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✓ On the ballot: On the general election to the
18th Lok Sabha

The Election Commission must ensure a free and fair democratic process

✓ Bonded favours: On the electoral bond scheme,
sordid revelations

Disclosures confirm fears of sceptics about electoral bonds



QUIZ



ANTONYM OF SUCCOUR

Obstruct

1. Help

2. Hinder

+ /

3. Aid

4. Assist

5. Support

+ Syn.

help / sympathy



ANTONYM OF SUBVERT

1. Strengthen

✓

2. Undermine

3. Sabotage

4. Overthrow

5. Destabilize

Syn.

try to destroy
a govt.



SYNONYM OF DISSIDENT

1. Conformist

2. Supporter

3. Loyalist

4. Rebel

5. Current

Ans

+1

a person who
strongly disagrees with



SYNONYM OF TOTTER

1. Stand firm

2. Stabilize

3. Wobble

4. Protester

5. Balance

to walk
unsteadily



ANTONYM OF BRAZEN

1. **Bold** ✓
2. **Shameless** ✓
3. **Timid**
4. **Audacious** ✓
5. **Daring** ✓





On the ballot



VOCABULARY



On the ballot

PERENNIAL



Parts of Speech: **Adjective**

Meaning: **Lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time; enduring or recurring continuously.**

Synonyms: **Everlasting, enduring, eternal, constant**

Antonym: **Temporary, transient, ephemeral**

Sentence: **The perennial beauty of the mountains attracts visitors from all over the world year after year.**



On the ballot

VINDICATE

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To clear someone of blame or suspicion; to justify or prove someone's innocence or correctness.**

Synonyms: **Justify, exonerate, acquit, validate**

Antonym: **Condemn, accuse, blame**

Sentence: **The new evidence presented in court helped to vindicate the defendant, leading to their acquittal.**



On the ballot

CONTENTIOUS

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: Likely to cause disagreement or argument;
characterized by heated argument or controversy.

Synonyms: Controversial, disputable, debatable,
contentious

Antonym: Agreeable, harmonious, peaceful

Sentence: The contentious issue of gun control sparked
heated debates among politicians and citizens alike.





On the ballot

EXHILARATING

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Making someone feel very happy, animated, or elated; invigorating or stimulating.**

Synonyms: **Thrilling, exciting, electrifying, stimulating**

~~Antonym: Dull, boring, mundane, unexciting~~

Sentence: **The roller coaster ride was exhilarating, with twists and turns that left us screaming with excitement.**





On the ballot

SOBERING

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Making someone feel serious or thoughtful; causing one to become solemn or thoughtful, especially by confronting them with unpleasant or serious facts.**

Synonyms: **Serious, grave, solemn, thought-provoking**

✓ Antonym: **Comforting, reassuring, lighthearted**

Sentence: **The documentary presented a sobering look at the effects of climate change on vulnerable communities around the world.**



On the ballot

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: **Misinformation, disinformation, publicity, promotion**

Antonym: **Truth, honesty, impartiality**

Sentence: **The government's propaganda machine worked tirelessly to shape public opinion in favor of its policies.**





On the ballot

BLARING



Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Very loud and harsh; producing a loud, unpleasant sound.**

Synonyms: **Loud, noisy, deafening, booming**

Antonym: **Soft, muted, quiet, subdued**

Sentence: **The blaring horns of the traffic jam outside made it difficult to concentrate on work.**



On the ballot

REVELATIONS

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **A surprising or enlightening disclosure or realization; something that is revealed or disclosed, especially something that was previously unknown or hidden.**

Synonyms: **Disclosure, discovery, enlightenment, insight**

Antonym: **Concealment, secrecy, suppression**

Sentence: **The revelation of her long-lost family history was both shocking and heartwarming.**



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STAGGERED

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall; to arrange or present in a series of alternating or overlapping positions or intervals.**

Synonyms: **Reel, lurch, falter, wobble**

Antonym: **Proceeded, continued, marched**

Sentence: **After being hit by the sudden news, he staggered backward, struggling to maintain his balance.**





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EQUIVOCATION

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

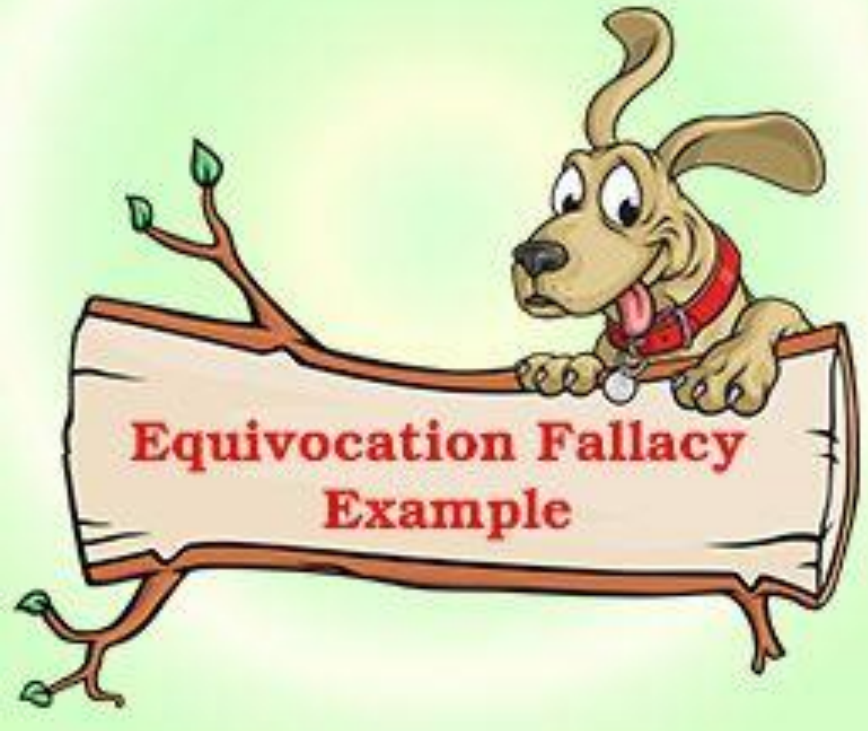
Meaning: **The use of ambiguous or unclear language to deceive or mislead; the act of being deliberately vague or ambiguous.**

Synonyms: **Ambiguity, evasion, prevarication, double-talk**

Antonym: **Clarity, straightforwardness, candor**

Sentence: **The politician's equivocation on the issue only deepened the public's distrust in their leadership.**

All trees have **barks**.
Every dog **barks**. Therefore,
every dog is a tree.





ARTICLE ANALYSIS

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On the ballot



**ON THE BALLOT: ON THE GENERAL
ELECTION TO THE 18TH LOK SABHA
THE ELECTION COMMISSION MUST ENSURE A FREE
AND FAIR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS**



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The general election to the 18th Lok Sabha will be spread over seven phases and 44 days, with the counting of votes scheduled for June 4. The announcement marks a formal beginning but campaigning has become a perennial affair of Indian politics as if to vindicate the ruling BJP's call for 'one nation, one poll', which it argues will reduce the time spent in electioneering. Simultaneous elections and other contentious questions form the backdrop for the long-drawn election season, the largest such exercise anywhere in the world. While India has enough reasons to be proud of its vibrant democracy and exhilarating diversity, an honest introspection can be sobering. From 2019, India has witnessed rapid and massive changes, the good and the bad. The BJP, naturally, is trying to present its second term as an era of progress and prosperity. While its propaganda has been blaring, the Opposition's attempts to critique it have been feeble.



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This uneven playing field is largely the outcome of the BJP's misuse of state power to influence other parties and actors in the political process such as the media, the bureaucracy and the private sector. Inherent problems weaken the Opposition further. The fact that the principal Opposition party's bank account is restricted on the basis of an alleged procedural lapse, which is a minor one even if proven, says a lot about how state agencies are tilting the scales.

The revelations so far around the electoral bond scheme, which was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of India, also paint a deeply disturbing pattern of shrinking fairness in the election process. Given the circumstances, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has a difficult job in ensuring that the poll process is not only fair but also seen as such.



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This challenge has been complicated by the abrupt exit of an ECI member, and two hurried appointments. The process of appointing the members of the ECI remains controversial, given the complete control that the political executive has given itself in it. Opposition leaders have questioned the need for such a prolonged poll schedule. In West Bengal, where the BJP is pulling out all stops, polls have been staggered across all seven phases. While the ECI is justified in its defence of the electronic voting machine, it needs to do more to ensure public trust in them. In the conflict between the claim of a right to privacy by donors and the voter's right to information, the ECI's equivocation is unwarranted, particularly after the Court has settled the question. The ECI must know that all eyes are on it when it comes to assessing the biggest democratic exercise on the planet.



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

1. **ANALYTICAL** ✗

2. **NEUTRAL** ✗

3. **SKEPTICAL** ✗

4. **CRITICAL**

5. **ENTHUSIASTIC**



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