

QUESTION: 02

ANSWER:

"The Art of Political Performance"

Politicians are known for their skillful use of complex language and evasive tactics, often diverting attention from straightforward questions with lengthy, intricate responses. They excel in making promises during the elections, that are quickly forgotten afterwards, demonstrating a knack of empty rhetoric. Their public displays, whether through emotional theatrics or well-planned photo sessions, keep the public entertained and distracted. Their ability to adopt to changing political situations and avoid responsibility for scandals highlights their focus on self-preservation rather than genuine leadership. Ultimately, their performances often overshadow their true role in serving the people.

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QUESTION: 03

ANSWER:

(1)

Renewable energy production has a significant environmental impact, including resource-intensive manufacturing processes and mining for rare earth metals/elements. This can cause ecosystem disruption and greenhouse gas emissions. While cleaner than fossil fuels, renewable energy production is not without its ecological costs.

(2)

Electric Vehicles (EVs) have environmental benefits but are not entirely eco-friendly. The production of EVs, especially their batteries, involves harmful mining practices, and their benefits are reduced if they are charged with fossil-fuel based electricity.

(3)

Disposal of renewable energy systems like solar panels and wind turbines is

Problematic due to their finite lifespan.

Recycling is not widely practiced and the improper disposal of these energy systems leads to toxic waste accumulation.

(4)

Renewable energy is not completely pollution-free because backup from fossil fuel is often required due to intermittency. Also, the production of storage batteries involves environmentally damaging mining practices.

(5)

Addressing the limitations of renewable energy includes improving energy efficiency, reducing consumption and diversifying the energy mix. A balanced approach is essential to harness the potential of renewable energy.

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ANSWER:

(ii) If I know the answers, I would pass the examination.

Correct Form: If I knew the answers, I would pass the examination.

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

Correct Form: they cheated me. I wish I knew them.

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

Correct Form: Looking through the view-finder, I saw some strangers standing at the door.

(v) All kinds of stationaries is sold here.

Correct Form: All kinds of stationery are sold here.

(viii) the mother was herself searching in her yang daughter.

Correct Form: the mother was herself searching for her yang daughter.

QUESTION: 05

ANSWER: (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)

- (iii) He has got through all his hardships in his life.
- (iv) Every candidate tries to pull in each voter.
- (v) The poor live on their honest wages.
- (vi) We thief did not swear by God.
- (viii) He is leaning against the wall as he is not feeling well.

QUESTION: 06

ANSWER: (A)

- (iii) Draw a blank: I tried to remember her name during the meeting, but I completely drew a blank.
- (vii) Keep fingers crossed: I'll keep my fingers crossed for your success in the examination.
- (i) Black and blue: After slipping on the stairs, his arms were black and blue with bruises.
- (v) Ballpark Figure: The contractor gave me a ballpark figure of \$10,000 for the project.

(viii) To get off scot-free: Despite strong evidence, the suspect got off scot-free due to lack of witnesses.

(B)

(iii) Monitor, Mentor: The teacher appointed a monitor for the class while acting as a mentor to struggling students.

(iv) Plaintiff, Plaintive: The plaintiff presented his case in court with a plaintive tone, seeking justice for his losses.

(vii) Beneficent, Beneficial: The beneficent donor funded a school in the public village, which proved highly beneficial for the children's education.

(v) Penitence, Penance: Her deep sense of penitence led her to undertake penance for her past mistakes.

QUESTION: 07

ANSWER

Some students, preparing for competitive exams, believe that simply staring at the cover of a book or placing their notes under the pillow at night will make them toppers. These are the some people, who, after two days of preparation, seek intercessions in their prayers! The reality is that no one has a "magic wand", nor is there any "shortcut" to success. Extraordinary results requires extraordinary effort. So, the next time you're holding a cup of tea and debating, "Should I study or not?", remember that success comes from hard work, not half-hearted attempts!