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Names and bonds: On electoral bonds scheme,
the Supreme Court, and the State Bank of India

The Court did well to thwart SBI's attempt to delay details of electoral bonds

Politics and pass-overs: On the 96th Academy

Awards

Geopolitics outdid the politics in the choice of Oscar winners



QUIZ



SYNONYM OF NOTION

1. **Fact**
2. **Reality**
3. **Certainty**
4. **Perception**
5. **Truth**



ANTONYM OF ENDEAVOUR

1. **Apathy**
2. **Efforts**
3. **Attempts**
4. **Undertakings**
5. **Initiatives**



ANTONYM OF AUGMENT

- 1. Increase**
- 2. Shrink**
- 3. Expand**
- 4. Enhance**
- 5. Amplify**



SYNONYM OF VITIATED

1. **Enhanced**
2. **Purified**
3. **improved,**
4. **Strengthened**
5. **Tainted**



ANTONYM OF HAMSTRUNG

1. **Enabled**
2. **Handicapped**
3. **impeded,**
4. **constrained,**
5. **Restricted**



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THWART

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To prevent someone from accomplishing a purpose or plan; to hinder, obstruct, or frustrate.**

Synonyms: **Hinder, obstruct, frustrate, block.**

Antonyms: **Facilitate, aid, assist.**

Sentence: **The security measures in place thwarted the attempted burglary.**





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FOIL

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To prevent the success of something; to thwart, frustrate, or defeat someone's plans.**

Synonyms: **Thwart, frustrate, prevent, hinder.**

Antonyms: **Aid, assist, support.**

Sentence: **The detective worked tirelessly to foil the criminal's elaborate scheme.**



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REDEEM



Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to make amends; to fulfill or carry out a promise or obligation.**

Synonyms: **Compensate, fulfill, make amends, restore.**

Antonyms: **Forfeit, abandon, neglect.**

Sentence: **He tried to redeem himself by working hard and proving his dedication to the team after a disappointing performance.**





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UPSHOT

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **The final or eventual outcome or result of a situation or process; the conclusion or consequence.**

Synonyms: **Result, outcome, consequence, conclusion.**

Antonyms: **Beginning, origin, cause.**

Sentence: **Despite the initial challenges, the upshot of the project was a successful product launch that exceeded expectations.**





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CONSTRUE

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To interpret or understand the meaning of words, actions, or gestures in a particular way; to analyze or explain the meaning of something.**

Synonyms: **Interpret, understand, explain, deduce.**

Antonyms: **Misinterpret, misunderstand.**

Sentence: **Her silence was construed as agreement, even though she hadn't explicitly said yes.**



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COMPLY

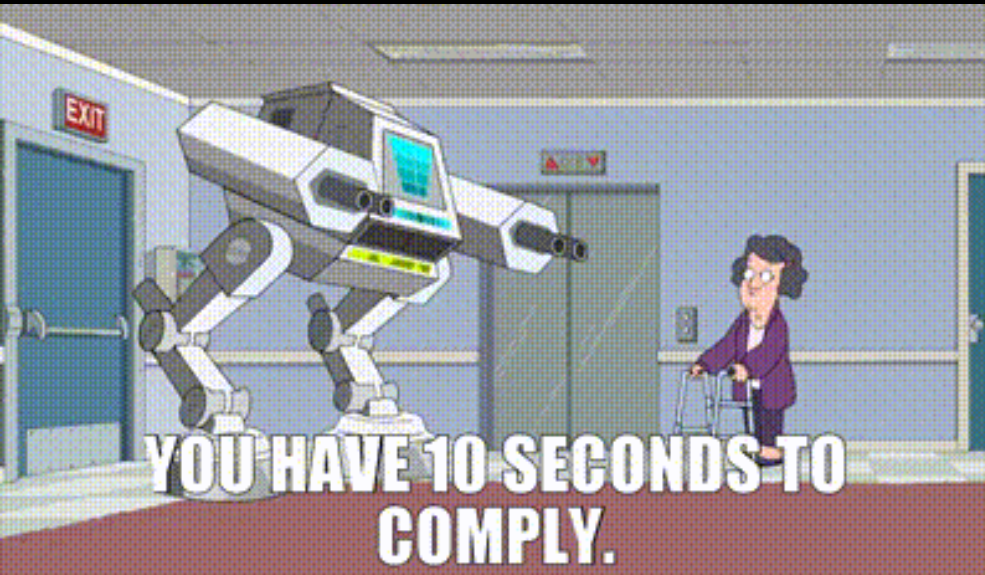
Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To act in accordance with a request, command, or rule; to obey or adhere to a set of standards or expectations.**

Synonyms: **Obey, conform, follow, adhere.**

Antonyms: **Defy, disobey, resist.**

Sentence: **The employees were required to comply with the company's dress code during business hours.**





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DILIGENT

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Showing careful and persistent effort; characterized by hard work and conscientiousness.**

Synonyms: **Hardworking, industrious, conscientious, assiduous.**

Antonyms: **Lazy, negligent, careless.**

Sentence: **The diligent student consistently completed assignments ahead of schedule and earned top grades in the class.**





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UNRAVEL

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To untangle, disentangle, or undo something that is knitted, woven, or tightly wound; to solve, explain, or clarify a complex situation.**

Synonyms: **Untangle, decipher, solve, clarify.**

Antonyms: **Tangle, complicate, confuse.**

Sentence: **She tried to unravel the mystery by examining the clues and piecing together the evidence.**





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PROSECUTION

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: The act or process of conducting legal proceedings against someone, typically in a court of law; the organization or office responsible for initiating and pursuing legal cases against individuals or entities accused of committing crimes.

Synonyms: Legal action, indictment, accusation.

Antonyms: Defense, acquittal, exoneration.

Sentence: The prosecution presented a compelling case against the defendant, providing evidence of the alleged crime.



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IDIOM AND PHRASES

**ILL-ADVISED ATTEMPT : AN ATTEMPT
THAT IS NOT WISE OR SUITABLE**



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**NAMES AND BONDS: ON ELECTORAL
BONDS SCHEME, THE SUPREME COURT,
AND THE STATE BANK OF INDIA**



The Supreme Court's refusal to grant any further time to the State Bank of India (SBI) to furnish details of those who purchased and parties that encashed electoral bonds since April 2019 has foiled an ill-advised attempt to seek postponement of the disclosure until after the general election. The SBI has now been asked to disclose to the Election Commission of India (ECI), by the end of March 12, the names of details of the purchasers of the bonds, the dates on which these were bought, and denominations. The bank should also disclose the names of parties that redeemed the bonds, along with dates and denominations. The ECI has to host the information on its website by March 15. The upshot of the bank's application for time until June 30 is that it is now quite clear that it must disclose the data available to it, and need not try and match the names of the donors with the parties. It appears that the initial directions of the Constitution Bench,



as part of its February 15 judgment invalidating the electoral bonds scheme, had been construed to mean that the SBI was required to match with exactitude all the purchasers with the recipients. The bank deemed this a “time-consuming” exercise, as the details were in separate silos and not stored in digital format.

In rejecting the bank’s application for time and keeping the threat of contempt action alive, the Court has sent a message that it will not brook any further delay. The Bench has also rightly questioned the bank’s silence on what had been done to comply with the order until the filing of an application for extension of time, just two days before the March 6 deadline. It is now quite apparent that even manually matching the two datasets could not have taken as long as the four months the SBI wanted.



A question may arise as to whether the voters' right to information, the very basis for the Court finding the anonymous donation scheme unconstitutional, will be fulfilled by mere disclosure of the names of bond purchasers and the parties that received the funds, without authentic data on who donated what amount to which party. Given that the bonds have to be redeemed within a 15-day window, it may still be possible for a diligent civil society to use the disclosures to match donors and parties based on the proximity between dates of purchase and redemption. The data may also help unravel whether corporate houses or individuals benefited from their donations to ruling parties at the Centre and in the States, or if the contributions were made in response to any threat of investigation and prosecution.



What is the tone of the **PASSAGE used by the writer in discussing the situation of the Indians involved in the Russia- Ukraine conflict ?**

- 1. INFORMATIVE**
- 2. NEUTRAL**
- 3. SYMPATHETIC**
- 4. CRITICAL**
- 5. SKEPTICAL**



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