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Question # 05:

(A): Punctuate the Passage

03/05

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

(B): Re-write with Appropriate Preposition

02/05

(ii) She died of starvation

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

(iv) We saw a movie at the theatre. ✓

(i) Tehmina applied at ^{to} a bank for a loan. X

(vii) We all sat at the dinner table. X

Question no 6 08/10

Use the following in your sentences to bring out their meaning

(i)

A fish out of water

When Sana started working at a tech company, she felt like a fish out of water among so many experienced professionals. ✓

(v)

Live wire

My younger brother is a live wire, he is always full of energy no matter what time of the day it is. ✓

(vi) (113)

On pins and needles

I was on pins and needles while waiting for the exam results, hoping I had passed this year.

(vii) (111)

A Laconic Speech

The politician's laconic speech left many questions unanswered, sparking a debate among people.

(ii)

To give the Devil his Dues

To pay the devil his dues, Pakistan Cricket Team had to play a tough match against Australia to seal a win.

(v)

Question no 3

06/20

(i)

Dexter's rivals suggested shipping coal to Newcastle to humiliate him. Newcastle was famous for its coal supply, so they expected him to loose everything.

In comprehension answer each question comprehensively
Do not be irrelevant in your answer
Please enhance length of each answer
Read the passage carefully

Day: _____

(ii)

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A mine's strike in England stopped local coal production, creating a sudden shortage. Dexter sold his cargo for a massive profit.

(iii)

The author implies that being underestimated can be a big advantage. Dexter's success shows that luck played a role in his bizarre business decisions turning into a fortune.

(iv)

Dexter's success with little formal education challenges conventional ideas. His confidence and bizarre ideas turned into massive profits.

(v)

Dexter was seen as both a fool and a genius. Rivals thought his decisions were foolish, but ended up being profitable, showing perception can be wrong.

Question no 4 Correct the Sentences

08/10

(i)

We accepted their offer on the ground that something is better than nothing

: We accepted their offer on the ground that something is better than nothing

Ahsan doesn't want to study, nor he wants a job.

: Ahsan doesn't want to study, nor does he want a job

(iv)

She advised me to never point my finger to anyone

: She advised me to never to point my finger at anyone

(ii)

Use one capful to half bowl of water

: Use one capful for half a bowl of water.

The bag was so heavy that i
couldn't hardly lift. (i)

: The bag was so heavy that i
could hardly lift it. ✓

: Question no 2 :

Title : The Hidden cost of Green
Technology. 04/20

Renewable energy, as publically
seen as a moral salvation against
fossil fuels, has hidden environmental
Avoid cutting costs. Clean technologies like
solar panel, wind turbine, and
electric vehicles require rare minerals
from harmful mining, leading to
uninhabitable lands, and pose
recycling challenges. The emphasis
on "Green labels" turns environmentalism
into a marketing strategy, rather

Overall understanding the idea is ok
Title needs improvement.
Grammar is ok.
Work on length of Precis, it should be 1/3rd of original passage
total words: $344/3=114$

Question no 7:

Translation

05/10

If any professor of Urdu Language claims that he is capable of understanding Ghalib's artistic work and is able to talk on his artistic aspects continuously for a long period, then, indeed he is demonstrating his knowledge. But when he is demanded to produce a stanza like Ghalib's, then, he will be helpless. Because understanding and creation are entirely different realms. Understanding is a product of mind while creation is the result of inspiration and conscience. The status awarded to Ghalib cannot be achieved by hardwork or studying, but was due to specific intelligence, sense, and was as if "God Gifted". That's the reason that even after decades, his poems affect hearts, just like they affected during his time.

Attempt in idiomatic and proverbial manner
Focus on grammar please
Do not attempt word by word