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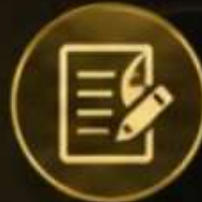
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CHIDE

फटकारना Verb

rebuke sharply

TIRADE - NOUN

SYNONYMS

- Reprimand ✓
- Castigate ✓
- Upbraid ✓
- Berate ✓
- Lambaste
- Censure

- Condemn
- Admonish
- Reprove
- Chastise
- Vituperate

ANTONYMS

- Commend ✓
- Extol ✓
- Laud ✓
- Eulogize ✓
- Venerate

- Exonerate
- Rectify
- Acclaim



FORMS

- Read the riot act ✓
- Rake someone over the coals

The coach had to _____ the players for their careless performance during the match.



MACHIAVELLIAN

धूर्त (Aas)

cunningly manipulative



SYNONYMS

Devious ✓
 Duplicitous ✓
 Machinating ✓
 Scheming ✓
 Unscrupulous

Deceptive ✓
 Guileful ✓

ANTONYMS

Principled ✓
 Fortright ✓
 Ethical ✓
 Upright ✓

Explicit ✓
 Candid ✓
 Cogent ✓

Juicy ✓
 Righteous ✓
 Virtuous ✓
 Guileless ✓
 Candid ✓
 Cogent ✓

FORMS

Pull the strings from behind the curtain ✓
 Play both ends against the middle ✓

Her _____ approach earned widespread respect within the organization.



APORETIC

दुविधाग्रस्त (Aey)

doubt or puzzlement

Indecisive ✓

SYNONYMS

Conjounded ✓

ANTONYMS

Dubitative ✓
Perplexed ✓
Skeptical ✓
Ambivalent ✓

Baffled ✓

Decisive ✓
Resolute ✓
Certain ✓
Determinate ✓

Tenacious ✓
Diligent ✓

Unquering ✓
Relentless ✓

Equivocal ✓

Paradoxical ✓

Indeterminate ✓

Persevering ✓

Meticulous ✓
Assertive ✓
Dogmatic ✓



FORMS

Be in two minds about something ✓
Sit on the fence ✓
indefinitely ✓

The judge delivered a _____ verdict after reviewing all the evidence carefully.



VORTEX

चक्रव्यूह

Noun

whirling mass or chaotic situation



SYNONYMS

- Whirlpool ✓
- Maelstrom ✓
- Turbulence ✓
- Spiral ✓

ANTONYMS

- Stability ✓
- Calmness ✓
- Equilibrium ✓
- Serenity ✓

FORMS

- Caught in the eye of the storm ✓
- Dragged into a whirlpool of chaos ✓

The nation was pulled into a political _____ after the sudden collapse of the coalition.



IGNOMINIOUS

अपमानजनक

marked by public disgrace

opprobrious

SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

- Dishonorable ✓
- Disgraceful ✓
- Humiliating ✓
- Shameful ✓

- Honorable ✓
- Glorious ✓
- Laudable ✓
- Esteemed ✓

Contemptible

Disparaging

Scandalous

Disreputable

Venerated

FORMS

- ✓ Fall from grace
- spectacularly
- Hang one's head in ✓ shame



The government announced a major _____ in unnecessary expenditure to control the fiscal deficit.



INELUCTABLE

impossible to avoid

अपरिहार्य

ADJ



SYNONYMS

- Inevitable ✓
- Inescapable ✓
- Unavoidable ✓
- Irreversible ✓

Impending

Looming

Imminent

Unalterable

ANTONYMS

- Avoidable ✓
- Contingent ✓
- Uncertain ✓
- Preventable ✓

Voluntary
Elective

Dependent

FORMS

As sure as night follows day ✓
Written on the wall ✓

Economic reforms became an _____ necessity after years of financial instability.



FRENZY

उन्माद Noun

uncontrolled excitement or madness

Furore

SYNONYMS

- Hysteria ✓
- Mania ✓
- Delirium ✓
- Craze ✓
- Volatility*

- Commotion*
- Uproar*
- Chaos*
- Tumult*
- Reprisal*

ANTONYMS

- Composure ✓
- Equanimity ✓
- Serenity ✓
- Calmness ✓

- Tranquility*
- Plaudity*
- Restraint*
- Constraint*



FORMS

- Lose oneself in the madness ✓
- A feeding frenzy of speculation ✓

Despite the criticism, the leader maintained remarkable _____ throughout the debate.



CATHARSIS

भावनात्मक शुद्धि

emotional purification or release

(14)



SYNONYMS

- Purgation ✓
- Purification ✓
- Release ✓
- Cleansing ✓

Sanctity

ANTONYMS

- Repression ✓
- Suppression ✓
- Constraint ✓
- Inhibition ✓

Hindrance

*Impediment
obstruction
Bottleneck*

FORMS

- Get something off one's chest
- Purge oneself of emotional baggage

Writing personal journals often provides emotional _____ during stressful periods.



OBSOLETE

अप्रचलित *Adh*

no longer useful or current



SYNONYMS

- Archaic ✓
- Antiquated ✓
- Outmoded ✓
- Defunct ✓
- Outdated* ✓

Fossilized
Redundant

ANTONYMS

- Contemporary ✓
- Modern ✓
- Innovative ✓
- Current ✓
- Modern*
- State of the art*

FORMS

Go the way of the dinosaur ✓
A relic of a bygone era ✓

Several traditional technologies have now become completely _____.



MALAISE

अवसाद *Male-Bad*

general feeling of unease or stagnation



SYNONYMS

Ennui ✓
Lethargy ✓
Despondency ✓
Listlessness ✓

Lax
Torpor
Weariness
Fatigue
Exertion

ANTONYMS

Vitality ✓
Enthusiasm ✓
Vigor ✓
Exuberance ✓

Zeal
Vivacity
Optimism
Buoyancy

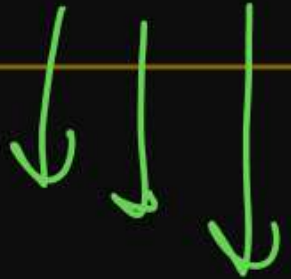
FORMS

A cloud hanging over society ✓
Stuck in the doldrums ✓

Regular exercise and healthy habits restored his physical _____ significantly.



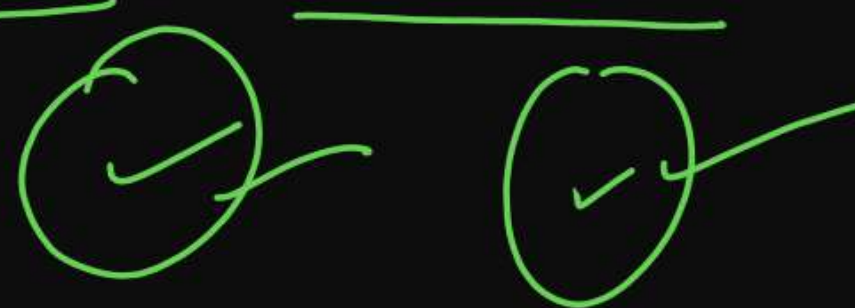
1. MARK DOWN:
 SYNO- depreciate, devalue, discount
 ANTO- appreciate, elevate, upgrade
 EX.- Critics unfairly marked down the proposal despite its innovative framework.



2. MARK OFF:
 SYNO- demarcate, distinguish, delimit
 ANTO- merge, combine, integrate
 EX.- The treaty marked off the territorial boundaries between the two nations.



3. MARK out:
 SYNO- designate, destine, earmark
 ANTO- overlook, ignore, disqualify
 EX.- She was marked out for leadership from the beginning of her career.



4. MARK time:
 SYNO- stagnate, idle, linger
 ANTO- advance, progress, accelerate
 EX.- The reforms continued to mark time due to bureaucratic indecision.

MARK

2024
2025

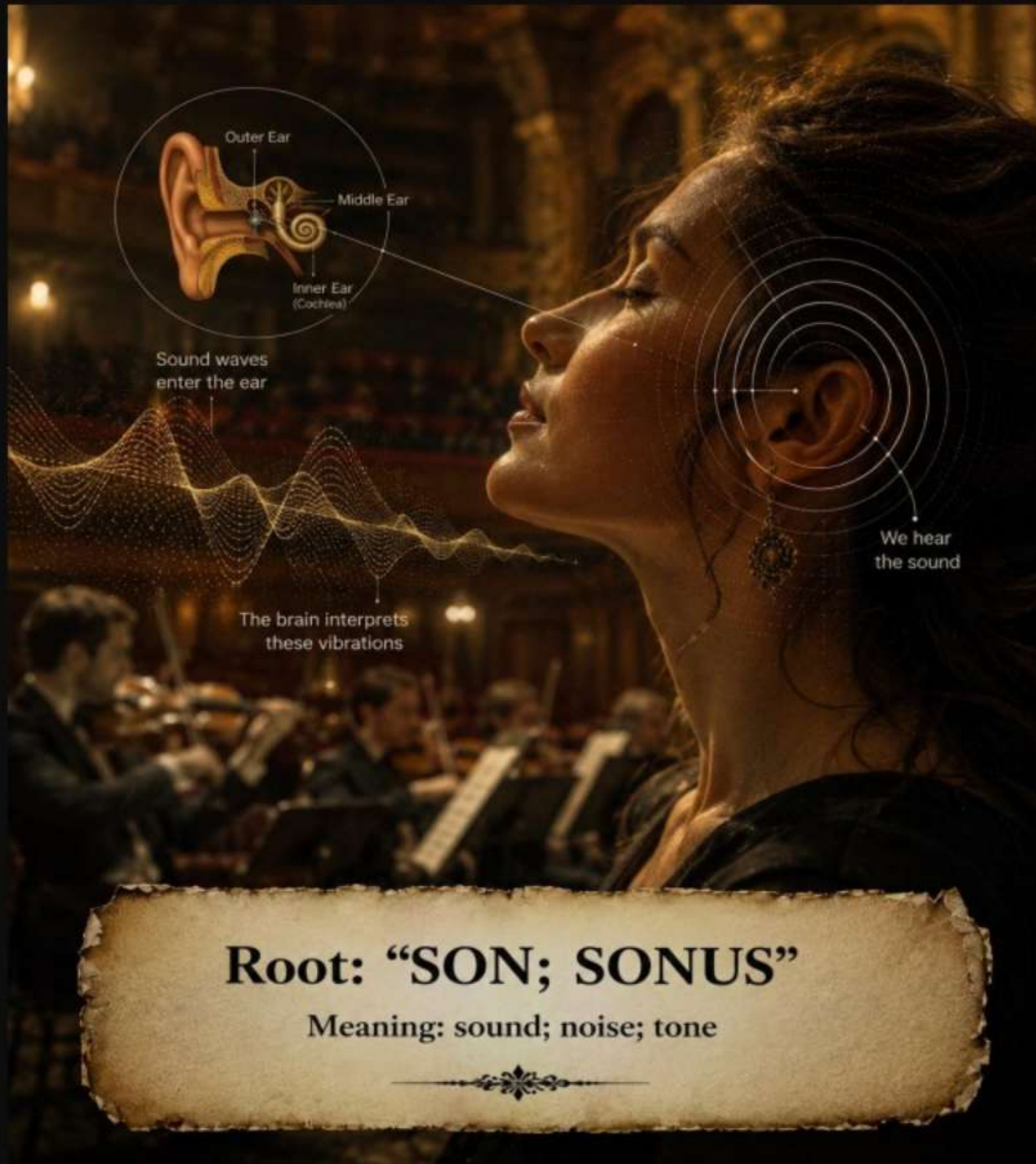
MARK

Phrasal Verb	Meaning (English)	Meaning (Hindi)	Synonyms (3)	Antonyms (3)
Mark down	To reduce value, price, or opinion of someone	कम आंकना / मूल्य घटाना	depreciate, devalue, discount	appreciate, elevate, upgrade
Mark off	To distinguish or separate clearly	अलग चिन्हित करना	demarcate, distinguish, delimit	merge, combine, integrate
Mark out for	To identify as likely for a role/future	नियत करना	designate, destine, earmark	overlook, ignore, disqualify
Mark time	To make no progress while pretending activity	ठहराव में रहना	stagnate, idle, linger	advance, progress, accelerate
Mark up	To increase price or annotate critically	मूल्य बढ़ाना / टिप्पणी करना	inflate, annotate, revise	reduce, simplify, curtail



ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

Word	One-Word Substitution	Meaning
A person who hates mankind ✓	<u>Misanthrope</u> ✓	One who dislikes or avoids human society ✓
A speech delivered without preparation	<u>Extempore</u> ✓	Spoken without prior planning
One who can use both hands equally well	<u>Ambidextrous</u> ✓	Able to use both hands with equal skill
A person who speaks many languages	<u>Polyglot</u> ✓	Someone fluent in several languages
Government by the rich ✓	<u>Plutocracy</u> ✓	A system ruled by wealthy people



Word	Meaning (English)	Part of Speech
Resonance	Deep, <u>echoing</u> quality or impact	Noun
Dissonance	Lack of <u>harmony</u> in sound or ideas	Noun
Consonant	Harmonious or in <u>agreement</u>	Adjective / Noun
Assonance	Repetition of vowel sounds	Noun
Sonorous	Deep and <u>rich in sound</u>	Adjective
Ultrasonic	Beyond the range of human hearing	Adjective
Sonic	Related to sound waves	Adjective
Resonant	Producing strong echoes or emotional effect	Adjective
Unison	Simultaneous harmonious action or sound	Noun
Dissonant	Harsh or lacking harmony	Adjective



KINSHUK GUPTA

NEET has revived anxieties it was meant to eliminate

I CLEARLY remember the Sundays in my matchbox hostel room, the smell of slick bhaturas wafting through the corridor, when I would doze off for a power nap that was supposed to last only 15 minutes, as instructed by our in-charge. Those days were filled with fear, frustration, exhaustion, and at times, anger. And yet, beneath all of it, there was also a dream: The thought of the day I would finally walk out of the examination hall after writing NEET and know that it was over, once and for all.

Now, as news of the cancellation of NEET 2026 begins to trickle in, and the possibility of a retest looms, my heart goes out to all those young students who believed it was finally over, only to find themselves dragged back into the same cycle of uncertainty and anxiety. What is particularly tragic is that NEET itself was designed to reduce stress on medical aspirants and spare them the burden of multiple entrance examinations. Instead, it seems to have reproduced the very anxieties it was meant to eliminate.

This leak is nothing new. The pattern has repeated itself over the years, with the 2024 controversy serving as the most recent reminder of how fragile the system remains. What troubles me most is the cyclical nature of these leaks. Every controversy prompts corrective measures that allow the next exam to proceed smoothly

A weighted consideration of school performance, board examinations, and skill-based evaluation would allow a broader understanding of a student's abilities

until, in evitably, the cycle repeats itself.

This time, question papers were geo-tagged while in transit, and examination centres reportedly used 5D jammers and AI-enabled cameras. Yet, all of it proved insufficient. Perhaps that reveals that the issue no longer lies in isolated lapses alone, but in the deeper structural flaws of an examination system that continues to rely on stopgap solutions rather than meaningful reform.

JEE Main offers an interesting case in point, having built a largely meticulous and leak-resistant reputation over time. It is a completely computer-based examination with end-to-end encryption. Questions are systematically tagged and drawn from extensive software-driven pools that generate multiple sets across several shifts. Students are also given two attempts, in January and April, reducing the immense pressure of a single do-or-die day. Rather than relying on thousands of centres across the country, the system uses selected, standardised centres. As a result, even if a breach occurs, its impact remains far more contained. Further, we

must also begin to question the utility of NEET in its present form. The idea of a single three-hour examination determining a student's future has always seemed absurd to me. How can a person's competence to become a doctor be judged through 180 MCQs? The current format increasingly rewards rote memorisation over genuine under-

standing, reducing learning to speed, pattern recognition, and endurance.

Selections should move towards a more balanced and comprehensive system. A weighted consideration of school performance, board examinations, and skill-based evaluation would allow a broader understanding of a student's abilities. NEET could function as a qualifying examination, followed by assessments focused on reasoning, aptitude, and suitability for the profession. This could also help address the growing problem of score clustering at the top ranks, where tiny margins now separate thousands of students, making the present system an increasingly weak differentiator of merit. It could reduce the overwhelming reliance on coaching institutes, which have increasingly become hotspots of burnout, emotional distress, and extreme academic pressure. Such skill-based learning and assessment become even more important in a world increasingly shaped by AI, where the era of the fast-cramming medical aspirant is unlikely to survive for long.

The question we must ask is whether we are finally willing to move beyond temporary outrage, take responsibility for repeated failures, and genuinely learn from them. More importantly, are we willing to offer students a system that values their hard work and aspirations, rather than repeatedly testing the limits of their endurance?

Gupta is a doctor and writer

NEET has once again revived the very anxieties it was meant to eliminate. I still remember the Sundays in my cramped hostel room, the exhaustion after endless hours of preparation, and the overwhelming hope that life would finally move forward once the examination ended. Today, with reports of NEET 2026 cancellations and the possibility of a retest, thousands of students are being dragged back into the same vortex of uncertainty and emotional exhaustion.

What makes the situation particularly tragic is that NEET was originally introduced to reduce pressure on medical aspirants by replacing multiple entrance examinations with a single national test. Instead, the system has merely reproduced stress on a larger scale. The recurring cycle of paper leaks and controversies has now become almost ineluctable. Every year, authorities introduce corrective measures — geo-tagged transportation, AI-enabled surveillance, 5G jammers — yet the breaches continue. This suggests that the problem no longer lies in isolated lapses alone, but in the deeper systemic malaise embedded within the examination framework itself.

JEE Main offers a far more resilient model. Its computer-based structure, encrypted question pools, multiple shifts, and two-attempt system significantly reduce the catastrophic consequences of a single failure or breach. Standardised centres and software-driven randomisation help contain irregularities before they become nationwide crises. In contrast, NEET remains dangerously dependent on a rigid, high-stakes format where the future of lakhs of students is determined by a single three-hour examination.

That model itself deserves scrutiny. Can the competence and suitability of a future doctor truly be assessed through 180 multiple-choice questions? Increasingly, the examination rewards/memorisation, speed, and pattern recognition rather than genuine intellectual depth or clinical aptitude. Such a framework encourages mechanical preparation instead of meaningful learning, reducing education to an exercise in endurance. India urgently requires a more balanced and _____ (A) evaluation structure. School performance, board examinations, reasoning ability, aptitude, and skill-based assessments should collectively contribute to selection. NEET could function as a qualifying examination rather than the sole arbiter of merit. Such reforms would also reduce unhealthy dependence on coaching institutes, many of which have become centres of burnout, emotional distress, and relentless academic pressure.

This conversation becomes even more important in an age increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence, where superficial cramming and algorithmic repetition may soon become **obsolete**. The real question, therefore, is whether we are prepared to move beyond temporary outrage and undertake genuine reform. More importantly, are we willing to build a system that values curiosity, competence, and human potential rather than repeatedly testing the psychological endurance of students?

1. Which of the following statements can be correctly inferred from the passage?

- I. The author believes technological reforms alone cannot resolve the deeper crisis surrounding NEET.
- II. The author views JEE Main as (completely ~~flawless~~) and free from structural limitations.
- III. The author advocates reducing the excessive dependence on a single examination for medical admissions.

- A. Only I and II
B. Only II and III
C. Only I and III ✓
D. Only III
E. I, II, and III

2. Which of the following statements is/are true according to the passage?

- I. NEET was originally conceptualised to simplify the medical entrance examination process.
- II. The author argues that school performance should contribute partially to medical selection.
- III. The passage suggests that memorisation-oriented preparation necessarily produces incompetent doctors.

NEET

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Only I and II ✓
- E. I, II, and III

3. Which of the following statements would most logically strengthen the author's advocacy for wholesome assessment?

I. Clinical empathy and communication skills are often inadequately measured through objective examinations.

II. Several reputed international universities incorporate interviews and long-term academic consistency in admissions.

III. Students from diverse educational boards perform identically when exposed to coaching-centre methodologies.

A. Only I

B. Only II

C. Only III

D. Only I and II

E. I, II, and III

VP/CR

Same

X

4. Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the author's criticism of the current NEET framework?

A. Most students believe that objective examinations reduce subjective bias during admissions procedures

B. Multiple school boards across India ~~continue~~ to display substantial differences in evaluation standards

C. Several medical institutions have demanded increased emphasis on practical aptitude-based assessments recently

D. Many students experience emotional exhaustion due to prolonged coaching-centre environments annually

E. Artificial intelligence tools are increasingly capable of solving memory-based objective examinations rapidly

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5. Which of the following would the author most likely agree with?

- A. Emotional resilience should remain the foremost determinant of professional medical competence
- B. Standardised examinations must completely replace school-based academic evaluations permanently
- C. Educational assessment should prioritise intellectual depth and aptitude over mechanical repetition
- D. Technological surveillance mechanisms alone can restore public trust within national examinations
- E. The existing examination structure successfully balances meritocracy with psychological well-being

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

- A. The Commercialisation of Competitive Coaching in Contemporary India
- B. The Structural Crisis of NEET and the Need for Holistic Reform ✓
- C. The Psychological Consequences of Technological Surveillance in Examinations
- D. The Comparative Superiority of Engineering Entrance Examinations in India
- E. The Decline of Medical Aspirants in an Artificially Competitive Society

7. Which of the following words given below will make the sentence meaningfully and contextually correct

India urgently requires a more balanced and _____ (A) evaluation structure

- A. Ubiquitous
 - B. Holistic
 - C. Pervasive
 - D. Myopic
 - E. Piecemeal
- Complete*
- narrow*
-

The 'cinematisation' of politics

Throughout the recent election season in Tamil Nadu, there was an unmissable air of restlessness and frenzy among youth voters. Most youth – the largest share of the vote bank that led to actor-turned-politician Joseph Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) winning over 100 seats – seem to have looked at the elections as one that would lead to "a change."

Tamil Nadu, of course, has seen its share of youth revolution in politics. The very Dravidian government that Mr. Vijay defeated was built by a student political movement more than six decades ago. But unlike the 1960s, this new "change" wasn't built up through protests against an oppressive force; it largely transpired on social media, in the minds of youth, amid a pandemic of political indifference.

A narrative of change

During the election campaign, two statements largely captured the opposing viewpoints netizens had about Mr. Vijay's TVK; one was that "Vijay doesn't understand that politics isn't cinema" and two, "we need Vijay because we need a change." There's more to these statements than what meets the eye. The question is not whether politics is cinema but about how politics needs to become cinema, which Mr. Vijay understands. And change? The youth don't necessarily crave for a change – what they crave for is a narrative; some purpose that empowers them with direction.

Sociologically speaking, life in 2026 cannot get any more routine for a youth of the State. They work a nine-to-five job, and endlessly scroll through various social media platforms. Beyond personal goals, life hardly allows one a purpose, let alone a larger-than-life vision for a revolution. But cinema does. Cinema offers an augmented reality where purpose is celebrated. This is why we live in a time when escapist cinema is so



Bhuvanesh Chandar

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frenzied, and political news consumption has declined.

Throughout the election season, a large chunk of TVK followers were repeatedly criticised as "*tharkuri*," meaning 'imbecile', for their alleged lack of political insight or their inability to articulate why they wanted to vote for Mr. Vijay. "*Anna* [older brother] will do us good," they said. How or from what? They never bothered, as was evident from the many videos that went viral. However, it would be unfair to blame these youths, as what we are seeing is political indifference and political illiteracy that came from the State's inability to educate the youth in their language. Depoliticised campuses have long been the cause of this aversion to politics.

This lack of purpose is why propaganda on social media and movies work – audiences need to feel a win, and cinema offers a narrative. And a narrative is what the politician in Mr. Vijay – a face they have seen so often serving them with a purpose – offered them when he took to the stage and tagged the government of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) as "*theyya sakthi*" (evil force). The narrative was clear. Mr. Vijay had to win, and it didn't matter why the DMK had to lose.

Need for dramatic change

This need for a purpose through a narrative has now reshaped politics as we know it. Mr. Vijay, to his credit, seems to have learnt this from his decades in the film industry – for an actor to win, politics must become his playground; politics must become cinema. Which is why Mr. Vijay's election campaign, which ranged from urging children to ask their parents to vote for the TVK to repeatedly symbolising the DMK as a villain, seemed straight out of the climax of a summer blockbuster. If anything, the DMK did not lose to an actor who sold dreams, but to a strategist who offered the satisfaction of a social media campaign win. This is also

why Mr. Vijay's victory feels so personal to most of his voters. What they have done is essentially beat the force that was unofficially declared unbeatable.

For the interest of these youth 'audiences' in politics to sustain, politics needs to become more. They need to see variety in politics, and stability can seem boring. Development shouldn't just improve upon something; it should demolish something pre-existing, for the lack of dramatic flair would simply be akin to death.

There must be development, but through a steady supply of 'something different'. Because "we need a change." In fact, if anything, this statement from supporters of the TVK says enough about the crisis of 'purposelessness'. For example, many TVK supporters wished for a government change due to the many crimes against women in the last five years. This is one definition of 'change' they have attested to. Now, all one must do to check if this was a genuine concern is to see if similar social media campaigns hold the TVK accountable should there be crimes against women during their reign. If not, perhaps, like most election manifestos these days, 'change' is just a pre-election commodity. Crimes against women do not need a mere change in government – it needs a government that acknowledges the deep-seated patriarchy in society and takes steps towards abolishing the socio-political factors that lead to sexual assaults. Until then, a change in this regard wouldn't be concrete.

How Mr. Vijay and the TVK define this victory and govern in the years to come remains to be seen. For the social media warriors who voted for them, this victory is a respite under the punishing sun. Who cares if there's a happily ever after? We don't bother about what happens to the hero after the climax.

Throughout the recent election season in Tamil Nadu, there was an unmistakable **frenzy** among youth voters. Many of them viewed actor-turned-politician Joseph Vijay's Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) victory as the arrival of "change". Unlike the youth-driven political revolutions of the 1960s, however, this transformation was not forged through protests or ideological movements; it largely emerged through social media amid growing political indifference.

During the campaign, two contrasting views dominated public discourse: "Vijay doesn't understand that politics isn't cinema" and "We need Vijay because we need change." Yet the issue is not whether politics resembles cinema, but how politics increasingly depends upon cinematic storytelling. Today's youth do not merely crave political reform; they seek a compelling narrative — a sense of purpose that offers direction in an otherwise monotonous existence.

For many young people, life has become mechanical: routine jobs, endless scrolling through social media, and little connection to larger socio-political ideals. Cinema, however, provides escapism and magnified purpose. This explains why cinematic politics and emotionally charged propaganda resonate so strongly, while meaningful political engagement continues to diminish.

A large section of TVK supporters were criticised online as politically uninformed because they struggled to explain why they supported Mr. Vijay. Yet blaming them alone would be unfair. Their political apathy stems partly from the State's inability to educate youth in a language and framework they relate to. Depoliticised campuses and superficial digital discourse have only intensified this alienation.

Mr. Vijay appears to have understood this phenomenon astutely. His campaign transformed politics into spectacle, portraying the ruling DMK as an antagonistic “evil force” and himself as the protagonist capable of delivering redemption. His rallies and slogans resembled the climax of a commercial blockbuster, where emotional satisfaction mattered more than ideological clarity. Consequently, supporters experienced his victory not merely as an electoral success, but as a deeply personal triumph over an allegedly invincible establishment.

This “cinematisation” of politics reveals a deeper societal crisis: purposelessness. Modern political campaigns increasingly rely on dramatic narratives because stability and gradual progress appear mundane to audiences conditioned by spectacle. Development itself must now appear disruptive and theatrical to sustain public attention.

Yet the authenticity of this desire for “change” remains questionable. Many supporters justified their demand for political transformation by citing crimes against women during the previous regime. However, the true test of their convictions will lie in whether they continue demanding accountability if similar failures occur under TVK rule. Otherwise, “change” risks becoming merely a commodified election slogan rather than a genuine pursuit of social reform.

Ultimately, meaningful progress requires more than replacing one government with another. It demands confronting entrenched patriarchy and addressing the deeper socio-political structures that perpetuate injustice. Until then, the politics of spectacle may continue to provide emotional **catharsis**, but not substantive transformation.

1. Many young voters supported Vijay because they wanted change and emotional connection in politics.
2. Modern politics is becoming similar to cinema, where stories and dramatic narratives attract people more than ideology.
3. Social media, political apathy, and lack of meaningful engagement have increased youth attraction toward spectacle-based politics.
4. The author argues that real social reform needs accountability and structural change, not just emotional political excitement.

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

I. The author argues that meaningful reform requires addressing deeper structural social inequalities.

II. The passage suggests that emotional narratives now dominate many modern political campaigns.

III. The author believes political spectacle can ensure long-term societal transformation effectively.

A. Only I

B. Only II

C. Both I and II ✓

D. Both II and III

E. I, II and III

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

- I. The author claims that cinematic politics emerged primarily through ~~ideological~~ student movements.
- II. The passage indicates that development now often needs dramatic presentation to sustain public interest.
- III. The author ~~completely~~ dismisses the supporters' desire for political change as dishonest and artificial.

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

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

- A. Democracy and Digital Platforms in Contemporary Indian Electoral Systems
- B. Political Alienation and the Expanding Influence of Cinematic Narratives ✓
- C. Social Media Manipulation and the Collapse of Ideological Student Movements
- D. Electoral Spectacles and the Decline of Democratic Accountability Mechanisms
- E. Tamil Nadu Elections and the Transformation of Regional Political Leadership

11. Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?

- A. Satirical and dismissive (X)
- B. Analytical and cautiously critical ✓✓
- C. Optimistic and celebratory (X)
- D. Aggressive and condemnatory (X)
- E. Detached and indifferent (X)

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

- I. Emotional narratives may temporarily energise voters without necessarily producing substantive political transformation.
- II. Political accountability remains essential irrespective of which political party assumes governmental authority.
- III. Spectacle-driven politics has entirely eliminated ideological thinking from contemporary democratic systems worldwide.

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

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1. The old manufacturing unit became completely _____ after modern automation replaced traditional machinery.
2. The volunteers' _____ contribution during the flood crisis earned nationwide recognition.
3. Social media users entered a state of collective _____ after the false news spread rapidly.
4. The committee remained _____ regarding the long-term impact of the proposed reforms.
5. The manager decided to _____ the employees for repeatedly ignoring safety regulations.

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