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Instruction/Notes: Attempt all questions.

Q1	Q2	Total
15	10	25
14	8.5	19.5

Q1. Read the following article and answer the questions.

How woke are you? Added to the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) in 2017, it's clear that the word 'woke' has both meaning and history. The question, perhaps, is more what, exactly, that meaning of woke is?

In its modern-day, in a political context, 'woke' is defined by the OED as 'originally: well-informed, up-to-date. Now it means to be alert to racial or social discrimination and injustice'. The Urban Dictionary, meanwhile, explains that 'being woke means being aware... knowing what's going on in the community (related to racism and social injustice)'.

'Woke' follows a long history of words and phrases that relate the gaining of knowledge to sleep and/or sight. Everyone from angry politicians to conspiracy theorists has told the world they're 'blind to the truth' or that they need to 'open their eyes', and rap music with a political message is widely known as 'conscious' hip-hop. 'Woke' implies a state of mind rooted in the past. The implication is that once someone has become woke, they can't easily go back to sleep. For instance, people describe themselves as 'being woke' as opposed to 'being awake' or having 'woke up'.

Like most words, the history of woke is a surprisingly long one. The word was first used in the 1800s but back then, it only meant the act of not being asleep. Fast forward a few centuries and the first recorded use

of 'woke' in its politically conscious use was via a *N.Y. Times Magazine* list of 'phrases and words in 1962.

In 1972, Barry Beckham's play "Garvey Lives!" includes a character claiming he'll 'stay woke' using the work of Jamaican activist leader Marcus Garvey: 'I been sleeping all my life. And now that Mr. Garvey done woke me up, I'm gon stay woke. And I'm gon' help him wake up other black folk'.

For years 'woke' was widely used as slang by African-American communities. Then, in 2008, singer Erykah Badu brought it back into mainstream when she used 'I stay woke' in her song Master Teacher. The #staywoke hashtag was first used on Twitter in 2009, although it took two more years before anyone used 'stay woke' to mean something beyond not being asleep. In the years since, both the word and the phrase 'stay woke' have taken on a life of their own. Coinciding with high profile deaths of African-Americans at the hands of the police this year.

Just remember the roots of "woke" when you use it, because it embodies a lot more than just a "grammatically incorrect" hashtag.

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I. What is the main idea (Implied)? Provide one supporting detail from the text. [2+1]

Main idea :

There are many meaning of word "woke" rather than just being "awake."

Supporting detail:

The word was first being used in 1800's but back then, it only meant the act of not being asleep. words in 1962.

II. What is the purpose of the author? Provide a justification. [1+2]

Purpose: To inform.

Justification: The writer is trying to inform us that there are other meanings of woke rather than just being awake. By recalling the past events occurred related to it.

III. Identify the pattern of organization used. Provide two supporting details from the text.

[1+2]

Pattern: Chronological.

Supporting Detail 1: In 1972, Barry Beckham's play "Garvey Lives!" includes a character claiming he'll "stay woke" using the work of Jamaican activist leader Marcus Garvey: "I been sleeping all my life."

Supporting Detail 2: Then, in 2008, singer Erykah Badu brought it back into mainstream when she used 'I stay woke' in her song Master Teacher.

IV. What is the tone of the text? Provide a justification for your choice.

[1+2]

- a) Angry
- b) Serious
- c) Disapproving
- ☒ d) Objective/ neutral

Justification:

The author is just informing about the history and versatile meanings of word "woke". He doesn't criticize anyone but just recalling history.

v. What is a new word you have learnt this year that has become mainstream? (Keeping in mind in the current situation -pandemic) Where did you hear or read that word?

[2]

The new word I have learnt this year is "Economic Crisis". And now it has become the major problem of most of the under-developed countries. Everyone wants to be economically stabilized in the pandemic. I heard it on television and then read it in newspaper.

Q2. Write a descriptive paragraph on the following topic:

[10 marks]

- word limit: 120 words

Everyone has to shop for food or clothes sometime. Think of a store to which you like to go. What does it look like inside the store? Write a description of a store you like to visit so that your reader can feel as if he or she were there.

Talender mall is the most ideal place to shop for clothes. It fulfills all your requirements at single place. It has three floors and is a very tall building. On the first floor, it ~~has~~ is dedicated to women. If you are married or a female from your family want to go for shopping, they can ~~literally~~ find anything of their requirement. On the right side, all the bridal collection is presented and the left side is for unmarried females. The second and third floor is for men. The second floor comprises of shalwar kameez, waist coat like stuff. While the third floor has all the western clothing like pant coat etc. Infact, Talender mall is best place for shopping.

5.5/10

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