

# NOA MOCK

## ENGLISH PRECIS + COMPOSITION.

Q1A) 1. D

2. A

3. C

4. C

5. C

6. D

7. A

8. A

9. B

10. B

Q1B) 1. D

2. D

3. A

4. C

5. B

6. C

7. D

8. A

9. C

10. C

Q2.

## Sustainability or Sacrifice

Renewable energy has ~~long~~ been coveted as man-kind's saviour rather than grace, as it would reverse the damage done ~~to the planet~~.

It is contradictory as the ~~process~~ of such is burdensome on the planet.

The production of essential components requires exorbitant amounts of rare earth minerals. The extraction of which is energy and environmentally exhaustive. It leads to deforestation; chemical waste creating a paradox of solving a problem by creating another. The production of batteries for electric vehicles emits a ~~large~~ amount of carbon when they are short-lived and non-recyclable and difficult to recycle. The facade of sustainability hides pollution.

Wind and solar farms pose the same threats, even though their labour and maintenance requires the usage of non-renewable energy. Going green is a mere marketing gimmick, it is no more the emergence of a new sustainable era, but rather that of ~~condoning~~ and abetting. Real sustainability comes from withdrawal, efficiency and modesty, not misuse. This is not the planet's failing grade, but rather a different alternate path to downfall.

Precis  $\rightarrow$  137 words

Passage  $\rightarrow$  399 words

too short for 5 marks

Q3. 1) His rivals were jealous of his success hence they wished to embarrass him, and cause him extreme losses.

2) There had been an ongoing miners strike in England which had halted production. Usually, there was no demand for

imported coal, but the lack of local coal production had caused an unexpected shortage. ~~too smart~~

3). The author denotes that in the case of Timothy Dexter, whilst he was not clever, he was confident and fortunate.

That fortuitousness made him successful as even though he was

not traditionally or booksmart, he was blessed. It also indicates that bold and unconventional risks may pay off greatly at times.

4). T. Dexter defied the traditional ideas of how success can only be obtained through formal education or rational planning. His unusual methods and risks albeit criticized tended to outperform others.

5). The author implies that whilst Dexter's ~~friends~~ <sup>he was</sup> considered him foolish, ~~he was~~ <sup>unconventionally intelligent</sup> intelligent. He was clearly practically wise rather than traditionally. Moreover, that human perception is often flawed, and cursory glances never paint a whole picture; but rather a mere segment of it.

Q4. i) We accepted their offer on the ground ~~as~~ something was better than nothing.

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

iv) She advised me to never point my finger <sup>at</sup> anyone.

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vi) Neither of the two applicants ~~were~~ ~~had~~ ~~suitably~~ ~~qualifications~~

vii) Ahsan ~~Heather~~ does not want to study, nor does he want a job.

Q5-A) 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." 4/5

B) i) Tehmina applied ~~at~~ 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~~ the theatre across

v) I rowed the boat ~~to~~ the lake

vi) You can go since you have done your homework

vii) We all sat at the dinner table

viii) I pushed through the crowd.

Q6. i). Joining a new school in the middle of the academic year had me feeling like a fish out of water.

ii) She may be rude, but to give the devil his due, her win was well deserved.

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- v) She has always been the life of the party, a real live wire.
- vi) I was on pins and needles all day awaiting my result.
- vii) If I could put back the clock, I would do things differently.

Q7

If an Urdu professor claims that he thoroughly comprehends Ghallib's poetry, and can captivate an audience through an articulate discussion of its artistic merits then he is indubitably showcasing his merit. However, if he was requested to compose a verse of equal eloquence, he would be helpless as understanding and creating are worlds apart. Understanding such poetry is a byproduct of intellect whereas creation stems from inspiration. The esteemed rank Ghallib attained was not merely through studying or striving, but rather a reflection of extraordinary intelligence, sensitivity and <sup>God's</sup> grace. Hence, even now after centuries have passed, his verses are just as heartfelt as they were before.

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