



## **CRITICAL THINKING WORKSHEET**

### **CLASS-VIII**

#### **Assignment 4**

### **NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION**

Dear Students,

Reading newspaper makes you well informed. It enables you to take part in every discussion pertaining to the world's current events. Reading newspapers will improve your knowledge in general and it will be easy for you to relate to other people who often talks about current events and politics Through newspapers, you will have a clear idea and understanding of what is happening in your country and the whole world.

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## **The Indian EXPRESS**

### India criticised over coal at Cop26 – but real villain was climate injustice.

It was a dramatic 11th-hour decision, portrayed as a devastating blow to the success of Cop26.

After pressure exerted by India and China, the wording of the final deal was watered down to a pledge to "phase down" rather than "phase out" coal. Alok Sharma, the president of Cop26, was on the brink of tears as he explained what had happened and the last-minute alteration brought sharp words of rebuke from the US and other nations.

While it was China that reportedly pushed hard for a softening of the language over coal in the final negotiations, it was India's environment minister, Bhupender Yadav, who read out a new version of the Glasgow pact that used the watered-down commitment to a "phase down" of coal. Many speculated that it had fallen to India alone to announce the softening of the language over coal because it was seen as more palatable than an intervention by China.

India was not the first to push for a "phase down" of coal at Cop26. The US and China had already used the "phase down" language in the bilateral climate agreement signed on 10 November.

Among many climate experts, the consensus was that India was not the villain it was being portrayed as. Many said the criticism of India's position highlights how the issues of climate injustice are still rife, with developing countries expected to meet the same commitments as wealthy developed countries, who have historically emitted the most and also have access to vast financial resources and alternatives such as natural gas.

At Cop26, Tongia described coal as "low-hanging fruit" that was easy to seize on because of its filthy reputation, and that more graded and nuanced targets for all fossil fuels were necessary. "Whether it's 'phase out' or 'phase down', both are virtue signalling," he said. "I'm much more interested in short-term, boots-on-the-ground action."

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### Questions for Writing and Discussion

- 1) Critically analyze India's stand at the recently concluded 26th session of the UN climate conference (COP26), at Glasgow.
- 2) In the above passage, why is coal described as a "low- hanging fruit"? Elaborate.
- 3) With reference to the principle of "Common but differentiated responsibility", examine why have countries like India and China shown reluctance to phase out coal.
- 4) Do you think that COP26 was successful in addressing the concerns of climate change? Give your opinion.



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**MENTAL AGILITY**

**TOPIC – ALPHABETICAL SERIES**

**ANSWER KEY**

**LEVEL 1**

**SERIAL NO:4**

**Answer 1:** B) KPV

**Explanation:**

The gap between each consecutive pair of alphabets increases by one.

**Answer 2:** C) RO

**Explanation:**

Between H and E there is a gap of two letters while reading them in reverse order.

**Answer 3:** C) Between P and R

**Explanation:**

D for 1, F for 2, H for 3, J for 4, L for 5, N for 6, P for 7, R for 8.

**Answer 4:** B) 17

**Explanation:**

total number of positions of vowels=14

total number of positions of consonants=31

**Answer 5:** A) G

**Explanation:**

The new series: a d e h i l o r u x b c f g j k m n p q s t v w y z

**Answer 6:** A) F·3

**Explanation:**

The series relates to F·3

**Answer 7:** D) t

**Explanation:**

The new series: p o u t v r d c l e

**Answer 8:** c) O

**Explanation:**

The alphabets are C,E,I and U

**Answer 9:** B)

**Explanation:**

Arranging the words in alphabetical order, we have : Elect, Elector, Electric, Electrode. Hence, Elector will come in the second place.

**Answer 10:** D)

**Explanation:**

Arrange the words in alphabetical order, we have, Backing, Banishing, Banking, Bathing. Hence, Banking will come in the second place.