

PRECIS AND COMPOSITIONQ7

Some of the students preparing for annual exams think they can ace exams by merely staring at the cover pages of their books or sleeping upon their notes. Such people also resort to unethical practices in their prayers. The truth is, there is neither a magic wand nor a shortcut towards success. To bear extraordinary results, extraordinary effort is imperative. Therefore, next time if you ever feel conflicted towards studying, remember, success is not a joke, it can only be attained through hard work.

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iii. They cheated me. I wish I knew them!

v. All kind of stationery is sold here.

vi. There has always been a fight between the devil and the divine.

vii. Little elegance is left in those arrogant youth.

viii. The mother, herself, was searching for her young daughter.

Q5

PART 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."

PART B

i. She came for the wealth on her father's death.

ii. The poor live on their honest wages.

iii. The thief did not swear to God.

iv. You have no right to jeer upon the beggar.

v. He is leaning into the wall as he is not feeling well.

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PART A

vi. **bad hair day** Despite having a bad hair day, she still managed to get good pictures.

vii. **keep fingers crossed** By keeping his fingers crossed, Ali promised to come to the party.

viii. **to get off scot-free** By manipulating her teachers, Sally managed to get off scot-free.

iii. **draw a blank** Tho' we drew a blank in their relationship.

ii. **Silver surfer** She was a silver surfer until the tragic death of her best friend.

Part B

iii. **monitor** The mother left her friend to monitor the kids until she got back from office.

**mentor** My mentor left no stone unturned in guiding me through the scholarship.

vii. **beneficent** Allah is the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

**beneficial** This course proved to be beneficial in my final year project.

ii. **Plaintiff** The plaintiff was brought before the Judge.

**Plaintive** This is the only plaintive conclusion I can think of.

Q3

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Traditional fossil fuels release massive amounts of carbon dioxide, resulting into global warming. Therefore, transitioning towards renewable energy is essential and unavoidable to ensure safe future for humanity. However, the current production technology of renewable energy systems is not entirely eco-friendly. It involves mining of rare earth elements such as cadmium and manufacturing vast quantities of material such as steel. Such practices lead to environment degradation and hence make transition towards renewable energy ineffective.

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Electric vehicles are environmental friendly to some extent as they do not require gas or diesel to run their engine, nor do they release harmful gases into the air. But again, if the electricity used to charge EVs is produced from burning of fossil fuels, their environmental effectiveness decreases. Moreover, the mining process for the production of their lithium-ion batteries further exacerbate environment. Later on, their disposal poses further challenges.

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The disposal of renewable energy systems after their lifespan ends is still a challenge as it includes a complicated procedure which is not widely practised. Due to the complex disposal system, people often resort to open dumping, leading towards accumulation of toxic waste.

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According to the article, renewable energy systems are not entirely pollution-free as they cannot function independently

and require backup batteries. The mining and manufacturing of these batteries produce pollution. Moreover, these systems require huge areas of land to operate which often leads towards deforestation. As forests absorb massive amounts of pollutants such as carbon dioxide, deforestation results into increased concentration of these pollutants into the environment.

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The article proposes a balanced approach towards renewable resources by staying mindful of their limitations. Turning a blind eye towards them can lead towards grave consequences. Therefore, it is essential to put perpetual effort towards increasing the efficiency of renewable energy systems while transitioning towards them.

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Q2

## Politicians: The Best of all Actors

Politicians possess great verbosity and are experts at tricking their people. If questioned about their motives, they possess the ability to confuse the inquisitor with a play of words. They make empty promises before elections which are forgotten the minute they get elected. They resort to cheap popularity by playing with the emotions of the public. Politicians are experts at hiding their shortcomings. They also possess the great ability to adapt to the changing political climate. It seems that the leadership that was once thought to be about serving humanity is more about mastering the performance.

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