

PART - IIQ.2ANSWER

Politicians are deemed to be virtuous. This is due to their tactful scheming. If one observes, he would find that politicians employ a sophisticated game of words. Even when they have to respond to simple questions, they resort to redundancy to evade any censure. This leaves the people confused. They are also prone to making promises before elections to secure victory. However, these promises soon turn out to be lies. One way they appeal to sentiments of masses is by faking tears in public. Politicians wear masks according to their audience. This shows that leadership is not about public service rather about theatrics.

Title : i) Politicians and Their Lies

ii) Politics : A Masterclass in
Theatrics

Q.3

1.

Ans. Renewable energy provides a good alternative to fossil fuel energy. Latter is finite and non-renewable whilst leaving a large footprint. However, it is pertinent to acknowledge that renewable energy is not without caveats either. While renewable energy is deemed clean, it still does leave a significant carbon footprint. For instance, the requirement of rare earth metal for manufacturing of solar panels involves environmentally damaging practices.

2.

Ans. Environment friendliness of Electronic Vehicles (EV's) is limited. Unlike gasoline guzzling cars, EV's themselves do not produce a carbon footprint. However, the problem lies in making of EV's and their batteries. The batteries need lithium, nickle, and cobalt in large quantities. Mining these minerals leads to releasing of toxic fumes in atmosphere. Additionally, electricity used to charge EV's is often produced from fossil fuels thus defeating the

cause.

3.

Ans. Solar panels and wind turbines have an average lifespan of two to three decades. After this time the disposal becomes an issue. The reason is that recycling these components is an arduous task and requires time and resources thus not feasible. This problem requires a robust infrastructure to be addressed.

4.

Ans. Renewable energy is not entirely pollution-free in its operational phase because of intermittent nature of solar and wind power that necessitates reliance on battery storage. This comes laden with its own implications. Further, batteries require lithium and cobalt whose supply chains are notorious for environment degradations.

5.

Ans. The article does not discredit the value of renewable energy. It addresses the limitation by advocating for a balanced approach.

It suggests that energy consumption should be kept in check. In addition, there is a need for careful management and expectations should be realistic. Lastly, the energy mix itself should be diversified.

Q.4.

ii.

If I know the answers, I will pass the examination.

iii.

They cheated me. I wish I knew them.

iv.

Looking through the viewfinder, I saw some strangers standing at the door.

v.

All kinds of stationary is sold here.

viii.

The mother was searching herself in her young daughter.

Q.5. A.

ANSWER

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 his life.

iv.

Every candidate tries to pull in each voter.

vii.

You have no right to jeer at the beggar.

viii.

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

Q.6.A.

(i) black and blue: Jack roughed up Sofia so inhumanely that she was left black and blue with bruises.

(iii) draw a blank: Nikita kept inquiring the villagers about the lost girl but he only drew a blank.

(vi) bad hair day: Jacqueline first missed her bus, then she tipped over a bump and fell and lastly saw her husband kissing another woman. She indeed had a bad hair day.

(vii) keep fingers crossed: On result day, I kept my fingers crossed and prayed that might I clear.

(viii) to get off scot-free, Micheal forged the receipts and thus got off scot-free from the corruption case.

B.

i.

Plaintiff: Because the poor widow had no one, the civil servant became the plaintiff on her behalf in the court.

Plaintive: After her failure in the exams, Sara was quite plaintive and would not eat properly.

ii.

Valet: The valet at the Hilton hotel crashed an expensive Bentley whilst parking.

Varlet: The orphan boy was hired as a varlet by Mr. Wayne at his manor.

iii.

Monitor: The eldest son was told to monitor his siblings while the parents prepared dinner.

Mentor: Ali's mentor had taught him how to be a kung-fu expert.

v.

Penitence: The scientist displayed penitence clearly in his public trial after found guilty of experimentations on humans.

Penance: The serf flogged himself publicly as an act of penance because he thought he disrespected the lord.

vii.

Beneficent: Dictatorship of Broz Tito is regarded beneficent by historians because citizens had all amenities and civil rights.

Beneficial: Practicing regularly is beneficial for the students before the exams.

Q.7.ANSWER

Certain students preparing for competitive exams are under the false impression that they can become toppers by just skimming books and keeping notes underneath their pillows. These are the students who even after preparing through the day, try to find a way out through prayers at night. The reality is that there is no ^{tee} "magic wand" for or ^{ee} "shortcut" ^{oo} to success. Good results requisition great effort. So next time when you are mulling whether to study while having tea, remember that success does not come from loitering around but from hard work.