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Let's be honest—when it comes to English for some political exams, reading isn't just important; it's everything. Nearly half of the questions—directly or indirectly—are based on how well you read. Don't think I'm saying that to scare you. You don't have to become a speed reader overnight. What you need is smart, consistent reading. That's why I've picked real, relevant content from daily newspapers just for you. It'll train your mind to think, understand, and respond faster. Every passage you read here brings you a step closer to confidence and clarity. Read this, and you've already won half the battle.

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I know vocabulary can feel overwhelming sometimes—so many words, so little time. But here's the truth: it doesn't have to be that way. This section is designed to help you truly connect with words—not just memorize them. You'll learn them in context, understand how they're used in real life, and slowly start to own them. Everything you see here is from actual newspapers, so it's relevant, real, and reliable. Over time, you'll notice something beautiful—you won't just remember the words, you'll feel them. And that changes everything.

GRAMMAR

Grammar... it has a bit of a reputation, right? Too many rules, too many exceptions. But here's the thing: grammar doesn't have to be dry or confusing. In fact, it can be one of the most empowering tools you have. We're not going to give you rules—we're going to understand them, together. All examples come from real newspaper content, so you'll see how grammar actually works in real life. Shortcuts, patterns will start to click. You'll begin spotting mistakes instantly, understanding structure intuitively. That's grammar doing its job, and you're becoming your own support system.

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MERCURIAL

अस्थिर

likely to change frequently, suddenly, or unexpectedly

SYNONYMS

Erratic

ANTONYMS

- Volatile ✓
- Capricious ✓
- Fickle ✓
- Skittish ✓
- Whimsical ✓

Temperamental

Impulsive

- Phlegmatic ✓
- Placid ✓
- Stolid ✓
- Imperturbable ✓

disturb

Serene

Tranquil

FORMS

Noun-(mercurialness)



Her _____ temperament made her both exciting and exhausting to work with.



SNIDE

तुच्छ (Aoly)

not following or in accordance with standards of honor and decency

SYNONYMS

Scornful

Derogatory

Disparaging

Belittling

- Sordid
- Despicable
- Ignominious
- Execrable

Sly

Contemptible

ANTONYMS

Complimentary

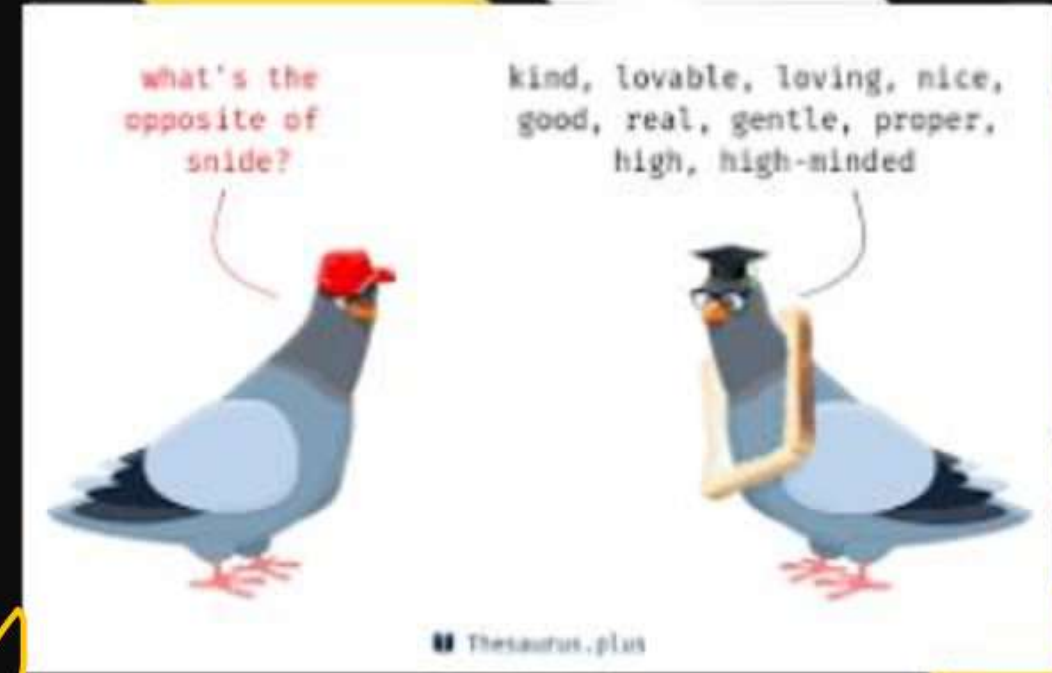
Exulting

- Lofty
- Scrupulous
- Laudatory
- Affable

Amiable / Genial / Benign

FORMS

Noun-(snideness)



He gave a _____ comment about her success, implying it was undeserved.



BUDGE

शर्तों को मान लेना *Vo16*

to cease resistance (as to another's arguments, demands, or control)

SYNONYMS

Seruire

- Relent ✓
 - Capitulate ✓
 - Acquiesce ✓
 - Flex ✓
- Adjust*
- Docile*

ANTONYMS

- Defy ✓
- Persist ✓
- Thwart ✓
- Contend ✓



FORMS

Noun-(budge)

Despite repeated pushes, the heavy door barely _____.



OSTRACIZE

बहिष्कृत Verb

to not allow (someone) to be included in a group; to exclude (someone) from a group

SYNONYMS

- Decry ✓
- Excommunicated ✓
- Blackballed ✓
- Expelled ✓
- Alienated ✓

Exclude
Boycott

Estranged

ANTONYMS

- Reintegrated ✓
- Affiliated ✓
- Socialized ✓

Embrace

FORMS

Noun-(ostracism)

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TUM NAHI AA SAKTI MUMBAI
SO PLEASE UNDERSTAND

The artist's radical views led to his _____ from elite circles.



CONFORMITY

अनुसारिता

a state of consistency

Conform - Conform - ✓

SYNONYMS

Adherence

Compliance

Assent

- Congruence ✓
- Assimilation ✓
- Homogeneity ✓
- Orthodoxy ✓
- Observance ✓

ANTONYMS

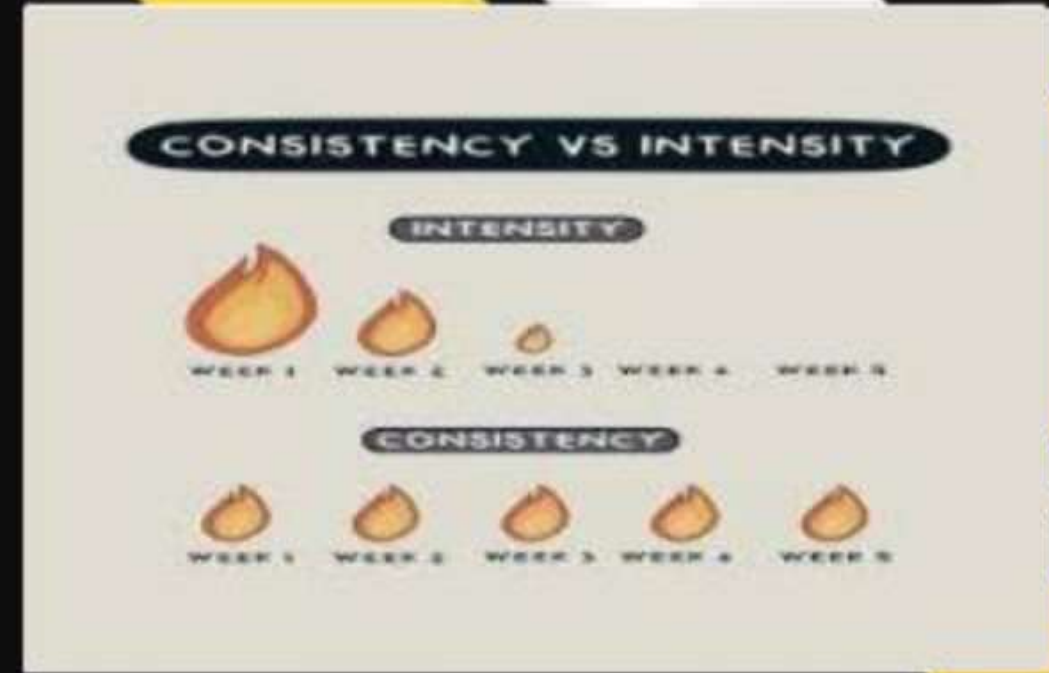
Rebellion

Resistance

- Deviance ✓
- Dissent ✓
- Heterodoxy ✓
- Defiance ✓

FORMS

Adjective-(conformist)



The school enforces strict _____ to its dress code.



REPRESS

अधिकार में लाना

to put a stop to (something) by the use of force

SYNONYMS

oppress
Suppress

ANTONYMS

Express

Stifle

- Quell ✓
- Subdue ✓
- Squelch ✓
- Throttle ✓

Subjugate
Contain
Quash

- Foment ✓
- Abet ✓
- Cultivate ✓
- Proclaim ✓

FORMS

Noun-(repression)

(9 years old) me:- 🤔🤔



The government _____ the uprising with military force.



SCAPEGOAT

बलि का बकरा *Verb*

a person or thing taking the blame for others

SYNONYMS

- Persecuted ✓
- Singled out ✓
- Victimized ✓
- Fall guy ✓

ANTONYMS

- Vindicated ✓
- Absolved ✓
- Exonerated ✓
- Acquitted ✓

बलि का बकरा
(Scapegoat)तुम लोग हमेशा मुझे ही बलि का बकरा बनाते हो।
You guys always make me a Scapegoat.

FORMS

He was made the _____ for the company's financial losses.



PLAUSIBLE

प्रशंसनीय

worthy of being accepted as true or reasonable

SYNONYMS

- Cogitable
- Persuasive
- Feasible
- Presumptive

Reasonable
Logical
Credible

ANTONYMS

- Absurd
- Outlandish
- Preposterous
- Dubious

Judicious



FORMS

Noun-(plausibility)

He _____ argued his case before the committee.

plausible/plausibly



APATHY

उदासीनता ✓

a lack of emotion or emotional expressiveness

SYNONYMS

- Numbness
- Phlegm
- Impassivity
- Obduracy

Indifference
Lethargy

ANTONYMS

- Compassion
- Pity
- Receptivity
- Hysteria

Empathy

FORMS

Adjective- (Apathetic)
Adverb- (Apathetically)



The voter turnout was low, indicating widespread _____ toward the election. ✓



ANOMALY

विसंगति (N)

something that is different from what is ordinary or expected

SYNONYMS

- Exception ✓
- Abnormality ✓
- Oddity ✓
- Aberration ✓

ANTONYMS

- Ordinary ✓
- Usual ✓
- Norm ✓

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FORMS

Adjective- (Anomalous)
Adverb- (Anomalously)

His perfect score on the notoriously difficult exam was an ____.



IDIOMS

1. The writing on the wall

Meaning: Clear signs that something bad is going to happen.

Example: With profits dropping every quarter, the writing was on the wall for the company.

2. Throwback to a bygone era

Meaning: Something that reminds you of an earlier time.

Example: That vintage car is a throwback to a bygone era of elegance and craftsmanship.

3. Scapegoated

Meaning: Made to take the blame for something, often unfairly.

Example: The intern was scapegoated for the department's failure, though she had no role in it.

PHRASAL VERBS

- **Come as (no) surprise**

Meaning: To be (or not be) unexpected.

Example: His sudden resignation didn't come as a surprise to the board.

- **Hold firm**

Meaning: To maintain one's position or opinion without wavering.

Example: Despite public pressure, the minister held firm on the tax reforms.

- **Give way (to)**

Meaning: To collapse or yield under pressure or strain.

Example: The old bridge gave way after days of continuous rainfall.

Root Word: “luc / lum / lus” (Latin – to shine, light, brightness)

1. Lucent (adjective) – Glowing with light; shining

Example: The lucent jellyfish glowed in the dark waters.

2. Pellucid (adjective) – Transparently clear; easily understandable

Example: His pellucid explanation made the complex topic easy to grasp.

3. Elucidate (verb) – To make clear; to explain

Example: The professor used a diagram to elucidate the chemical process.

4. Translucent (adjective) – Allowing light to pass through diffusely

Example: The translucent curtains softened the sunlight entering the room.

5. Luminary (noun) – A person who inspires or influences others, often intellectually

Example: Dr. Kalam was considered a luminary in Indian science and education.

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The 25% tariff “plus penalty” on imports of Indian goods in the United States, announced by President Donald Trump, should have come as no surprise to India. Mr. Trump has, for a while now, been voicing his displeasure at India’s dealings with Russia, with regard to energy dealings and military equipment. He has also been quite vocal about India’s high tariff and non-tariff barriers. These were the reasons he cited in his announcement on Wednesday. Add to this these facts — first, U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, as recently as Monday, had said that a trade deal with India needed “some more negotiations”, and second, Indian Commerce Ministry officials had stopped talking about a mini-deal for a while now. Thus, **the writing on the wall** was pretty clear: a deal before August 1 was not in the offing. The only uncertainty in this mix was the **mercurial** Trump, but he has finally made his position clear. However, while there was an expectation that a mini-deal would not materialise, something does seem to have shifted in India-U.S. relations. This is showing up now in Mr. Trump’s language — as a **snide** remark on Thursday about Pakistan selling oil to India in the future, or he, even more recently, calling the Indian economy “dead”. Whether this was him venting his frustration at not being able to secure a deal with India — after calling himself the “Dealmaker in Chief” — or whether something else has triggered him is not clear yet. The fact is that both sides have not **budged** from their core policies.

The U.S. wants India to reduce its tariffs and provide market access across the board and India has held firm about ring-fencing agriculture and dairy. All of this makes negotiating a potential bilateral trade agreement (BTA) that much more complicated. Where government officials have constantly changed deadlines for a mini-deal, they have been remarkably consistent about meeting the Fall deadline for the BTA. But now Mr. Trump has linked India's dealings with Russia to India's trade relations with the U.S. Who India does business with is a sovereign matter, and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry rightfully reiterated its commitment to securing India's national interest. On the other hand, the U.S. accounts for around a fifth of India's exports. The 25% tariffs plus a yet-unknown penalty places India at a relative disadvantage when compared to competitors such as South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam. Trade associations representing several sectors have already voiced their concern. Indian negotiators will have to work doubly hard to conclude an acceptable deal.

1. Inference Based

The passage suggests that Donald Trump's rhetoric regarding India's economic policies and tariffs has

- A) remained entirely consistent with previous U.S. administrations
- B) intensified in tone as trade negotiations failed to yield results
- C) diminished following India's strategic alignment with Russia?
- D) been largely ignored by Indian policymakers
- E) directly influenced India's internal agricultural reforms

2. Tone Analysis

Which of the following best characterizes the author's tone in the passage?

- A) Optimistic and forward-looking ✗
- B) Detached yet analytically concerned ✓
- C) Cynical and dismissive of diplomacy
- D) Alarmist and polemical ✗
- E) Reverent towards economic policy ✗

3. Logical Reasoning

Which of the following, if true, would most weaken India's argument about protecting its agricultural sector in trade talks?

- A) India recently increased its agricultural subsidies
- B) Indian dairy exports to Southeast Asia have risen 15%
- C) The U.S. offers zero tariffs to least developed countries
- D) India imports essential farm equipment from the U.S.
- E) Domestic production in India exceeds demand in key dairy sectors

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4. Phrase Interpretation (Idiom-based)

In context, what does the use of the idiom "venting his frustration" most nearly convey about Trump's public remarks?

- A) They were diplomatically crafted to provoke negotiations
- B) They reflected strategic calculations aimed at pressuring allies
- C) They were emotionally charged responses to unmet goals
- D) They signaled an official policy shift on Indo-U.S. trade
- E) They were misinterpreted by Indian media

(B E)

5. Title Based

Which of the following would serve as the most appropriate and nuanced title for the passage?

- A) Indo-American Trade Collapse: A Strategic Breakdown
- B) Tariffs, Trade, and Tensions: Unpacking a Diplomatic Deadlock
- C) The Rise and Fall of Dairy Negotiations in Global Trade
- D) Trump's Lasting Legacy on U.S.-Asia Alliances
- E) Indian Exports and the Politics of Isolation



6. Purpose Based

The primary purpose of the passage is to

- A) critique India's reluctance to open up its agriculture sector
- B) analyse the trajectory of India-U.S. trade relations in light of new tariffs
- C) report a chronological list of events between India and Russia
- D) justify the U.S.'s imposition of trade penalties on developing nations
- E) present a comparison between India's trade policies and ASEAN economies

On the night of July 6, at Tetgama village in Purnia district of Bihar, five members of a family, three of them women, were mercilessly beaten and burnt alive. The alleged reason: witchcraft.

In today's India, branding a woman as a witch may seem like a throwback to **a bygone era**. However, news from States such as Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Assam says otherwise: women are still harassed, **ostracised**, and killed in the name of witchcraft. The methods are often brutal.

The practice of hunting down and publicly lynching women accused of witchcraft is not just a freak occurrence; it is a systemic part of India's social landscape, driven not just by superstition but also gendered violence, deeply embedded in structures of patriarchy, caste, poverty, and fear. Over 2,500 women have been killed on charges of witchcraft since 2000, show National Crime Records Bureau figures.

The accusations of witchcraft are not made randomly. They fall heavily on women, especially those widowed, elderly, single or socially isolated. It's not out of any genuine belief in magical powers, but because they are obstacles to male inheritance, land ownership, or community **conformity**.

The allegation of witchcraft is put to effective use to **repress** and **punish**.
Labelling a woman as a “witch” maintains gender roles and punishes those who defy them. Outspoken or independent women are often **scapegoated**. The stigma surrounding such accusations is a life sentence for many and a death sentence for some. Witch-hunting is not a deviation, but an extension of gendered violence—like domestic abuse, rape, or dowry deaths—used to oppress.

Witchcraft accusations are common where poverty, illiteracy, and poor health facilities prevail. In such contexts, supernatural explanations for illness or misfortune seem **plausible**. Structural violence—state neglect, empty classrooms, abandoned health centres—amplifies the appeal of magical thinking.

This reflects Auguste Comte’s “theological stage”, where superstition dominates thought. It is no accident that witch-hunting thrives where the state fails to provide basic services. Even a simple fever becomes fertile ground for fear and vengeance.

Caste and patriarchy are intertwined dynamics in rural and tribal India. The accusations disproportionately target lower-caste and tribal women, often at the hands of dominant-caste members seeking to maintain hierarchies.

Land disputes and rivalries frequently take the form of witchcraft allegations masked as cultural practices.

Where tribal cosmologies once fostered reciprocity and healing, they are now distorted by pressures to modernise, migrate, and surrender land. Beliefs once sacred are now tools for landlords, village heads, or relatives to disempower women and stifle dissent.

Convictions in witchcraft cases are rare. Despite State-level laws, law enforcers often dismiss them as "local issues". The lack of implementation reflects administrative apathy and political failure.

India needs a comprehensive approach: legal enforcement, education, healthcare access, and community mobilisation. Empathy, education and awareness must be paired with structural reforms and intersectional policies that address caste, gender, and economic vulnerability.

Witch-hunting is not an exotic anomaly but a brutal manifestation of patriarchy and state failure. We must amplify survivors' voices and campaign for a more humane society where no woman fears being branded a witch.

7. Odd One Out

Which of the following elements is **least** aligned with the central concerns expressed in the passage?

- A) Caste-based violence ✓
- B) Patriarchal control of women ✓
- C) Judicial apathy
- D) Religious tolerance debates ✓
- E) Structural failure of the state ✓

8. Cause-Effect Based

What is the *most plausible consequence* of labelling a woman a witch, according to the passage?

- A) It leads to access to traditional remedies and healing
- B) It forces families to migrate to urban centres
- C) It subjects her to lifelong social and physical punishment
- D) It results in political mobilisation among tribal groups
- E) It brings peace to conflict-ridden communities

9. Paradox Based

Which of the following best presents a **paradox** highlighted in the passage?

- A) The state penalises witch-hunting but fails to prevent it
- B) Witch-hunting continues despite modernization and urbanisation
- C) Tribes hold sacred beliefs that now oppress their own people
- D) Literacy campaigns have eradicated belief in magic
- E) Political leaders both support and criminalise witchcraft

10. Analogy Based

Which of the following best *parallels* the dynamic of witch-hunting as described in the passage?

- A) Firing employees without cause during a recession
- B) Arresting a journalist for reporting corruption in high offices
- C) A student being bullied for being academically weak
- D) A doctor being accused of malpractice due to rivalry
- E) Blaming a widow for poor harvest and punishing her

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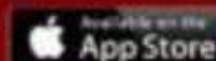
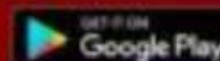
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