

VERBAL ABILITY- Set 1- Questions

Answer the questions based on the passage below.

"We are living amidst terror, hatred, violence, and therefore in fear. There are people who thrive on those, hatred and fear. They have nothing else to them. How did this happen? When, why? I must say to you in all honesty that the style of our politics has created this and politicians and political parties must take the responsibility for this.

I do not intend to explain anything which our Parliament might have done or not done, either. We set it up with great longings, wishes and a sense of self-respect. But when I see the way Parliament functions or, perhaps I should say, the way it does not function, it fills me with shame. Parliament is accountable before it is 'Honorable'. It is obsessed by its honor when it should be absorbed in its duties.

And everywhere, money is King. Not the voter, not the Constitution, but money. When something or someone is King, what becomes of the Republic? From the roadside vendor who has to pay a regular payment in some hundreds of rupees to the giant Corporate that bribes its way to contracts with so many zeroes that I cannot count, we are now become a Republic of Cash.

We have become a soulless people, a people without self-confidence, without morale. A nation that does not have any ideals cannot survive. So, is there no hope? Is it all finished? Most certainly not. I spoke of the petty machinations of Aurangzeb, of the loot by Nadir Shah. We have modern versions of those amid us. But we also have, amongst us, great souls inspired by Dara Shikoh and Bahadur Shah. If we have men of the kind who killed our Bapu, we also have great and brave soldiers of a united India such as Netaji Subhas Bose would have been proud of."

1. What is the main theme of the passage above?

- A. Lack of civility in politics
- B. Hopelessness in politics
- C. A general state of fear
- D. Money is power

2. What is a synonym of machination ?

- A. Machine-like
- B. Mechanism
- C. Politics
- D. Plotting

3. Obsession with honor may lead to lack of ?

- A. Action

- B. Accountability
- C. Hope
- D. Money

4. What is the root cause behind the country becoming a 'Republic of Cash' ?

- A. Poverty
- B. Hatred
- C. Cynicism
- D. Lack of Ethics

5. A nation cannot survive without ?

- A. Money
- B. Power
- C. Energy
- D. Idealism