

PART - II
QUESTION-2
PRECIS

Political Leaders: Vexed Antics

The author criticizes that politicians have little or no integrity, they can only talk but the actions are a mere illusion. They are masters of coaxing words and stage governance antics. They evade inquiries and forget promises once the elections are over. The performance of political leaders is limited to words. However, they are skilled to display sympathy with public using ^{emotional} ~~empathic~~ actions which entertain the masses. They attract support by faking affection to children or animals. It is also notable how politicians can flexibly switch sides and twitch narratives. Leadership is centred on acting rather than delivering the people.

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READING COMPREHENSION

(1) Renewable Energy Production

It is a general narrative that renewable energy ~~the~~ production does not harm the environment like burning of fossil fuel does. However, mining of rare earth metals like ~~calcium~~ cadmium used in solar panels disrupts ecosystems and produces greenhouse gases. Steel required for wind turbines also adversely impacts environment.

(2) Environment Friendly EVs

The production of Electronic Vehicles involves extensive mining of lithium and nickel for lithium-ion batteries. This mining causes pollution, destroys natural habitats and contaminates soil. EVs are charged using electricity that is produced by ~~here~~ hydrocarbons, mitigating benefits on environment. Lastly, issues of battery disposal and toxic waste production is unaddressed.

(3) Challenge of Disposal

Renewable energy systems have limited lifespans of 20-30 years. There exists no proper method of recycling solar panels or wind turbines. They contribute to environment as toxic waste and require infrastructure for dumping. Once discarded, the green promise fades.

(4) Pollution-free Operation

During operational phase, solar and wind energy are not entirely pollution free. These systems are hybrid in nature, energy is stored on batteries which are produced through environmental degradation methods. The necessary power back-up is based on fossil fuels.

(5) Addressing Limitations

This article proposes that a balanced approach towards renewable energy is required. There is a need to focus attention on reducing energy consumption,

improving efficiency and relying on multiple sources of energy rather than over-depending on solar and wind energy. These sources require adequate management and acceptance to errors.

QUESTION-4

(iii) They cheated me. I wish I knew them.

(iv) Looking through the view-finder, I saw some strangers standing at the door.

(v) All kinds of stationery is sold here.

(viii) The mother was searching herself in her young daughter.

(ii)

If I knew the answers, I would have passed the examination.

(vii) Little elegance is left in the arrogant youth.

QUESTION: S PUNCTUATION

A boy was gathering berries from a 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."

PREPOSITIONS

- (v) The poor live **by** their honest wages.
 - (vi) Their thief did not swear **to/on** God.
 - (viii) He is leaning **on** the wall as he is not feeling well.
 - (vii) You have no right to **jeer** away the beggar.
 - (iv) Every candidate tries to pull **at** each voter.
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QUESTION: 6 (A)

(vii) keep fingers crossed

He kept his fingers crossed until the final result was announced.

(vi) bad hair day

She lost the bet and remarked that it was her bad hair day.

ii) silver surfer

Real estate is a silver surface for businessmen.

iii) draw a blank

She drew a blank on the country's progress.

i) black and blue

Everyone should be aware of the black and blue of politics before contesting elections.

(B)

(i) **Plaintiff**: The plaintiff appealed for a robust decision on his case.

Plaintive: The entire organisation underwent a plaintive sentiment upon his death.

(iii) **Monitor**: Space satellites can aid to monitor wildfires.

Mentor: A true ^{mentee} devotee is forever indebted to his mentor.

(vii) **Beneficent**: All ~~pr~~ praise is for the most beneficent creator-Allah.

Beneficial: Milk is a beneficial source of calcium for bone health.

(iv) **Complacent**: The terms and conditions of the agreement are not complacent with the Law of War.

Complaisant:

She is habitual complaisant of tooth ache due to her developmental age bracket.

(ii) Valet: The valet did not park the car correctly.

varlet: Public complains about varlet words of the tribal head.

QUESTION-7

TRANSLATION

Certain aspirants of competitive examination believe that keeping books close at all times would make them a high-achiever. These very people resort to seeking miracles after initial days of preparation. It is a harsh reality that there are no short-cuts or magical wands to attain success. Indeed, Exceptional results demand inordinate efforts. So, the next time you undergo a dilemma, whether to study or not, with a cup of tea in your hands; Remember that success is a fruit of sheer hardwork and not just foulplays!
