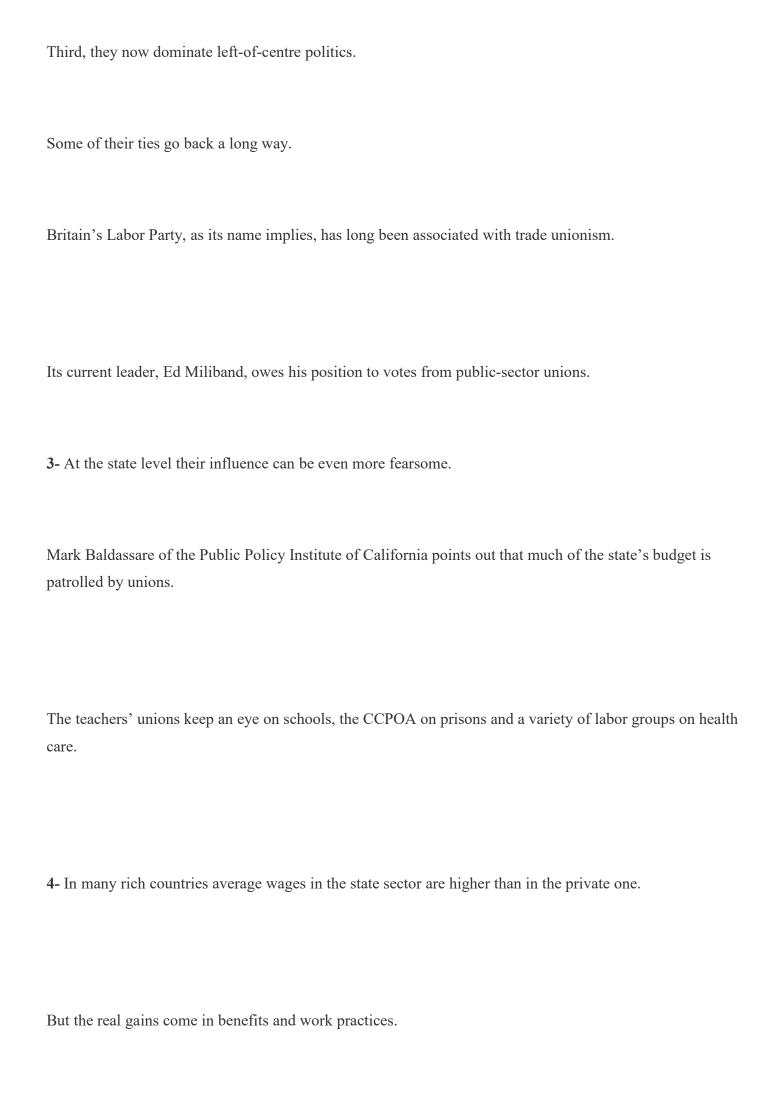
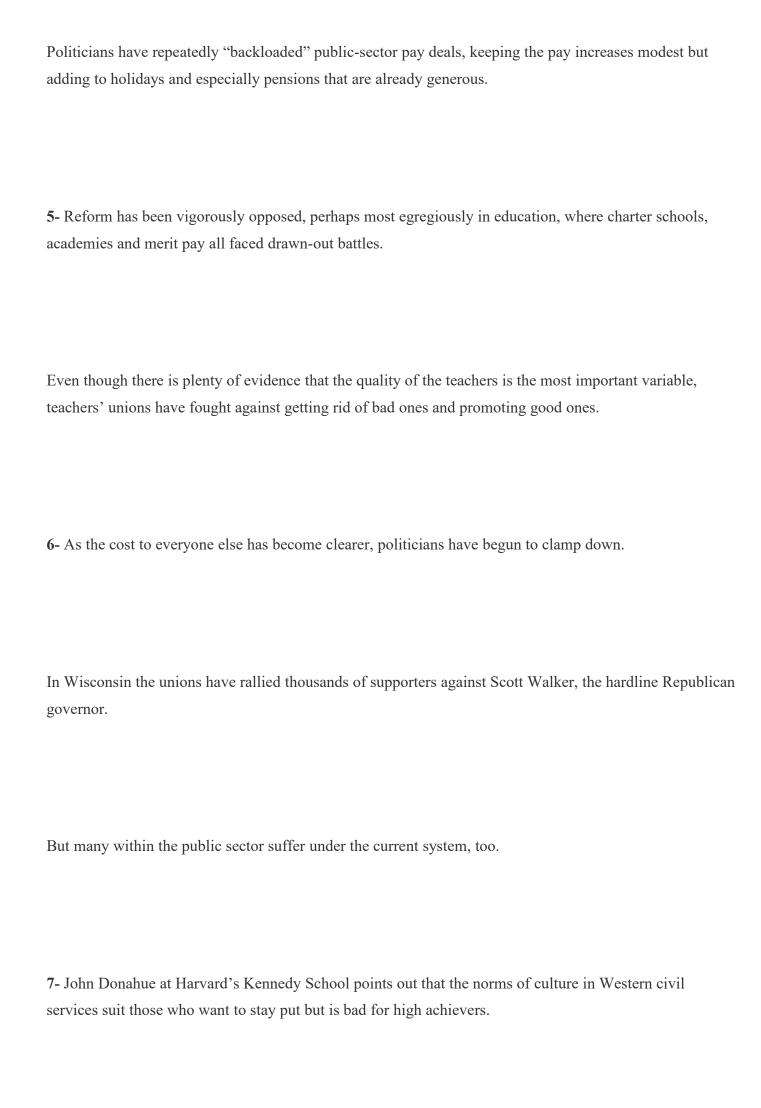
2012-1 Text 4

1- If the trade unionist Jimmy Hoffa were alive today, he would probably represent civil servant.
When Hoffa's Teamsters were in their prime in 1960, only one in ten American government workers belonged to a union; now 36% do.
In 2009 the number of unionists in America's public sector passed that of their fellow members in the private sector.
In Britain, more than half of public-sector workers but only about 15% of private-sector ones are unionized.
2- There are three reasons for the public-sector unions' thriving.
First, they can shut things down without suffering much in the way of consequences.
Second, they are mostly bright and well-educated.
A quarter of America's public-sector workers have a university degree.





The only American public-sector workers who earn well above \$250,000 a year are university sports coaches and the president of the United States.
Bankers' fat pay packets have attracted much criticism, but a public-sector system that does not reward high achievers may be a much bigger problem for America.
36. It can be learned from the first paragraph that
[A] Teamsters still have a large body of members.
[B] Jimmy Hoffa used to work as a civil servant.
[C] unions have enlarged their public-sector membership.
[D] the government has improved its relationship with unionists.
37. Which of the following is true of Paragraph 2?
[A] Public-sector unions are prudent in taking actions.
[B] Education is required for public-sector union membership.
[C] Labor Party has long been fighting against public-sector unions.
[D] Public-sector unions seldom get in trouble for their actions.
38. It can be learned from Paragraph 4 that the income in the state sector is
[A] illegally secured.
[B] indirectly augmented.
[C] excessively increased.
[D] fairly adjusted.

39. The example of the unions in Wisconsin shows that unions
[A] often run against the current political system.
[B] can change people's political attitudes.
[C] may be a barrier to public-sector reforms.
[D] are dominant in the government.
40. John Donahue's attitude towards the public-sector system is one of
[A] disapproval.
[B] appreciation.
[C] tolerance.
[D] indifference.