



Read the letter below and answer the following questions.

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To
The Editor
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Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the Government and the concerned officials/Authorities towards the miserable condition of the layman due to the increasing prices of edible things like pulses, onions, oils, etc.

According to a recent survey, the inflation has gone from 6% to 7% in 2022 causing a nightmare for the middle class, not to mention the terror the people Under 'Below Poverty Line' are going through. Most commoners/middle-class salary earners have a fixed salary that does not seem to increase under the influence of inflation and thus the constant hike in prices of pulses, onions, and oil are proving to be fatal for the commoners.

The pensioners are facing a worse situation as they have a limited income with their age posing as a crisis too. The daily wage earners and their families sleep hungry with a hope that the evil in the form of outrageous prices of basic commodities mounting over their heads fade away and they get to eat and survive the next day.

With cases of hoarding and illegal Black Marketing of essential commodities by the crooked and corrupt elements of society which result in these outrageous growths of prices, appearing every other day on newspapers and web portals cripple the commoners even more.

Though the Police is taking necessary action to curb this malicious chain of 'Black Marketing' crimes, it seems to be widespread to a great extent as these malpractices still continue at full flow, giving sleepless nights to the middle and lower classes of society.

Your newspaper has successfully taken up such topics which highlight the pain and atrocities of the commoners and force the government officials and politicians to take immediate action and answer the questions of the layman. As an avid reader of your newspaper and someone who has faith in the reach of your esteemed daily, I expect nothing different this time around too.

Yours faithfully,
John Ryan



1. The rising inflation has mostly affected
 - A. the middle class.
 - B. the landed gentry.
 - C. the rich business class.
 - D. the government.

2. Pensioners face trouble when there is inflation, because
 - A. they don't understand the concept of inflation.
 - B. they have limited income.
 - C. they cannot access the black market.
 - D. they get no help from the government.

3. Inflation is caused mainly due to
 - A. increased demand.
 - B. corrupt government officials.
 - C. black marketing.
 - D. poor stocking facilities.

Daffodils—William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,



They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

4. What does the poet compare himself with?

- A. Daffodils
- B. Mountains
- C. Lakes
- D. Clouds

5. The memory of daffodils has a positive impact on the poet when he thinks about them in

- A. an angry mood.
- B. a pensive mood.
- C. his busy hours.
- D. a nice company.

Answers

1. A. The middle class comprises mostly of service-holders whose salaries are fixed and do not rise with the rise in inflation.
2. B. The pensioners face a worse situation during inflation because they have limited income, and age is not on their side too.
3. C. Hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities by society's crooked and corrupt elements result in an outrageous price rise.



4. D. The poet says at the beginning that when he came across the daffodils, he was wandering as lonely as a cloud.

5. B. When in a vacant and pensive mood, the poet lightens up when he remembers the daffodils.

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