

Question NO # 04

- i) We accepted their offer on the ground that something ^{is} better than nothing.
- ii) The bag was so heavy that I could hardly lift it.
- iv) She advised me ~~never~~ to point my fingers at anyone.
- vi) Neither of the two applicants had suitable qualification.
- vii) Ahsan ~~doesn't want~~ ^{whether} to study and not a job.

Question NO # 05

A. Punctuation

The ~~prisoner~~ looked, through ~~the~~ narrow window, and said, "They call this ~~justice~~, yet I have never ~~been~~ heard." ⁹⁹ 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." ⁹⁹

The cell fell silent. The prisoner smiled faintly and whispered, "They can cage a man, but not his convictions."

B. Blanks:

- i) Tehmina applied ^{out} 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 ⁱⁿ at the theater.
- vii) We all sat ^{at} the dinner table.

Question NO # 06

Idioms

- i) A fish out of water

On leaving her friend, she felt like a fish out of water.

- iii) Go to the wall

Without proper support, the project went to the wall.

- vi) On pins and needles

The fans were on pins and needles during the final minutes of the match.

v) Live wire

The new student is a real live wire in the classroom. ✓

viii) To put back the clock

After failing the exam, he ~~regrets~~ it, but he cannot put back the clock. ✓

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Question No# 07

Translation:

An Urdu lecturer demonstrates his intellectual ability by claiming a deep understanding of Galib's poetry and engaging the audience with a detailed discussion of its artistic merits. If he is asked to recite a couplet like Galib's, he will be helpless. Because ^{intuition} understanding and creation exist in different realms. Understanding creates wisdom, while creation is the result of spiritual feeling and inspiration. The status that Galib achieved was not earned through mere study or hardwork, but through

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extraordinary intellect, empathy and divine inspiration. That is why, even after centuries, his couplets still affect hearts just as they did in his time.

Question NO #03

(i)

Timothy Dexter's rivals advised him to ship coal to Newcastle, a city in England known for its endless supply of coal. They expected him to incur a huge loss in trade, but unexpectedly, their plan completely backfired.

(ii)

The unexpected event that turned Dexter's seemingly foolish coal venture into a profitable success was a miners' strike in England. When his ship arrived, the strike had occurred which hindered local production. This created a sudden shortage of coal supply. Thus, Dexter sold his entire stock for a huge profit, leaving his rivals completely stunned.

(iii)

Timothy Dexter's success illustrates an interesting relationship between luck and intelligence. Despite having little formal education, he made bold business decisions with great confidence. Many of his ventures, which seemed foolish at first, turned profitable due to unexpected events. All the events show a vital role of luck in his success.

(iv)

Timothy Dexter's success challenges the idea that formal education and careful planning are essential in business. Despite his little formal education, his unusual decisions often turned into huge profits, showing that confidence and luck can lead to success.

(v)

Timothy Dexter's achievements show

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Question No #02

The Hypocrisy of Renewable Progress

Renewable energy has been regarded as a remedy for the planet's survival, but this is only one side of the picture, while the other reveals its hidden costs. The technologies labelled as clean are causing severe environmental damage. They demand vast quantities of rare-earth minerals, and their waste deprives fertile lands of life by contaminating them with chemicals. Moreover, the batteries of electric vehicles emit more carbon during

production than combustion engines.

Similarly, the blades of wind turbines cannot be recycled, and solar panels end up as toxic waste. This issue reflects not only the reality of renewable technology but also moral complacency. As people are obsessed with green labels that damage their environment unintentionally.

Hence, true sustainability lies in efficiency, restraint and morality.

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