance is paid to critical thinking skills and reasoning. Dexter had a reputation of fool and genius both because.

he only had a little knowledge. Against all the odds, Dexter proved that talent, ~~st~~ decision making skills, and creativity is equally important as textbook education.

Q4: Correct any FIVE of the following sentences:

- iv. She advised me to never point my finger at anyone.
- vi. Neither of the two applicants had suitable ^{qualification}.
- vii. Ahsan neither wants to study, nor he wants a job.
- ii. Use one cupful for half a bowl of water.
- iii. The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift.

Q5(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 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."

Q5(B): Rewrite the following sentences (ONLY FIVE) after filling in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

ii- She died of starvation.

iii- Look to the left and you will see our destination.

vii- We all sat at the dinner table.

viii- I pushed through the crowd.

i- Tehmina applied to a bank for a loan.

Q6: Use only FIVE of the following in your sentences to bring out their meanings.

ii) To give the devil his due: Mohsin is bad-tempered, but to give the devil his due, he is ^{an} expert in his job.

i) A fish out of water: Sadiya was very formal at the party, because she felt ^{like} a fish out of the water.

vi) On pins and needles: Ali was on pins and needles before his interview.

viii) To put back the clock: Before partition, Muslims of the subcontinent were putting back the

clock and denied modern technology and education.

iii) Go to the wall: During Covid-19 many small businesses went to the wall.

Q7: Translate:

If any professor of Urdu claims that he understands Ghalib's writings very well and that he is able to engage the audience while discussing his artistic qualities, so undoubtedly he is showing the extent of his knowledge, but if he is demanded to say one ~~stanza~~ ^{verse} like Ghalib, so he will be helpless.

Because knowledge and creativity are two different worlds. Knowledge is the product of mind, while creativity is the result of intuition and revelation. The position ^{that} Ghalib secured was not solely because of knowledge or hardwork in fact an extra ordinary mind, feelings and God-gifted abilities. This is why even after decades, his poetry leaves the same impact over hearts as they used to, back in his era.