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QUESTION No. 2:

Politicians: Masters of Crafted Illusions

This passage is critique of politicians highlighting their behaviours and habits with a touch of sarcasm. Politicians are the masters of using fancy words making simple things complicated. Similarly, they are expert at putting a show because they know how to win public attention.

Also they make lots of grandpromises with no follow-through. Moreover, they are experts at saving themselves according to the situation. In short, the author humorously points out how politics often seems more about appearances and self-interest than genuinely helping people.

Word Count

Words in actual passage: 295 ± 5

Words in preci: 90 ± 5



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Ans-1: The production of renewable energy systems, while reducing fossil fuel dependence, still has a significant environmental impact. Manufacturing solar panels, wind turbines, and other components requires resource

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Intensive processes that involve mining, greenhouse gas emissions, and ecosystem disruption. While renewables are cleaner during use, their production creates substantial environmental challenges.

A No. 2: Electric Vehicles (EVs) are only partially environmentally friendly. While they reduce emissions during operation, their production, particularly of lithium-ion batteries, causes significant pollution. Mining for materials like lithium, cobalt and nickel harms ecosystem and consumes large amount of water. Additionally, if the electricity to charge EVs is generated from fossil fuels, their benefits are further diminished. Improper disposal of batteries also creates toxic waste issues.

A No. 2: The article highlights that renewable energy systems like solar and wind power have intermittent outputs, requiring backup from fossil fuel plants or reliance on batteries. Battery storage, in turn, depends on materials like lithium and cobalt, whose supply chains are associated with environmental degradation and human right abuses. This reliance introduces pollution even during the operation of renewable energy systems.

A No. 3: The disposal of renewable energy systems

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like solar and windpower have intermittent ~~output~~ panels and wind turbines is challenging because they have lifespans of twenty to thirty years. Recycling these components is complex and not widely practiced, leading to accumulation of the toxic wastes. Without proper disposal infrastructure, discarded materials pose a significant environmental problem.

Ans-5: The article suggests adopting a balanced perspective, recognizing the limitations of renewable energy instead of treating it as a perfect solution. It emphasizes the importance of improving energy efficiency, reducing consumption, and diversifying the energy mix. By addressing these challenges and managing renewable energy responsibly, its potential can be harnessed effectively.

QUESTION No. 4:

- i- I will complete this project by this time tomorrow.
- ii- If I knew the answers, I would pass the examination.
- iii- They cheated me. I wish I knew them.
- v- All kinds of stationery are sold here.
- viii- The mother was searching for herself in her young daughter.

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



B. i- She came **into** the wealth on her father's death.

iii- He has got **through** all his hardships in life.

v- The poor live **on** their honest wages.

vii- You have no right to jeer **at** the beggar.

viii- He is leaning **against** the wall as he is not feeling well.

QUESTION No. 6:

A.

i- **Black and Blue:**

After the accident, she was black and blue from head to toe.

iii **Draw a blank:**

When asked about the meeting, I drew a blank and couldnot remember the details

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iv- Carry coal to new castle:

Selling umbrellas in a rainstorm is like carrying coal to Newcastle, because everyone already has one.

vi - bad hair day:

I had a bad hair day and could not seem to tame my unruly curls, so I wore a hat.

vii- keep fingers crossed:

Keep ^{your} fingers crossed until the exams are delayed

8. i Plaintiff, Plaintive

- The Plaintiff in the law suit was seeking justice for the damages caused by accident
- Her plaintive cries were heartbreaking.

ii- Valet, Varlet

- The valet quickly took out the car and led us into the hotel lobby.
- The varlet tricked the knight into losing his wealth through deceitful schemes.

iii- Monitor, Mentor

- The teacher used a monitor to keep the track of the students' online activities during the exam.
- She proved to be a mentor for her new colleagues helping them to navigate through challenges.

iv- Complacent, Complainant

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- After winning the championship, the team became complacent and did not practice as hard.
- He was complaisant, eager to please everyone around him, even at his own expense.

v. Penitence, penance

- He showed penitence for his actions by offering a heartfelt apology to everyone he had hurt.
- She did penance by fasting for a week after realizing how harshly she had treated others.

QUESTION NO. 7

Some aspirants of competitive exams think that just staring at the cover of book or slipping notes under their pillow at night will make them top the charts. These are the people who, after a couple of days of preparation, start praying for a little insider help. The reality is, there is no magic wand to success, nor there is any shortcut to the top. If you want exceptional results, you need to put in exceptional efforts. So, the next time you are sipping your cup of tea, debating whether to study or not, remember that success does not come from day-

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dreaming, it comes from hard work.

