

Ans 02:- Politicians: Knitting a Cobweb of Deceit?

Seeing politicians hoisting flags of honesty and pride makes it difficult to not be amused at their unique capability of diverging the truth. Having their way with words, a politician's answer to a relatively simple query is buried beneath a ~~load~~ load of jargon, leaving the querier lost in a maze of empty words and vows; vows that lose meaning post election.

Emotions, sometimes used to appeal to the public conscience and sometimes as a defense mechanism, are a politician's best friend.

Politicians practice skills like flickery and blame-shifting as survival instincts — maintaining a public profile rather than taking initiative.

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Ans 03:- While the environmental impact of renewable energy production is significantly more than what is widely perceived, it is still not as intense or far-reaching as that of traditional fossil fuels.

2. EVs are environmental friendly in terms of the environmental footprint they emit while being used. However, if the environmental footprint of their production and waste disposal is taken into account, the relatively lesser emissions of their usage hold little significance. Curbing the negative impacts of battery production and disposal would make EVs environmental friendly in true sense.

3. The infrastructure required to recycle or efficiently dispose off renewable energy systems (e.g. wind turbines and solar panels) is not readily available. Without the infrastructure waste disposal becomes difficult to manage.

4. As renewable energy systems cannot function at a 100% capacity at all times (due to factors like the absence of the sun and wind), they need a backup like fossil fuels or battery storages. Both of which have negative environmental impacts.

5. The limitations can be addressed by careful management of production and waste-disposal associated negative impacts and by managing expectations from the renewable energy systems — It is not a fix-it-all solution to the environmental issue and it should not be treated as one. For it to be used efficiently, it needs to be used responsibly.



**Ans 04:-**

- ii. If I knew the answers, I would pass the examinations.
- iii. They cheated me. I wish I knew them.
- v. All kinds of stationery is sold here.
- vii. Little elegance is left in the arrogant youth.
- viii. The mother was searching for herself in her young daughter.

**Ans 05:-**

**A.** A boy was gathering berries from the hedge when his hand was stung by a nettle. Smarting with the pain, he ran to tell his mother and said to her between his sobs, "I only touched it ever so lightly mother!". "That is why you got stung, my son", said she, "If you had grasped it firmly, it would not have hurt you in the least."

**B.**

- i. She came for the wealth on her father's death.
- iii. He has got through all his hardships in his life.
- v. The poor live on their honest wages.
- vii. You have no right to jeer at the beggar.
- viii. He is leaning on the wall as he is not feeling well.

Ans Q6: A.

(i) Tiya got herself in an accident. She was black and blue to the extent that she could not move her arm.

(v) My boss told me if I could not give him the exact number of invited guests, I should give him a ballpark figure.

(vi) Everything is going wrong for Sophie today, she couldn't even wash her hair this morning. She is clearly having a bad hair day.

(vii) Salma thinks we will get an off tomorrow, let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best.

(viii) Ahmed was taken to the police station for overspeeding and hitting <sup>a</sup> pole, thank God he got off scot-free.

B. (i) Josh felt plaintive about his situation as ~~the~~ all the claims of the plaintiff were well-defended by the defense lawyer.

(iii) One of the primary duties of a mentor is to closely monitor the progress of his mentees.

(iv) While Marinda is a complaisant <sup>lawyer</sup> ~~lawyer~~ who ~~either~~ ~~can~~ does not take her work seriously, she was not complacent when she lost the last case.

(v) Carl felt penitence after stealing money, therefore, he went to the police station to recieve penance for his crime.

(vii) The beneficent nature of Ali proves to be beneficial to the old age home in his locality as he routinely donates to ~~the~~ them.



Ans 07:-

Some of the students preparing for the upcoming exams are of the view that staring at book covers or sleeping with notes under their pillows will help them top the exams. These are the same people who offer prayers in hopes of intercession after studying for merely two days! The truth, however, is that no one possesses a "magical wand" nor is there a "short cut". Extraordinary results demand extraordinary efforts. Therefore, the next time you think to yourself "should I study or not" while holding a cup of tea, remember that success is achieved not through humour but hardwork!

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