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1. Consult a dictionary and find out the difference between:

- (a) killing
- (b) murder
- (c) assassination

Answer:

- (a) Killing – to deprive of life in any manner
- (b) Murder – killing of another human being
- (c) Assassination – to murder by a surprise attack, especially for political purposes

2. Popular and powerful leaders have been assassinated in the past as well as in recent times. Can you name some of them?

Answer:

Mahatma Gandhi
John F. Kennedy
Abraham Lincoln
Indira Gandhi
Rajiv Gandhi

3. Discuss in groups the reasons why the leaders you named in (2) were assassinated. Is assassination the end to a problem?

Answer:

The above leaders were assassinated for political reasons or targeted by groups. These leaders were driven by truth, non-violence, patriotism but some anti-social elements didn't want them to establish a peaceful society, hence assassinated them. Assassination or violence is not an end to a problem rather it leads to more turmoil and unrest. Objectives and aims can be achieved peacefully rather than resorting to violence and more dangerous measures such as assassination.

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5. Answer the following questions by ticking the correct options.

1. When Caesar says "Nor heaven nor earth have been at peace to-night" he sounds -----

- (a) worried
- (b) angry
- (c) joyous
- (d) frightened

Answer:

- (a) worried

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2. Caesar's reference to the senators as 'graybeards' shows his

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- (a) confidence
 - (b) cowardice

- (c) arrogance
 - (d) ambition
- Answer:
- (c) arrogance

3. Decius Brutus changes Caesar's mind about going to the Senate by appealing to his _____

- (a) ambition
- (b) vanity
- (c) greed
- (d) generosity

Answer:

- (a) vanity

4. The offer that Cassius makes to Antony after Caesar's assassination is that _____

- (a) the conspirators would like to be friends with him
- (b) he may take Caesar's body to the pulpit and speak to the crowd praising Caesar for his achievements
- (c) his recommendations will be as strong as that of the conspirators while distributing the powers and benefits to friends
- (d) he may join the conspiracy against Caesar

Answer:

- (a) the conspirators would like to be friends with him

5. Cassius tries to stop Brutus from letting Antony speak at Caesar's funeral as he _____

- (a) knows the Roman mob loves Caesar and Antony
- (b) knows Brutus is not a good orator
- (c) knows they should not have killed Caesar
- (d) knows Antony is a good orator who can sway the mob

Answer:

- (d) knows Antony is a good orator who can sway the mob

6. What prophecy does Antony make over Caesar's dead body?

- (a) Romans will see Caesar's ghost roaming on the streets
- (b) Rome will experience fierce civil war in which many people will die
- (c) Rome will be ruled by Ate
- (d) Roman women will smile at the death of Caesar

Answer:

- (b) Rome will experience fierce civil war in which many people will die

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7. After listening to Brutus' speech, the Third Citizen says 'Let him be Caesar'. This clearly shows he _____

- (a) has not understood Brutus' reason for killing Caesar
- (b) loved Caesar more than he loves Brutus
- (c) loves Brutus more than he loved Caesar
- (d) thinks Brutus killed Caesar to assume power.

Answer:

- (a) has not understood Brutus' reason for killing Caesar

8. When Antony calls the conspirators 'honourable men' his tone is _____

- (a) admiring
- (b) flattering
- (c) angry
- (d) mocking

Answer:

- (b) flattering

9. Antony's reference to Caesar's conquest of the Nervii is to _____

- (a) remind the mob of Caesar's greatness as a warrior

- (b) make the mob feel afraid of being attacked by the war-like race
- (c) make the crowd weep for Caesar who died at war
- (d) stop and collect his emotions as he is feeling very upset

Answer:

- (a) remind the mob of Caesar's greatness as a warrior

10. Antony's remark Mischief, thou art afoot,
Take thou what course thou wilt! , shows him to be

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- (a) a ruthless manipulator
 - (b) an honourable man
 - (c) a loyal friend
 - (d) a tactful man

Answer:

- (c) a loyal friend

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