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The Election Commission needs a selection panel free of executive bias

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Rahul Gandhi's yatras have energised the Congress, but unsettled some allies



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ENVISAGE



Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To contemplate or visualize something in the future; to imagine or foresee something happening.**

Synonyms: **Imagine, visualize, foresee, contemplate**

Antonym: **Disregard, ignore, overlook**

Sentence: **She envisaged a future where renewable energy sources would power the entire city.**



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GRAVE

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Serious, solemn, or somber, especially in demeanor or tone; giving cause for alarm or concern.**

Synonyms: **Serious, solemn, somber, earnest**

Antonym: **Light-hearted, trivial, frivolous**

Sentence: **His grave expression hinted at the severity of the situation.**





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INCEPTION

Parts of Speech: **VERB OR NOUN**

Meaning: **The beginning or start of something; the establishment or initiation of something.**

Synonyms: **Beginning, commencement, start, origin**

Antonym: **Conclusion, end, termination**

Sentence: **The company has grown significantly since its inception in 2005.**



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TRAVERSE

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **To travel or move across or through something, typically a difficult or challenging terrain; to pass or cross over.**

Synonyms: **Cross, navigate, travel, trek**

Antonym: **Stay, remain, stand still**

Sentence: **The hikers had to traverse a rugged mountain range to reach the summit.**





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STRIDENT

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Loud, harsh, and grating; characterized by a harsh, discordant sound or tone.**

Synonyms: **Shrill, piercing, loud, discordant**

Antonym: **Soft, gentle, mellow**

Sentence: **The speaker's strident voice made it difficult for the audience to concentrate on the message.**





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TRAMPING



Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **Walking long distances with heavy steps, typically through rough terrain or in a casual or aimless manner.**

Synonyms: **Hiking, trekking, rambling, wandering**

Antonym: **Resting, lounging, relaxing**

Sentence: **They spent the weekend tramping through the forest, enjoying the beauty of nature.**



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PICTURESQUE

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Visually attractive, especially in a quaint or charming way; pleasing or striking in appearance.**

Synonyms: **Scenic, charming, picturesque, attractive**

Antonym: **Unsightly, unattractive, dull**

Sentence: **The small village nestled in the valley was picturesque, with its colorful houses and lush greenery.**





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NEBULOUS

Parts of Speech: **ADJ.**

Meaning: **Unclear, vague, or ill-defined; lacking definite form or boundaries.**

Synonyms: **Ambiguous, vague, unclear, indistinct**

Antonym: **Clear, definite, precise, distinct**

Sentence: **The concept of happiness can be quite nebulous, as it means different things to different people.**





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EUPHEMISM

Parts of Speech: **NOUN**

Meaning: **A mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered too harsh, blunt, or offensive.**

Synonyms: **Indirect expression, understatement, polite term**

Antonym: **Dysphemism, directness, bluntness**

Sentence: **"Pass away" is a euphemism commonly used to refer to someone's death.**



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SUBSERVIENT

Parts of Speech: **VERB**

Meaning: **Showing excessive willingness to serve or please others; overly submissive or obedient, often to an excessive degree.**

Synonyms: **Obedient, compliant, submissive, servile**

Antonym: **Assertive, independent, dominant, self-reliant**

Sentence: **He found it uncomfortable working with a subservient assistant who never questioned his decisions.**





QUIZ



ANTONYM OF DEBARRING

1. **Banning**
2. **Disqualifying**
3. **Preventing**
4. **Permitting**



ANTONYM OF INSURRECTION

1. Uprising

2. Compliance

3. Revolt

4. Mutiny

5. Withering

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Syn



SYNONYM OF RATIFIED

1. Deny
2. Disapprove
3. Invalidate
4. Subdued
5. Confirm

Ant

Valid
formal consent

X/



SYNONYM OF DEMIT

1. Accept
2. Retain
3. Resign
4. Continue
5. Persistent.

Resign



ANTONYM OF DEMAGOGUERY

1. Sincerity
2. Advocacy
3. Exploitation
4. Charlatanism
5. Oratory
- Ant
- Syn.

ARTICLE ANALYSIS

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**SELECTION AND ELECTION: ON THE
APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS**

**THE ELECTION COMMISSION NEEDS A SELECTION
PANEL FREE OF EXECUTIVE BIAS**

1 The quick, if not hasty, filling up of two vacancies in the Election Commission of India (ECI) has attracted justified criticism. The multi-member body got two new members within days of the resignation of Arun Goel, an Election Commissioner (EC) whose appointment itself came in the midst of a Constitution Bench hearing for a truly independent process of selecting members of the panel that conducts and supervises India's elections. Critics are not wrong when they point out that the Act setting out the process of selecting the Chief Election Commissioner and other ECs appeared to fall short of the sort of independence the Constitution Bench verdict of March 2023 envisaged. The selection took place at a time when a petition challenging the validity of the Act was about to be taken up for hearing. To add to the unfortunate set of circumstances, Mr. Goel's resignation for "personal reasons" has gone unexplained. It is a matter of grave concern that an EC whose term was set to go on for a few more



2 years should choose to resign just days before the Commission finalised the Lok Sabha election schedule. It goes without saying that the discussion on the process selecting the ECs has no bearing on the competence or suitability of Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, the two new ECs.

The real problem may lie with the law that Parliament chose to enact last year in response to the Supreme Court of India questioning the absence of any legislation since the inception of the Constitution, as required under Article 324, laying down an appointment process for the ECs. The Court's emphasis was on the ECI's independence from the executive so that the elections the panel conducts are truly free and fair. Towards that end, it sought to fill the vacuum by an interim arrangement under which the Prime Minister,



3 the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Justice of India (CJI) formed the selection committee to choose the CEC and ECs. However, it was meant to be in place only until Parliament enacted a law. In response, the government enacted a law that constituted a panel comprising the Prime Minister and any Union Minister, besides the Leader of the Opposition, or the leader of the largest single party in the Opposition. The question now before the Court is whether a committee in which the executive has a two-one majority can be a truly independent authority. The argument that Prime Ministers have always been selecting the CEC and ECs seems attractive, but, ultimately, an executive-driven process has to yield to one more rooted in the constitutional principle of having an independent body to hold free and fair elections, even if the CJI, as an institutional head, might not be the person most suited to be a part of the selection process.



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

- ~~1. APPRECIATIVE~~
- ~~2. NEUTRAL~~
- ~~3. DISMISSIVE~~
- 4. **CONCERNED**
- 5. ENTHUSIASTIC

Concerned



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