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क्या पढ़ें?



क्या छोड़ें?



कैसे
SCORE करें?

By Anubhav Sir



NEBULOUS

अस्पष्ट (Adi)

vague and lacking definite form



SYNONYMS

Muddled

ANTONYMS

Precise

Amorphous
Indeterminate
Vague
Diffuse

Inchoate

Lucid
Delineated
Explicit
Well-defined

Crystallized

Obscure
Hazy

Ambivalent

Ambiguous

Shadowy

Cogent
Candid

Unequivocal

FORMS

Lost in the haze
Shrouded in ambiguity

The teacher provided a _____ explanation of the difficult concept.



UPENDED

उलट दिया गया

(Asi)

overturned completely or disrupted radically



SYNONYMS

Capsized

ANTONYMS

Sustained

- Overhauled ✓
- Subverted ✓
- Overturned ✓
- Dislocated ✓

Derailed

Disrupted

Distorted

- Stabilized ✓
- Reinforced ✓
- Consolidated ✓
- Entrenched ✓

FORMS

- Pull the rug out from under ✓
- Upset the applecart ✓

The new policy completely _____ the existing system of recruitment. ✓



ABULIA

इच्छाशक्ति-हीनता

Noun

pathological inability to make decisions or act



SYNONYMS

Passivity

ANTONYMS

Drive
Initiative

- Indecisiveness
- Inertia
- Enervation
- Lassitude

Torpor

- Resolve
- Determination
- Volition
- Decisiveness

Breakthrough
Innovation

FORMS

- Paralyzed by indecision
- Lose the will to act

lethargy — *listlessness*

Continuous setbacks left him trapped in _____ and unwilling to act.



NESCIENT

lacking knowledge or awareness

अज्ञानी

(Aor)
Nascent
↳ New

SYNONYMS

Ignorant ✓
Uninformed ✓
Unlettered ✓
Unversed ✓

Unaware
Benighted
Unacquainted
Untutored

Oblivious
Incoscizant

ANTONYMS

Erudite ✓
Cognizant ✓
Enlightened ✓
Informed ✓

Sagacious
Pragmatic
Judicious
Rational

FORMS

Blind to reality ✓
Ignorance is bliss ✓



The university invited an _____ professor to deliver the keynote lecture.



APOCRYPHAL

संदिग्ध सत्यता वाला

(Aas)

of doubtful authenticity though widely circulated

Fictitious *Counterfeit*

SYNONYMS

- Unsubstantiated ✓
- Dubious ✓
- Spurious ✓
- Mythical ✓
- Fabricated*

Specious
Anecdotal

ANTONYMS

- Verifiable ✓
- Authentic ✓
- Corroborated ✓
- Documented ✓

Veritable
Attested



FORMS

Grain of truth ✓
More legend than fact ✓

The story about the hidden treasure appears largely _____.



ANFRACTUOUS

जटिल

(Aaj) Torture

winding, highly convoluted, indirect



Byzantine

Torturous

SYNONYMS

Esoteric

ANTONYMS

Jucid

Tortuous

Convoluted

Linear

Coherent

Labyrinthine

Serpentine

Direct

Candid

Meandering

Serpentine

Straightforward

Circuitous

Sinuous

Uncomplicated

Explicit

Devious

FORMS

Go round in circles

A winding path



The lawyer's _____ argument made the case unnecessarily confusing.



PREROGATIVE

विशेषाधिकार (Noun)

an exclusive right or privileged authority



SYNONYMS

Latitude

- Fiat ✓
- Privilege ✓
- Entitlement ✓
- Immunity ✓

Dominion

Impunity

ANTONYMS

Restrain

- Prohibition ✓
- Constraint ✓
- Disability ✓
- Disqualification ✓

FORMS

Within one's remit ✓
A law unto oneself ✓

The decision was implemented by executive _____ without public debate.



OBSTRUCT

अवरुद्ध करना

Verb

to hinder or impede progress deliberately



SYNONYMS

Hinder
Inhibit

Impede ✓
Stymie ✓
Hamstring ✓
Encumber ✓

Bottleneck
Forestall
Preclude

Bloch

ANTONYMS

Foster
Catalyze

Expedite ✓
Facilitate ✓
Propel ✓
Accelerate ✓

Assist / Aid
Catalyze
Bolster

FORMS

Throw a wrench in the work
Stand in the way

Lack of funding may _____ the progress of the research project.



DOCTRINE

सिद्धांत

Noun

a formally established ideological principle



SYNONYMS

- Dogma ✓
- Canon ✓
- Creed ✓
- Tenet ✓

Precept

ANTONYMS

- Heresy ✓
- Heterodoxy ✓
- Apostasy ✓
- Nonconformity ✓

Iconoclasm

FORMS

- Article of faith ✓
- Toe the party line ✓

The party's economic _____ influenced its major policy decisions.



DETRITUS

मलबा

Noun

scattered remnants or waste left behind



SYNONYMS

- Debris ✓
- Residuum ✓
- Flotsam ✓
- Jetsam ✓

Remnant
Discards
Ruination

ANTONYMS

- Intact structure ✓
- Consolidation ✓
- Wholeness ✓
- Integration ✓

Amalgamation

FORMS

Pick through the wreckage ✓
Left in the wake of ✓

The abandoned factory was surrounded by industrial _____ and rusted machinery.



1. MARK DOWN:

SYNO- Underrate, Disparage, Devalue ✓ ↓ ↓ ↓

ANTO- Esteem, Exalt, Commend

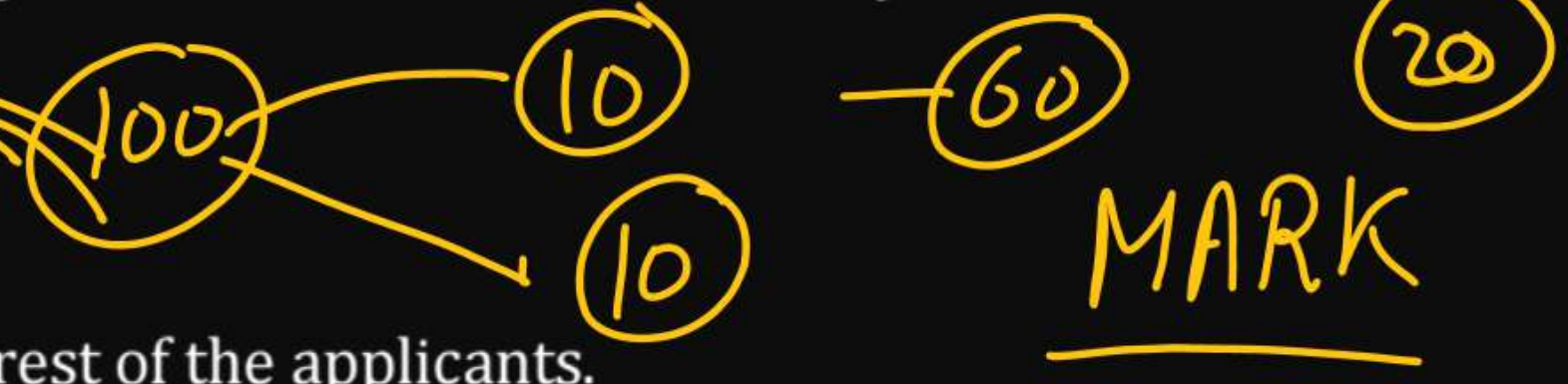
EX.- The innovative proposal was prematurely marked down as unrealistic by critics.

2. MARK OFF:

SYNO- Differentiate, Segregate, Distinguish

ANTO- Merge, Blend, Assimilate

EX.- Her originality marked her off from the rest of the applicants.



3. MARK OUT:

SYNO- Designate, Earmark, Destine ✓

ANTO- Disqualify, Exclude, Divert ✓

EX.- His exceptional communication skills marked him out for leadership positions.

4. MARK time ✓

SYNO- Stagnate ✓, Idle ✓, Linger ✓

ANTO- Progress, Advance, Flourish

EX.- The negotiations continued to mark time without producing meaningful reforms.

MARK

Phrasal Verb	Meaning (English)	Meaning (Hindi)	Synonyms	Antonyms
Mark down as	Judge negatively / consider inferior	कम आंकना	underrate, disparage, devalue	esteem, exalt, commend
Mark off from	Distinguish from others	अलग पहचानना	differentiate, segregate, distinguish	merge, blend, assimilate
Mark out for	Indicate as destined for something	नियत करना	designate, earmark, destine	disqualify, exclude, divert
Mark time	Remain stagnant while appearing active	ठहराव में रहना	stagnate, idle, linger	progress, advance, flourish
Mark up against	Compare critically against a standard	कसौटी पर परखना	benchmark, gauge, evaluate	ignore, overlook, disregard



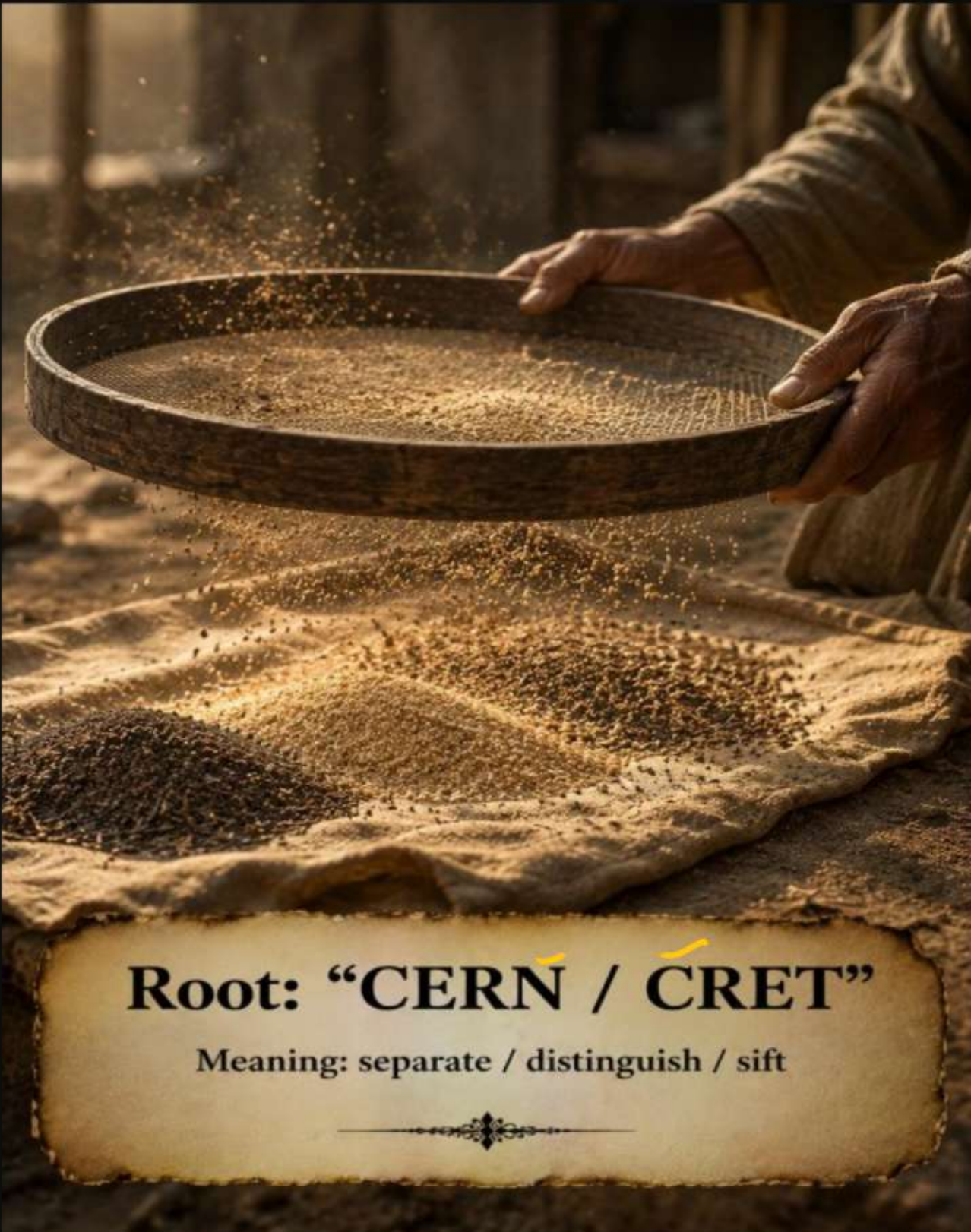
ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

OWS	Meaning (English)	Part of Speech
Mercurial ✓	Changing moods or ideas unpredictably ✓	Capricious Adjective
Laconic + ✓	Using very few words ✓	Reticent ⊕ Adjective
Inveterate ✓	Habitual; firmly established by long persistence	Adjective
Ubiquitous ✓	Present everywhere ✓	Omnipresent Adjective
Obdurate ✓	Stubbornly refusing to change ✓	Adjective

FILLERS

1. Regulatory hurdles and delayed approvals continued to _____ the implementation of the infrastructure project.
2. The university invited an _____ historian known for his profound command over classical philosophy.
3. The corporation sought to _____ its market position through strategic mergers.
4. The committee struggled to navigate the _____ procedures of administrative law.
5. Broken containers, torn nets, and assorted _____ washed ashore after the violent storm.

Word Box: Labyrinthine, Jetsam, Consolidate, Erudite, Stymie



Word	Meaning (English)	Part of Speech
<u>Discern</u>	To <u>perceive</u> or <u>recognize</u> clearly <i>Notice</i>	Verb
<u>Discerning</u>	Showing good judgment	Adjective
<u>Discriminate</u>	To distinguish between things	Verb
<u>Indiscriminate</u>	Without careful distinction	Adjective
<u>Secret</u>	Hidden / set apart from others	Noun / Adjective
<u>Secrete</u>	To conceal or produce biologically	Verb
<u>Segregate</u>	To <u>separate from a larger group</u>	Verb
<u>Excretion</u>	Waste separated from the body	Noun
<u>Discrete</u>	Individually separate / distinct	Adjective
<u>Discreet</u>	Careful and prudent in speech/action	Adjective

While it is the courts' **prerogative** to punish contempt, how well they have separated contemptuous attacks from constitutionally protected criticism, especially by journalists, lawyers, activists, and scholars, has varied widely. This is because the judiciary has not been able to draw consistent lines between fair and exaggerated criticism, politically motivated and defamatory comments, and speech that obstructs justice. The judiciary faces misinformation, political pressure, abusive online discourse, and declining public trust, and the ways in which judges can respond to these attacks are limited. (Rhetorical excess) in oral observations must also not be confused with legal **doctrine**. However, recent comments by the Bench have created the appearance of a judiciary increasingly intolerant of external scrutiny. Last week, when hearing a lawyer's petition over not having been elevated to a senior rank, CJI Surya Kant described certain actors in the legal ecosystem as "parasites" and certain young lawyers engaging in RTI-based activism as "cockroaches". While he later said the remarks were directed at persons entering professions with bogus degrees, rather than critics of the judiciary, such language is unbecoming of the CJI. The **tenor** follows the NCERT textbook controversy, with the Supreme Court focusing its manifest ire on three academics involved in drafting the chapter, effectively excluding them from work on public school curricula without prior hearing. The action evoked concerns about the Court being aggrieved party and arbiter. In the Ali Khan Mahmudabad matter, the Court granted him relief from coercive action but also imposed a gag order. Then, in a display of willingness to discipline the norms of public conduct rather than determine legality, it urged the state to decline to prosecute him as a concession.

CRITICIZE ✓

When a CJI's comments of this nature appear outside formal contempt proceedings, they render a chilling effect as they amount to institutional condemnation without the safeguards of due process. The comments on using the RTI Act as a basis for activism have a similar effect, beyond the Act being a legitimate instrument. Recently, when a journalist (with a law degree) sought data on complaints against specific judges, the Supreme Court Registry declined the existence of such information. When the journalist produced a Law Ministry disclosure to the contrary, the Registry's legal representative dubbed the inquiry "fishing and roving" — a moving goalpost that was, again, under-concerned with legality while raising questions of the Court arguing its own case. Former CJI D.Y. Chandrachud said that judges are public actors exercising state power and courts should not react defensively to every line of criticism. That attitude improved how the bar, the press, and the academy experienced courts. The recent comments have set the clock back.

1. Which of the following best captures the central idea of the passage?

(A) Judicial institutions must be insulated entirely from public criticism to preserve constitutional sanctity. (X)

(B) RTI-based activism has significantly weakened institutional legitimacy and public faith in courts. (P)

(C) Public activists frequently misuse constitutional safeguards to malign judicial independence and authority. (P)

(D) The judiciary's recent conduct reflects growing unease with scrutiny and inconsistent handling of criticism. ✓

(E) Legal academia has deliberately attempted to politicise judicial functioning through public controversies.

Judiciary
Criticism (C)

2. Which of the following can be inferred regarding the author's attitude toward recent judicial remarks?

(A) The author believes such remarks are unavoidable during periods of heightened political hostility. Ⓟ

(B) The author views such remarks as exaggerated but essential in practice.

(C) The author considers such remarks troubling because they discourage legitimate democratic scrutiny.

(D) The author regards such remarks as necessary to restore confidence in judicial accountability systems.

(E) The author considers such remarks legally justified though morally questionable in democratic settings.

3. Which of the following statements is/are TRUE according to the passage?

- I. Former CJI D.Y. Chandrachud advocated a less defensive judicial response toward criticism.
- II. The Supreme Court Registry admitted possessing data regarding complaints against specific judges.
- III. The Bench clarified that its controversial remarks targeted fraudulent professionals rather than judicial critics.

- (A) Only I
(B) Only II
(C) Both II and III
(D) Both I and III ✓
(E) I, II and III

Fact
Based

4. Which of the following conclusions can reasonably be drawn from the passage?

I. The judiciary's recent remarks may discourage legitimate criticism through implicit institutional pressure.

II. The author believes contempt powers should never be exercised against critics under any circumstances.

III. The passage suggests procedural fairness becomes compromised when courts appear both aggrieved and adjudicatory.

(A) Only I


(B) Only II

(C) Both I and III

(D) Both II and III

(E) I, II and III

5. The phrase “moving goalpost” in the passage implies —

- (A) consistent judicial interpretation across similar institutional disputes
 - (B) changing standards used to justify institutional responses repeatedly ✓
 - (C) constitutional safeguards protecting criticism against judicial overreach
 - (D) procedural delays affecting transparency-related judicial proceedings
 - (E) expanding authority exercised by courts in administrative matters
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6. Which of the following would most strengthen the judiciary's defence in the passage?

(A) Online criticism increasingly contained fabricated allegations against sitting constitutional judges.

(B) RTI activists consistently avoided discussing institutional accountability and judicial ethics.

(C) Academics involved in curriculum drafting voluntarily withdrew from educational committees afterward.

(D) Journalists generally opposed transparency laws concerning complaints against constitutional authorities.

(E) Former judges publicly rejected all forms of institutional criticism from civil society.

7. The word “ire” as used in the passage most nearly means —

- (A) concealed admiration arising from institutional insecurity
- (B) restrained disagreement expressed through procedural caution
- (C) intense anger directed toward perceived provocation or criticism
- (D) calculated indifference maintained during constitutional controversies
- (E) hesitant approval accompanied by reluctant institutional endorsement

Nothing brings as much clarity to the mind as proximity to death. As people approach the end of their lives, they write wills, make confessions, and express final wishes — attempts to clear away the emotional and material **detritus** of a life. But unlike taxes, death does not always arrive with a neat balancing of accounts. More often, it is messy: in the way it approaches us and in the things left behind — untendered apologies, undeclared love, withheld forgiveness, and unoffered explanations.

In films and some books, neat endings and fulfilled bucket lists reassure us that death brings reckoning — a chance to leave behind a well-balanced account of one's life. Some recent books, however, refuse that comfort.

Altering the course

In *The Rest of Our Lives*, Ben Markovits's 2025 novel shortlisted for the Booker Prize, the messiness of life is laid bare. What begins as a midlife-crisis road trip gradually circles back to a New York hospital, ending in a deliberately **nebulous** fashion.

In plain yet powerful language, the book follows Tom, whose wife Amy once had an affair. Tom had promised himself that he would leave her once their youngest child, Miri, went to college. He then sets off on a road trip — first to drop Miri at college, then to visit his brother, his son, and an old girlfriend — almost as if he is auditing his life before beginning a spouse-less future.

But his plans are abruptly **upended** when facial swelling turns out to be cancer. The book ends in a hospital's radiation department, with Amy by his side. The abrupt ending carries a hint of *vérité* — life and death happening unexpectedly, disrupting carefully laid plans.

The unsent letter

The novel differs from Virginia Evans's *The Correspondent*, also published in 2025. An epistolary novel, it tells the life of Sybil Van Antwerp, a woman in her 70s, through letters. Unlike Tom, Sybil leaves little unsaid to family and friends.

Yet one unsent letter, hidden inside Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca* and found after her death, reveals what her correspondence could not. Addressed to her former husband Daan, it explains the collapse of their marriage, her fractured ties with her children, and why she could not meet him before his death. Even reflective lives can carry secrets into the grave.

It is often the living who need closure, left to bear the questions that death refuses to answer.

Quiet departures

In Evie King's *Ashes To Admin*, closure becomes an administrative duty. King, a council funeral officer, handles funerals for people who die alone — poor or rich, estranged or simply forgotten.

Through each case, she reconstructs the life behind the death, sometimes finding distant relatives or unexpected communities. Yet every funeral affects her. She concludes: "Befriend death... and live well."

Death is never neat, but literature illuminates its human weight — even if there is no manual for crossing the finish line.

8.. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- (1) The Bureaucracy of Human Relationships
- (2) Death, Disorder, and the Need for Closure ✓
- (3) The Triumph of Hope over Human Suffering
- (4) Literature as a Mirror of Urban Isolation
- (5) The Psychological Origins of Regret

9. The overall tone of the passage can best be described as:

- (1) Sardonic yet dismissive toward human vulnerability ✗
- (2) Didactic yet celebratory about moral redemption ✗
- (3) Reflective yet unsentimental about mortality ✓
- (4) Cynical yet humorous about literary conventions ✗
- (5) Detached yet statistical about social realities ✓

10. Which of the following assumptions is most strongly implicit in the passage?
- (1) Literature succeeds only when it provides emotional reassurance to readers
 - (2) Human beings invariably achieve emotional closure before death arrives
 - (3) Death often leaves unresolved emotional and existential tensions behind
 - (4) Modern novels excessively romanticize suffering and terminal illnesses
 - (5) Administrative systems are incapable of handling emotional complexities

11. Which of the following presents a paradox highlighted in the passage?

- (1) People fear death despite believing it grants spiritual liberation
- (2) Those who communicate openly may still leave crucial truths concealed
- (3) Funeral officers remain unaffected despite constant exposure to bereavement
- (4) Literary realism often depends upon highly exaggerated emotional scenes
- (5) Human beings seek permanence while simultaneously fearing commitment

12. Which of the following statements is/are FALSE according to the passage?

A. The Rest of Our Lives concludes with a definitive emotional reconciliation.

B. Sybil's unsent letter was discovered before her death by Daan.

C. Ashes To Admin portrays death as entirely bureaucratic and emotionally neutral.

(1) Only A

(2) Only B

(3) Only A and B

(4) A, B and C ✓

(5) Only C

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