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Important Instructions / Guidelines:							
1. Read every question carefully. Understand the question before answering.							
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct English.							

Q1. (A). Some punctuation marks are missing at some places in this passage. Add the missing punctuation, paying special attention not only to correctness but also to ensuring that the meaning is as clear as possible. Write the correct answer on answer sheets. (2 Marks)

Scientists and philosophers of science tend to speak as if "scientific language" were intrinsically precise: as if those who use it must understand one another's meaning, even if they disagree. But, in fact scientific language is not as different from ordinary language as is commonly believed. It, too, is subject to imprecision and ambiguity and hence to imperfect understanding. Moreover, new theories or arguments are rarely if ever constructed by way of clear-cut steps of deduction and verification or falsification; neither are they defended, rejected or accepted in so straightforward a manner. In practice scientists combine the rules of scientific methodology with a generous admixture of intuition, aesthetics and philosophical commitment. The importance of what are sometimes called extra-rational or extra-logical components of thought in the discovery of a new principle or law is generally acknowledged.

Q1. (B). Form five collocations by choosing one word from each column (A and B) to fill the gaps in the following sentences: (5 Marks)

Column A	Column B
downright, warm, spotlessly, thoroughly, native	Ashamed, clean, town, welcome, rude

- 1 He received a _____ from his hosts on his arrival to their house.
- 2 It was _____ of him not to say hello to the secretary.
- 3 I have been hovering and dusting all day, so now my flat is _____.
- 4 I have visited many places but Lahore is my _____.
- 5 You should be _____ of yourself. Your behaviour was appalling!

Q 1(B). Read the paragraph given below and correct any verbs that do not agree with the subjects. Remember to use present tense in your corrections. (3 Marks)

Within the state of Punjab, Farzan move frequently, from city to city. After his arrival, one of his first tasks is to find an apartment close to work as he do not have a car. Usually, there are many different places to choose from, and therefore, he consider cost, location, and luxury. If one apartment has a washing machine and dryer and cost ten thousand rupees a month, he prefer to rent it over another apartment with significantly less rent located two blocks from a market. He never rents an apartment on the thirteenth floor since he fear heights. He also try to choose an apartment with landlords recommended by former tenants. Everybody know that it is important to find a responsible landlord.

Question 2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the following questions in your own words. (5 Marks)

The desire for change is not something bad in itself. But when it is used as a source of political **maneuvering**, the mantra of change may become an excuse for exercising power disproportionately. For the common man, change is largely linked to bringing relief and adding some meaning to life. However, change cannot be manufactured and must come through the natural processes of social transformation.

Politics is an integral part of social change and spurs class conflict where the distribution of resources is concerned. All formal and informal political actors fight for political clout, which is mainly structured around economic resources. But to claim their fair share of resources, political stakeholders have not only to win moral legitimacy but must also influence the majority in support of their needs. Nonetheless, power politics cannot stop the ongoing flow or processes of social change.

Like many other developing societies, Pakistan is passing through diverse processes of change, which have different connotations in terms of pace and having a positive or negative impact. Modes of production are changing and dependence on the services sector is gradually increasing, which reveals the regression of the agricultural sector and the stagnant industrial base of the country. Real estate is flourishing and is consuming not only the capital of other sectors but also the savings of middle- and lower-middle-income groups. Home or shelter provides a sense of social security and a sense of development in a society where the state has failed to properly utilize human and physical capital.

Economists have a better understanding of the economy and wealth distribution but there are also other factors at play which may slow down the economics-triggered change in society. For instance, especially in recent times, diaspora communities have been playing the role of a key interlocutor in emerging multicultural societies. Pakistan has a reasonably large diaspora in Europe, North America and other parts of the developed world; there are around 2.2 million Pakistanis in Europe alone. The Pakistani diaspora in the West has contributed towards changing the worldview of the middle classes especially those in the services sector. Irrespective of how good or bad this worldview may be, it is showing itself as a major stakeholder in the power politics of the country.

- 1) Give a suitable title for the given paragraph.
- 2) Which of the following word is NOT a synonym for maneuvering (Line 2)?

a) Plotting b) Scheming c) Conspiring d) Refraining

- 3) What according to the paragraph, is the most significant source of change and why?
- 4) What is the biggest reason of how income of most Pakistani families is being spent?
- 5) What is change according to common person?

Q3. Write an expository paragraph of about 175-200 words on the following topic:

'Students require more recreation to focus better on studies.' (10 Marks)