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## Q2. Preci: POLITICIANS ARE THE MASTERS OF DECEPTION

The politicians, according to the writer, are the masters of deception. By indulging in satirical writing, he praises their ability to cloak themselves with intellectual debates and the art of making promises that seldom get fulfilled after the election. The politicians are great at theatre too, whether it's a crocodile tear or a photo-op with a baby, they deliver it all with a great performance. Moreover, the writer explores their talent for changing rhetorics. They change their ideologies like a snake sheds its skin, the writer laments. Thus, the old saying about leadership being more performative than to serve the populace, renders as a classical reminder.

Q3. Read the Passage Carefully and answer the questions.

1- What can be inferred about the environmental impact of renewable energy production compared to traditional fossil fuels?

Ans. Renewable energy is a critical component in mitigating climate change. However, it is not totally unblemished. The production of the tools for renewable energy such as the solar panels or wind turbines alone use minerals whose mining is hazardous to the environment, along with exploiting some

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rare earth minerals. Moreover, the waste after discarding the same machinery is another huge concern for the environment. In essence, renewable energy has its cons as well but these should be a balanced approach with regards to it.

2. How far the Electric Vehicles are environment friendly?

Ans. The Electric Vehicles (EVs) do not consume fossil fuel and are electrically charged and in response they do not emit harmful gases. However, their production results in significant pollution for the environment. If the electricity source comes from fossil fuel, it devalues the outcome of the electric vehicle. Furthermore, it requires a battery disposal, which if not disposed properly, can result into toxic waste. Thus, they do have the potential but EVs are not an ultimate solution for reducing pollution.

3. What Challenge is associated with the disposal of renewable energy systems after their life span ends?

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Ans. The recycling of the renewable energy products like solar panels is not an easy or widely practiced task. After their life span ends, they are often disposed in an unhealthy way, resulting in the gathering of toxic wastes. Thus, handling the renewable energy products after their life span ends, is a difficult task often leading to the accumulation of toxic waste.

4. Why does the article suggest that renewable energy is not entirely pollution-free during its operational phase?

Ans. The article suggests that renewable energy is not entirely pollution-free during its operational phase because of the intermittent nature of the renewable energy. The solar and wind power are not completely reliable and available at all times, therefore, backup from fossil fuel plants or battery storage becomes a necessity. The batteries rely strongly on cobalt and lithium, both of which play a role in environmental degradation and their mining is not free from human-rights abuses.

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5. How does the article propose addressing the limitations of renewable energy?

Ans. The article advocates for a balanced perspective on renewable energy. It requires the masses to acknowledge its limitations and to acknowledge the fact that it is an imperfect solution which requires careful management and realistic expectations. As a result, it is not a silver bullet for saving the planet, but an imperfect solution having its own cons.

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## Q4. CORRECT ANY FIVE OF THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

- (ii) If I know the answers, I will pass the examination.
- (iii) They cheated on me, I wish I knew them.
- (iv) Some strangers were seen standing at the door by looking through the view-finder.
- (v) All kinds of stationary is sold here.
- (vii) A little elegance is left in those arrogant youngsters.
- (viii) The mother, herself, was searching for her young daughters.

## Q5. A. Punctuate the following.

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."

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Q5. B. Rewrite the following sentences after filling in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

- (i) She came for the wealth on her father's death.
- (ii) I broke up with him because he is a selfish friend.
- (iii) ~~(v)~~ (v) The poor live off their honest wages.
- (vi) The thief did not swear to God.
- (vii) You have no right to jeer up the beggar.
- (viii) He is leaning on the wall as he is not feeling well.

Q6. A. Use only five of following in your own sentences by bringing out their meanings.

- (vi) Bad hair day: The Queen had a bad hair day when she fell off the stairs.
- (vii) Keep fingers crossed: I have my fingers crossed for the ceasefire in Gaza.
- (iv) Carry coal to new Castle: Attempting a CSS examination is as difficult and hard as carrying coal to Newcastle.

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Q6.B Use only five pair of words in sentences clearly illustrating their meanings.

(i) Plaintiff: The plaintiff accused him of robbery.

Plaintive: The plaintive cries of the people of Gaza are heart-wrenching to witness.

(ii) Monitor: The Ministry of Women development monitors the development of women rights in the country.

Mentor: The guidance of skilled mentors is crucial in acing the CSS examination.

(vii) Beneficent: The presence of certain bacteria is beneficent to our body.

Beneficial: It is mandatory upon muslims to seek beneficial knowledge.

Q7. Translate the following into English.

There are certain aspirants of the competitive ~~ex~~ examination, who are so delusional that they hope to become a topper ~~by~~ either by staring at the cover of the book or keeping it under the pillow ~~by~~ overnight. These are

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the same people who look for recommendations, even in prayers, after merely two days of preparations. In reality, nobody possesses a "magic stick" or a secret "short cut" to success. Extra-ordinary result requires extraordinary effort. Therefore, the next time, while holding a cup of tea, if you think about whether "to study or not", keep in mind that success comes with hardwork, not with waggery/delusions.