

12. The Voter

One Mark Questions

1. Who was supposed to be very popular in his village in 'The Voter'?
2. Who was addressed as Roof, for short in 'The Voter'?
3. Where had Roof spent two years as a bicycle repairer's apprentice in 'The Voter'?
4. How long had Roof been a bicycle repairer's assistant in 'The Voter'?
5. To which village did Roof belong in 'The Voter'?
6. Who was PAP's most illustrious son referred to in 'The Voter'?
7. Who was Marcus Ibe's most trusted campaigner in 'The Voter'?
8. Who was the Minister of culture in the outgoing government in 'The Voter'?
9. Mention the promise made by PAP if they were voted to power in 'The Voter'?
10. Name the man of high traditional title in Umuofia mentioned in 'The Voter'.
11. Mention one of the honours/benefits politics had brought to Marcus Ibe in 'The Voter'.
12. Opposition to Marcus Ibe in 'The Voter' was like
 - a) a fly trying to move a dunghill.
 - b) the bird challenging his personal spirit.
 - c) a mortar turning its back on the ground.
13. What was Marcus Ibe before entering politics in 'The Voter'?
14. What instance had resulted in the dismissal of Marcus from the mission school in 'The Voter'?
15. What had Marcus Ibe named his new house?
16. Who conducted whispering campaign in 'The Voter'?
17. How much had Marcus Ibe drawn in advance for the election in 'The Voter'?
18. Roof offered _____ shillings initially to the elders for their votes in 'The Voter'.
 - a) four
 - b) two
 - c) five
19. How many shillings was finally accepted for the votes by the elders in 'The Voter'?
20. What does the phrase 'the enemy' used by Roof refers to in 'The Voter'?
21. Who had formed POP in 'The Voter'?
22. What does POP stand for in 'The Voter'?
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24. How much did the POP campaign team offer Roof for his vote in 'The Voter'?
25. What was Roof asked to swear on by the POP team in 'The Voter'?
26. Where does the iyi come from according to the POP campaigner in 'The Voter'?
27. Who competed against Marcus in the election in 'The Voter'?
28. What is the symbol of PAP in 'The Voter'?
29. What is the symbol of POP in 'The Voter'?
30. Whose election symbol was 'man's head' in 'The Voter'?
31. Where was Marcus Ibe seated on the morning of election in 'The Voter'?
32. What precaution did Roof take while inserting the ballot paper in 'The Voter'?

4 Mark Questions

1. Account for Roof's popularity in 'The Voter'.
2. Describe how Marcus Ibe had managed to become a 'successful' politician in 'The Voter'.
3. Explain the change that had come into the thinking of Umuofia in 'The Voter'.
4. What was whispering campaign and how did Roof conduct it in 'The Voter'?
5. What reasons are given for the formation of POP in 'The Voter'?
6. How did the POP campaign team trap Roof in 'The Voter'?
7. Give a picture of the activities on the election morning in 'The Voter'.
8. How does Roof conceal his betrayal of Marcus in the election?
9. Why was Roof in a fix when putting in his ballot paper in 'The Voter'?

6 Mark Questions

1. 'Roof is an intelligent manipulator.' Justify with reference to 'The Voter'.
2. Roof's dilemma on the day of election is the result of his own misdeeds. Do you agree? Give reasons.
3. 'The Voter' is a comment on the awareness of voters. Discuss.
4. Demanding money to vote for a particular person is not wrong. How is this brought out in 'The Voter'?
5. Roof was the most trusted 'whispering campaigner'. To what extent is this true in 'The Voter'?
6. Do you think that Roof was right in tearing the ballot paper into two? Explain with reference to 'The Voter'.
7. 'The voter' presents the role of money and ridicules its power in an election. Explain.

Passive Voice (Q. No. 26)

1. Roof was a young man. He _____ (know) to everyone in Umuofia. The POP campaigner met him at night. No words _____ (waste) between them. Roof _____ (give) five pounds to vote for Maduka.
2. Marcus Ibe was the PAP candidate. He _____ (warn) about the radical change in the thinking of Umuofia. So five months' salary _____ (draw) in advance. His campaign boys _____ (arm) with eloquent little jute bags.
3. Marcus Ibe was extremely generous to Roof. He _____ (ask) to lend one of his many robes by Roof. When Marcus Ibe's wife objected, she _____ (rebuke) publicly by him. Roof won a land case because he _____ (drive) by a chauffeur to the disputed site.
4. Roof received a strange visit from the POP campaigner. Though the campaigner and Roof _____ (know) to each other, his visit was cold and business-like. No words _____ (exchange) between them. When the visitor placed five pounds on the floor, Roof _____ (mesmerize) by the picture of the cocoa farmer.
5. Marcus was doing things in grand style. A high life band from Umuru _____ (hire) by him and it _____ (station) at a distance from the voting booth. Marcus sat in his car when last minute advice _____ (give) to voters by Roof and others.
6. The man nudged his companion and he brought forward an object that _____ (cover) with a red cloth. It was a fearsome little affair. It _____ (keep) in a clay pot and feathers _____ (stick) into it.

Reported Speech (Q. No. 27)

1. Roof : I work for Marcus Ibe.
POP Campaigner : We have plenty of work to do tonight. Are you taking this or not?
Roof : Will it not be heard outside this room?
POP campaigner : We are after votes, not gossip.
2. Roof : Do not forget. Our sign is the motor-car.
Woman : Is it like Marcus's car?
Roof : It is the same car. Don't look at the other with the man's head.

3. POP Campaigner : The iyi comes from Mbanta. Swear on it.
 Roof : I will cast my paper for Maduka. But Maduka has no chance against Marcus.
 POP Campaigner : Maduka gives out pounds, not shillings.

Expressions (Q. No. 29)

- Marcus knew that he would win but didn't want _____ a single vote. So he asked his campaign boys to go one at a time and put in their ballot papers. At this time Roof was weighed down by guilt but pretended _____.
 (to be in high spirits, to throw away, pass by)
- Roof was _____ as he had sworn on iyi that he would vote for Maduka. However, on the day of election he wanted to hide it. Therefore he did not _____ his calm and confidence.
 (give up, face lit up, in a fix).
- In Umuofia, everyone was _____ for Marcus Ibe. He was not like the mortar which as soon as food comes its way _____ on the ground.
 (looks down at, turns its back, full of praise)
- It was the time of election. The campaign in Umuofia was _____. All knew that the honorable minister would have a _____.
 (in a soup, landslide victory, in full swing)
- Roof was disturbed on the morning of the election. Suddenly a thought _____ his mind and he _____ in his springy fashion towards the booth.
 (leapt into, gave out, dashed off)
- Roof's heart nearly _____ when he saw the iyi; Indeed he knew the fame of Mbanta in these things. What could a single vote cast in secret for Maduka _____ from Marcus's certain victory?
 (get a few, flew out, take away)

Linkers (Q. No. 30)

- Roof was a young and energetic man. He never left his village _____ seek work in the towns _____ decided to remain to guide his people. _____ he was very popular. _____ he was an expert in election campaigning.
 (moreover, but, in order to, so)
- Everything was moving according to plan. _____ Roof had received a strange visit from the leader of POP campaign team. _____ he and Roof were well known _____ might even be called friends, the visit was business-like. He placed five pounds on the floor before Roof. _____ Roof spoke his eyes never left the red notes on the floor.
 (and, although, then, as)

3. Roof was a very popular man in his village. _____ the villagers did not explain it in so many words, Roof's popularity was a measure of their gratitude to an energetic young man _____, unlike most of his fellows nowadays, had not abandoned the village _____ seek work, any work in the towns. And Roof was not a village lout _____ .

(who, although, either, in order to)

4. Roof's heart nearly flew out _____ he saw the iyi _____ he knew the fame of Mbanta well. _____ , he was certain that a single vote would not defeat Marcus. _____ he agreed to swear on the iyi.

(hence, when, however, as)