

Q1

Politics: The performance of power

The politicians were criticized for their tendency to avoid straight forward answers, using complicated language to hide the truth. They are also accused of making empty promises before elections, which are quickly forgotten once they win. Politicians are shown as skilled performers, staging emotional reactions and photo opportunities to gain public favour. Additionally, they are praised for their ability to adapt to any situation, always protecting their own interest. It suggests that political leadership is more about appearance and survival than serving the people.

Q2

(i) Renewable energy production is not completely free from environmental harm. While it reduces reliance on fossil fuels, the production of renewable energy systems, such as solar panels and wind turbines, involves resource intensive processes that generate significant pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the mining and manufacturing required for renewable energy systems



Can disrupt eco-system and deplete finite resources, making renewable energy less environmentally benign than commonly perceived.

Qii Electric vehicles (EVs) are not environmentally entirely friendly. While they may reduce emissions when in use, their production process - especially the mining of materials like lithium, cobalt, and nickel for batteries - causes significant environmental damage, including habitat destruction, soil contamination, and high water usage. Furthermore, if the electricity used to charge EVs come from fossil fuels, their environmental benefit are reduced. Battery disposal also present challenges, potentially leading to toxic waste.

Qiii After solar panels and wind turbines reach the end of their life span (typically 20 to 30 years), the challenge is their disposal. Recycling these component is not simple or widely practiced, often resulting in the accumulation of toxic waste. Without a proper infrastructure to handle the disposal of these materials, renewable energy systems can create significant waste management problems.



Qiv Despite generating clean energy, renewable energy system, such as solar and wind, still pose pollution related challenges during their operational phase. These system often require backup energy from fossil fuel plants to address their intermittent nature. Additionally, the reliance on batteries for energy storage involves material like lithium and cobalt.

Qv The Article suggests that renewable energy should be seen as part of a broader strategy rather than a complete solution. To address its limitations, there should be a balanced perspective that includes improving energy efficiency, reducing consumption, and diversifying the energy mix. Acknowledge the limitations of renewable energy is essential to managing its potential responsibly and avoiding complacency in the transition to green energy resources.



Q3

- (i) I will have completed 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.
- (iv) All kind of stationery are sold here.
- v The mother was searching for her young daughter herself.

Q4 A boy was gathering 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.'

Q5

- (i) Every candidates tries to pull in each voter.
- (ii) The poor live on their honest wages.
- (iii) The thief did not swear by God.
- (iv) you have no right to jeer at the begger.
- (v) He is leaning against the wall as he is not feeling well.



Q6

Black and blue:

After the accident, he was left black and blue all over his body from the bruises

Draw a blank

I asked him to recall the name of the movie, but he drew a blank and could not remember it.

Ballpark figures

I do not need the exact cost, just a ballpark figure of how much the project will cost.

Bad hair day,

She was late for her meeting and had a bad hair day, making her feel even more stressed.

Keep fingers crossed

I have an important exam tomorrow, so I will keep my fingers crossed that I do well.



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(b) Valet, Varlet

- The valet took my coat and led me to the table at the restaurant with impeccable service.

- The varlet was known for causing trouble in the village, stealing from the poor and betraying his friends.

- Monitor, Mentor

- The teacher asked the student to monitor the class while he stepped out for a moment.

- As a mentor, he offered valuable guidance to the new employee.

Penitence, Penance

- His penitence for the wrong he committed was evident as he apologized repeatedly to those affected.

- As penance for his misdeeds, he volunteered at the shelter for a month.

Crevice, Crevasse

- A small crevice in the wall allowed the cold air to seep into the room.

- The mountaineers carefully navigated the crevasse to avoid falling into the deep.



Beneficent, beneficial

- The beneficent actions of the Charity have helped countless people in need, providing them with food and shelter.
- Eating a balanced diet is beneficial to our health.

Q Translate into English.

Some students preparing for competitive exams believe that by merely starting at the book cover or keeping notes under their ~~yellow~~ pillows at night, they will become toppers. These are the same people who, after two days of preparation, seek recommendations in their prayers. The truth is that there is no "magic wand" with anyone, nor is there a "short cut" to success.

If you want extra ordinary results, you need extra ordinary effort.

So the next time you hold a cup of tea and wonder 'Should I study or not', remember that success comes not from jokes, but from hard work!