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QUIZ



SYNONYM OF ANARCHY

1. **Order**
2. **Governance**
3. **Control**
4. **Organization**
5. **Chaos**



ANTONYM OF SOVEREIGNTY

1. **Autonomy**
2. **Servitude**
3. **Independence**
4. **Self-determination**
5. **Self-rule**



ANTONYM OF RAPPROACHMENT

1. **Reconciliation**
2. **Conciliation**
3. **Estrangement**
4. **Détente**
5. **Understanding**



SYNONYM OF VENGEFUL

1. **Forgiving**
2. **Merciful**
3. **Retaliatory**
4. **Compassionate**
5. **Lenient**



ANTONYM OF DOMINEERING

1. **Authoritarian**
2. **Overbearing**
3. **Dictatorial**
4. **Controlling**
5. **Submissive**



WRONG MESSAGING



VOCABULARY



WRONG MESSAGING

UNDERPINNING

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **A system of supports beneath a structure; the foundation or framework that provides stability and strength.**

Synonyms: **Foundation, base, support, framework.**

Antonyms: **Instability, weakness, vulnerability.**

Sentence: **The engineer recommended reinforcing the underpinning of the building to withstand earthquakes.**





WRONG MESSAGING

PRECURSOR

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **A person or thing that comes before another in time, order, or position.**

Synonyms: **Forerunner, antecedent, ancestor.**

Antonyms: **Successor, follower, descendant.**

Sentence: **The steam engine is considered a precursor to the modern locomotive.**



WRONG MESSAGING

LEGITIMATE

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **Conforming to the law or rules**

Synonyms: **Legal, lawful, valid, authorized**

Antonyms: **Illegal, unlawful, illegitimate.**

Sentence: **The court ruled that the contract was not legitimate due to a lack of signatures.**



WRONG MESSAGING

UNVEIL

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To reveal or make known something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown.**

Synonyms: **Reveal, disclose, uncover, expose, announce.**

Antonyms: **Conceal, hide, cover up, suppress.**

Sentence: **The company plans to unveil its latest product at the upcoming press conference.**





WRONG MESSAGING

IMPEDE

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To delay or obstruct the progress of something; to hinder or prevent something from happening or progressing smoothly.**



Synonyms: **Hinder, obstruct, hamper, block, thwart.**

Antonyms: **Assist, aid, facilitate, expedite.**

Sentence: **The heavy traffic impeded our journey to the airport, causing us to miss our flight.**



WRONG MESSAGING

DISCRIMINATORY



Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Showing prejudice or bias in treatment, especially on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, or other characteristics.**

Synonyms: **Prejudiced, biased, unfair, unjust.**

Antonyms: **Fair, impartial, unbiased, egalitarian.**

Sentence: **The company's hiring practices were criticized for being discriminatory, as they seemed to favor candidates of a particular gender and ethnicity over others.**



WRONG MESSAGING

PERSECUTION

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **The act or practice of subjecting someone to cruel or unjust treatment, especially because of their race, religion, political beliefs, or other personal characteristics.**

Synonyms: **Oppression, harassment, discrimination, victimization.**

Antonyms: **Acceptance, tolerance, inclusion, equality.**

Sentence: **The minority community faced severe persecution under the regime, with members being arrested and tortured for their beliefs.**



WRONG MESSAGING

PROPAGANDA

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view.**

Synonyms: **Advertising, promotion, publicity, manipulation.**

Antonyms: **Truth, honesty, objectivity, impartiality.**

Sentence: **The government's propaganda campaign aimed to sway public opinion in favor of its policies, often distorting facts to achieve its goals..**





WRONG MESSAGING

ACCENTUATE

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To emphasize or highlight something; to make something more noticeable or prominent.**

Synonyms: **Emphasize, highlight, underscore, stress, intensify.**

Antonyms: **Minimize, downplay, de-emphasize, mitigate.**

Sentence: **She decided to wear a bright red scarf to accentuate her outfit and make a bold fashion statement.**



WRONG MESSAGING

RHETORIC

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **The art or skill of speaking or writing effectively and persuasively; language designed to have a persuasive or impressive effect, but often lacking in sincerity or meaningful content.**

Synonyms: **Oratory, eloquence, persuasion, speechmaking.**

Antonyms: **Plain speaking, simplicity, honesty, candor.**

Sentence: **His speech was full of rhetorical flourishes, but lacked substance and failed to address the real issues.**



ARTICLE ANALYSIS

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WRONG MESSAGING



**WRONG MESSAGING: ON THE
CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019
THE UNDERPINNING OF RELIGION IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF CAA IS PROBLEMATIC**



The government's decision to implement the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019, just days before the dates for the general election are expected to be announced seems to be a precursor to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) exploiting a polarising issue in the poll campaign. A law strongly opposed by many, especially by the Muslim community, for introducing a religion-based test for grant of citizenship to immigrants from three chosen countries, the CAA is under legal challenge before the Supreme Court of India. Enacted in 2019, it was not implemented until now as the government did not notify the rules to operationalise its provisions. The timing of the rules being notified raises a legitimate doubt if it is an attempt to divert attention away from the electoral bonds controversy. The rules were unveiled at a time when the nation was questioning the delay in the submission of details about the purchasers of anonymous electoral bonds and the parties that redeemed them.



The circumstances make one question the urgent need to implement a law that has not been acted upon for five years. The new rules also appear carefully crafted, designed as they are to introduce processes that will leave no scope for States to impede its implementation. It is possible that the rules were ready for a long time, and the CAA issue is being revived for electoral gains.

The essence of the CAA, in reality, may not affect the interests of minority citizens: after all, it is only a fast-tracking mechanism for minorities — Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians — from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan to gain citizenship. Instead of the usual 11 years (out of the preceding 14 years), the waiting period for this class of immigrants will only be five years, provided they had arrived before December 31, 2014.



Further, there is nothing in it that removes anyone's citizenship. The problem with the CAA is two-fold: first, in its discriminatory norm that specifies some religious communities as eligible for citizenship. All those from these six religions in these three countries are presumed to have fled persecution. Others who do not fall into this category, either due to their entering the country after the cut-off date, or because of their religion, will continue to be treated as illegal migrants. The second aspect is the unfortunate political propaganda that sought to link the CAA with the National Register of Citizens. This rhetoric accentuated the fears of Muslims that the CAA may lead to loss of citizenship without adequate documentary proof. More than its content, the CAA is causing harm through its use for the Narendra Modi regime's political messaging to the effect that all its policies will have an underpinning of religion.



What is the tone of the **PASSAGE used by the writer ?**

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



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