

English Precis & Composition

Part - II

QUESTION NO. 2

TITLE : "Antics of Politicians"

Politicians, known for their integrity, unparalleled verbosity and their skillful escape out of situations. In the ~~theatre~~^{world} of governance, their actions create an interesting sight with a mix of strategies and exaggerated speech. They have a way of getting out of simplest inquiries by presenting a labyrinth of words. Their freely made promises before elections, vanish once the votes are in, a true skill of promising everything and delivering nothing. With exceptional theatrical skills, they never fail to entertain.

While pen may be mightier than sword, for politicians carefully timed strategies hold more power. They also have a remarkable ability to adapt and survive. Like chameleons, they shift with changing politics, disregarding ideologies easily, as well as their skill of avoiding blame. These antics of politicians show that leadership is often more about performance than serving the people.

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QUESTION NO. 3

(1) The passage suggests that renewable energy production is not completely harmless to the environment and has its cons as well. The production of renewable energy systems is a resource-intensive process that leaves a sizeable environmental footprint. Solar and wind energy production requires rare natural resources for which extensive mining is required, with damaging practices.

(2) The production of electric vehicles (EVs) also results in significant pollution. The manufacturing process of lithium-ion batteries, requires extensive mining which causes habitat destruction, soil contamination, and high water usage often in regions already facing environmental stress. Electricity used to charge these vehicles come from fossil fuels diminish their environmental benefits.

(3) The disposal of renewable waste is a daunting issue. Solar panels and wind turbines have finite lifespans, ranging from 20 to 30 years. Their disposal leads to accumulation of toxic waste without a robust infrastructure to manage this, green promise of energy begins to tarnish. Similarly with EVs, battery disposal and improper recycling leads to toxic waste.

(4) The renewable energy is not entirely pollution free during its operational phase as solar and wind power need backup from fossil fuel plants or reliance on battery storage, which have their own environmental challenges. Batteries rely on lithium and cobalt which result in environmental degradation.

(5) The article suggests acknowledging the limitations of renewable energy in order to address them and harness the true potential responsibly. The article suggests a balanced perspective on this.

QUESTION NO. 4

i) I will be completing this project by this time tomorrow

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ii) They cheated me. I wish I know them.
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v) All kinds of stationeries is sold here
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vi) There has always been a fight between devil and divine
There has always been a fight between the devil and the Divine.

viii) The mother was herself searching in her younger daughters.

The mother was searching for herself in her younger daughters.

QUESTION NO. 5

(A)

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 have grasped it firmly it would not have hurt you in the least."

(B)

- i) She came into the wealth on her father's death
- ii) I am broke with him because he is a selfish friend
- iv) Every candidate tries to pull on each voter
- v) The poor live on their honest wages
- vi) The thief did not swear on God

QUESTION NO. 6

(A)

i) black and blue

He is all black and blue from the fight with his classmates.

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ii) silver surfer

The mother was the silver surfer of the family and knew more about the internet than her teenage children.

iii) draw a blank

The teacher asked him about a maths question and he drew a blank as he couldn't recall the answer.

vi) bad hair day

When her car broke down when she was getting late she realized it was just a bad hair day today.

vii) keep fingers crossed

With the result just around the corner, she had her fingers crossed for a good outcome.

(B)

i) Plaintiff, plaintive

The plaintiff was plaintive after hearing that he lost his case in court.

iii) Monitor, mentor

The invigilator of the exam was the teacher himself so he was monitoring and mentoring the students during their exams.

iv) Complacent, complaisant

He felt complacent as the client was complaisant on the new deal with his firm.

v) Penitence, penance

The sinner should not lose hope from God, he just needs to show penitence and penance in order to be forgiven.

vii) beneficent, beneficial

The owner of the orphanage sees himself as the beneficent of the orphans as his orphanage project proved to be beneficial for a lot of children.

QUESTION NO. 7

Students preparing for competitive exams believe that by merely staring at books and keeping notes under pillow at night will make them top scorers. These are the same people who after studying for two days, seek recommendations in prayers! In reality, no one has a magic wand or a "short-cut" to success. Exceptional results require exceptional hardwork. So the next time you hold a cup of tea, thinking to 'study or not study', remember that success is not a joke, it comes from struggle!