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QUIZ



SYNONYM OF AKIN

1. **Unrelated**
2. **Dissimilar**
3. **Different**
4. **Comparable**
5. **Full**



ANTONYM OF GRANULAR

1. **Smooth**
2. **Grainy**
3. **Gritty**
4. **Particulate**
5. **Sandy**



ANTONYM OF ABERRATION

1. **Anomaly**
2. **Deviation**
3. **Irregularity**
4. **Oddity**
5. **Conformity**



SYNONYM OF DEBILITATE

- 1. Strengthen**
- 2. Invigorate**
- 3. Undermine**
- 4. Fortify**
- 5. Empower**



ANTONYM OF AWRY

1. **Crooked**
2. **Skewed**
3. **Distorted**
4. **Correct**
5. **Restricted**



Names and bonds



VOCABULARY



A tale of two

STAKE



Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To mark or support with stakes.**

To risk or gamble, usually by putting something valuable at risk.

Synonyms: **Gamble, wager, risk.**

Antonyms: **Secure, safeguard.**

Sentence: **The gardener decided to stake the young trees to protect them from strong winds.**



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ALLIES

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **Countries, groups, or individuals that have formed a cooperative alliance or partnership for mutual benefit.**

Synonyms: **Partners, associates, comrades, collaborators.**

Antonyms: **Adversaries, enemies, rivals.**

Sentence: **During the war, the two nations became close allies to combat a common threat.**





A tale of two

MOPPING



Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To clean or wipe a surface using a mop, typically a long-handled implement with an absorbent material attached to it.**

Synonyms: **Swab, scrub, wipe, clean.**

Antonyms: **Dirty, soil, neglect.**

Sentence: **She spent the morning mopping the kitchen floor to ensure it was spotless for the party.**



A tale of two

RESURRECT

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To bring back to life; to revive or restore from a state of inactivity or disuse.**

Synonyms: **Revive, restore, rejuvenate, bring back.**

Antonyms: **Abandon, discard, neglect.**

Sentence: **The historical artifacts were carefully restored and resurrected, allowing future generations to appreciate their significance.**





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ALACRITY



Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **Brisk and cheerful readiness; eagerness and promptness in responding or taking action.**

Synonyms: **Eagerness, enthusiasm, willingness, promptness.**

Antonyms: **Hesitation, reluctance, sluggishness.**

Sentence: **She tackled the challenging task with alacrity, completing it well ahead of schedule and with a positive attitude.**



A tale of two

PUTATIVE

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Generally considered or reputed to be; commonly believed or accepted without conclusive evidence.**

Synonyms: **Alleged, supposed, presumed, reputed.**

Antonyms: **Confirmed, proven, established.**

Sentence: **The putative heir to the throne was widely recognized, although the formal announcement had not yet been made.**



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ASSIDUOUS

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

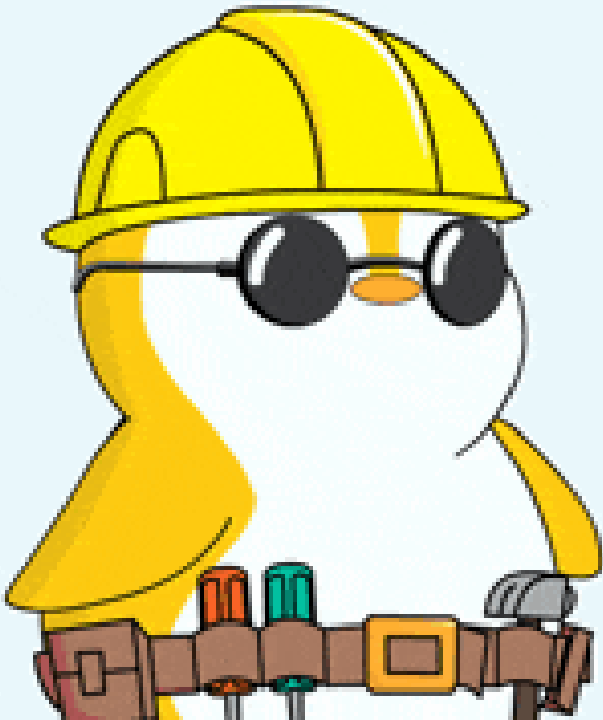
Meaning: **Showing great care, attention, and diligence in one's work or duties; marked by constant and persistent effort.**

Synonyms: **Diligent, hardworking, meticulous, attentive.**

Antonyms: **Negligent, lazy, careless.**

Sentence: **His assiduous efforts to improve his skills paid off when he received a promotion at work.**

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD





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DISARRAY

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To throw into disorder or confusion; to disrupt or disturb the orderly condition of something.**

Synonyms: **Disorganize, disrupt, disturb, unsettle.**

Antonyms: **Organize, arrange, order.**

Sentence: **The unexpected announcement disarrayed the carefully laid plans for the event.**





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BANDWAGON

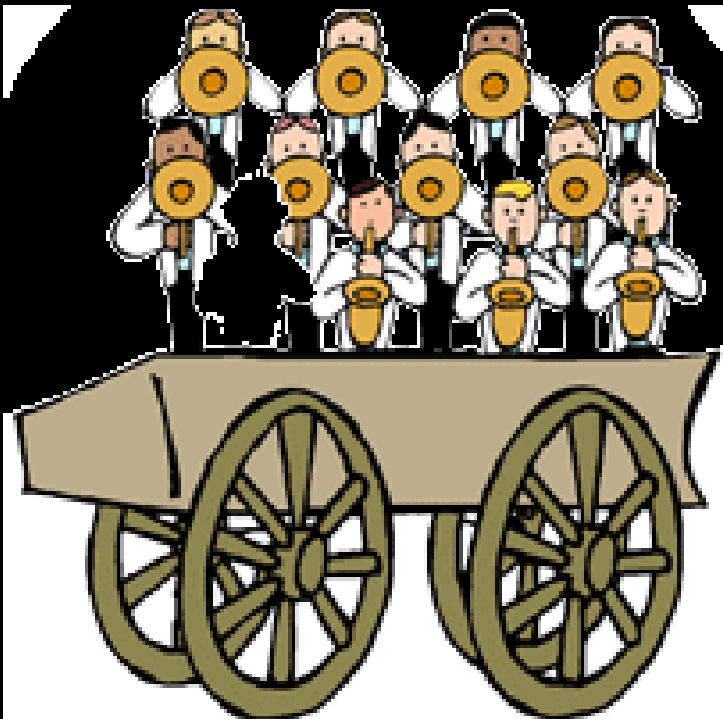
Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **A popular trend, activity, or cause that attracts growing support, often because it is fashionable or widely accepted.**

Synonyms: **Trend, craze, fad, popular movement.**

Antonyms: **Outdated, unpopular, unconventional.**

Sentence: **Many people joined the environmental movement, not out of personal conviction, but because it had become the latest bandwagon everyone was jumping on.**





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EMACIATED



Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Extremely thin or weak, usually as a result of illness, malnutrition, or lack of food.**

Synonyms: **Gaunt, skeletal, undernourished, wasted.**

Antonyms: **Plump, robust, well-fed.**

Sentence: **The emaciated dog was rescued from the streets and brought to the animal shelter for care and nourishment.**



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A tale of two



**A TALE OF TWO: ON ALLIANCE-
BUILDING BY BJP AND CONGRESS
THE BJP AND THE CONGRESS HAVE TAKEN
CONTRASTING APPROACHES TO BUILDING
ALLIANCES**



After raising its stakes in the forthcoming general election by declaring a target of 400 seats along with allies, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is mopping up political partners across the country to resurrect the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Just as the BJP is courting allies with alacrity, the putative alliance of Opposition parties that appeared on the horizon in mid-2023 is unravelling, if at all it ever took any concrete form. The BJP has announced a tie-up with Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party which had parted ways in 2018 over the issue of unfulfilled promises for Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Naidu has slowly made his way back to the NDA by distancing himself from the Opposition. The BJP is assiduously courting the Biju Janata Dal, to revive their alliance formed between 1998-2009, in Odisha. The Akali Dal is waiting for the farmers' agitation to blow over before it could make its next move, potentially to march back to the NDA camp.



Efforts are on to bring the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam back into the NDA's fold in Tamil Nadu. The most striking of all the recent realignments has been that of Janata Dal (United) chief and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who is now championing a third consecutive term for the BJP at the Centre, after calling for its defeat in the preceding months.

A corresponding disarray is evident in the Opposition camp, as parties and individual leaders are jumping on the BJP bandwagon. The emaciated INDIA bloc also suffers from incoherence with allies such as the Trinamool Congress which, after weeks of talks with the Congress, announced candidates for all 42 seats of West Bengal, leaving nothing for the principal Opposition party. To add insult to injury, Mamata Banerjee has fielded cricketer Yusuf Pathan from Baharampur against Congress state President Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.



In Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena (UBT) has unilaterally announced some candidates, threatening the alliance with the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) and the Congress. In Kerala, the Left parties and the Congress, two key proponents of national Opposition unity will be facing off. This usual paradox is starker this time, as Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and CPI leader Annie Raja are opponents in Wayanad. It is not a coincidence that many of the leaders and parties that are taking positions convenient for the BJP, if not openly joining hands with it, are facing investigations by central agencies. This role of the state in influencing party politics in India is a disturbing sign for the health of Indian democracy, and also of the inglorious records of the many Opposition leaders.



What is the tone of the **PASSAGE used by the writer in discussing the political dynamics in India ahead of the general election ?**

- 1. ANALYTICAL**
- 2. NEUTRAL**
- 3. SYMPATHETIC**
- 4. CRITICAL**
- 5. ENTHUSIASTIC**



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