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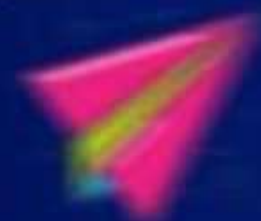


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Let's be honest—when it comes to English for some political exams, reading isn't just important; it's everything. Nearly half of the questions—directly or indirectly—are based on how well you read. Don't think I'm saying that to scare you. You don't 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.

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PROSCRIBE

निषेध करना *Prescribe*

the act of ordering that something not be done or used

SYNONYMS

- Prohibit ✓ *Boycott*
- Forbid ✓ *Veto*
- Ostracize ✓
- Excommunicate ✓ *Interdict Debar*

ANTONYMS

- Legalize ✓ *legitimize*
- License ✓
- Sanction ✓
- Endorsement ✓

Prescribe or Proscribe?



prescribe
(to authorize)



proscribe
(to forbid)

FORMS

Noun-(proscription) ✓

_____ certain books often leads to debates about censorship. ✓



FUSTIAN

अतिशयोक्ति (FOM)

marked by the use of impressive-sounding but mostly meaningless words and phrases

SYNONYMS

Pompous

ANTONYMS

Succinct

- Pontifical
- Oratorical
- Rhetoric
- Turgid
- Magniloquence

Grandiloquent

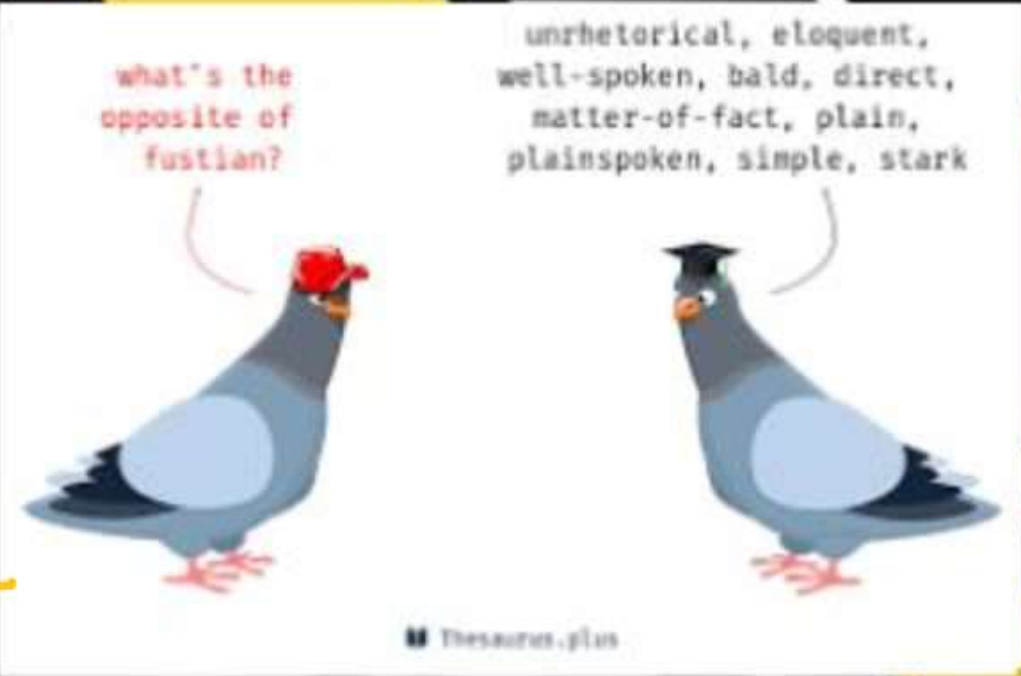
Bombastic

- Eloquent
- Unadorned
- Stark
- Brevity

language Brevity

Laconic

Pithy



FORMS

Noun- (fustian)

Avoid using _____ in your writing to maintain clarity.



EMOLLIENT

शांत करनेवाला

tending to calm the emotions and relieve stress

Mollify

antagonist

SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

- Serene
- Slick
- Placid
- Mellow
- Palliative

Tranquil

Soothe

Conciliatory

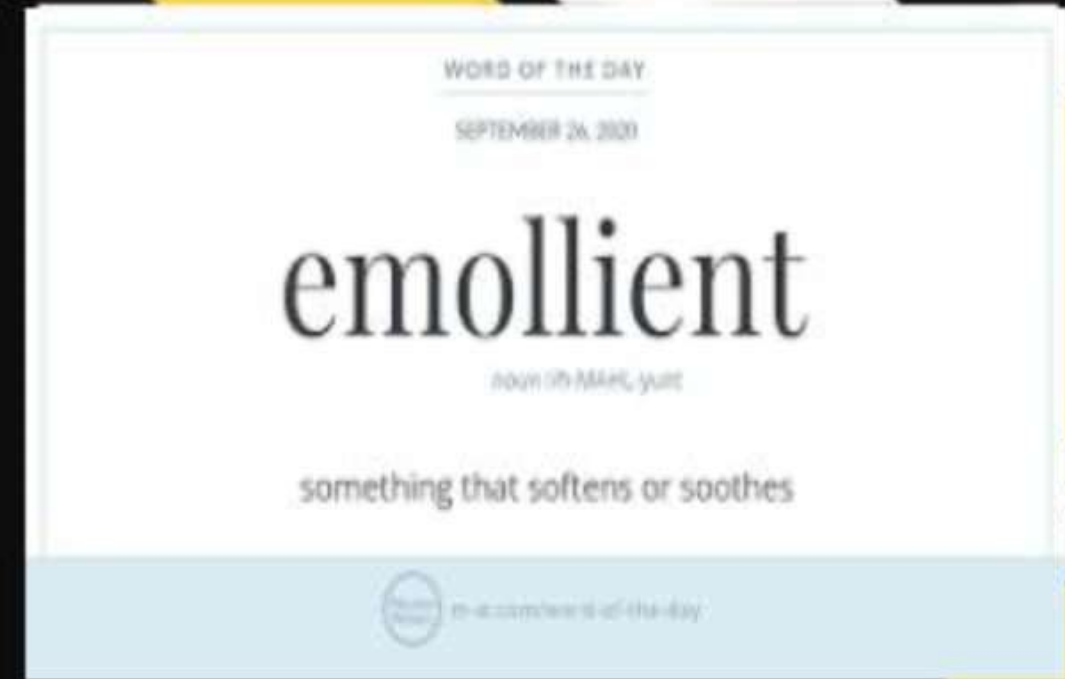
- Stern
- Abrasive
- Fierce
- Coarse

harsh

Stringent
acrid

FORMS

Noun- (emollient)



The lotion has an _____ effect on dry skin.



BLIP

to destroy all traces of

मिटाना

(Verb)

SYNONYMS

- Obliterate
- Expunge
- Efface
- Wipe out
- Eradicate

Anomaly

Glitch

Hiccup

ANTONYMS

- Restore
- Conserve
- Protect
- Preserve



FORMS

Economic growth may face occasional _____, but long-term trends usually prevail.



OBSOLETE

अप्रचलित

having passed its time of use or usefulness

SYNONYMS

- Archaic ✓
- Medieval ✓
- Defunct ✓
- Neolithic ✓

Extinct

Outdated

Antiquated

ANTONYMS

- Refurbished ✓
- Modern ✓
- Newfangled ✓
- Operable ✓

Contemporary

Neophyte
Novice



FORMS

Noun-(obsolescence)

The company replaced _____ machinery to improve efficiency.



KOWTOW

बंदगी

(14)

to use flattery or the doing of favors in order to win approval especially from a superior

SYNONYMS

- Toady ✓
- Drool ✓
- Truckle ✓
- Sycophancy ✓
- Cringe ✓

Adulation
Flattery

ANTONYMS

- Despise ✓
- Scorn ✓
- Disdain ✓
- Jibe ✓

Reprimand
Censure
Condemn
Berate

FORMS

Noun- (kowitz)



The king demanded _____ from all visiting diplomats.



ETHEREAL

not composed of matter

अभौतिक

SYNONYMS

- Incorporeal ✓
- Spiritual ✓
- Metaphysical ✓
- Psychical ✓

ANTONYMS

- Carnal ✓
- Corporeal ✓
- Animal ✓
- Substantial ✓



FORMS

Noun-(ethereality)

The morning mist gave the forest an _____ quality.



IMPENDING

नजदीक का

being soon to appear or take place

Adn

SYNONYMS

- Looming ✓
- Imminent ✓
- Brewing ✓
- Anticipated ✓
- Ominous ✓

ANTONYMS

- Bygone ✓
- Distant ✓
- Ultimate ✓
- Remote ✓
- Deferred ✓



FORMS

Verb-(impend)

She was nervous about the _____ exam results.



LAMENT

शोक

to feel or express sorrow for

SYNONYMS

- Deplore ✓
- Bemoan ✓
- Bewail ✓
- Execrate ✓

Mourn

Somber

Melancholi

ANTONYMS

- Delight ✓
- Beam ✓
- Exult ✓
- Laud ✓

Ecstasy

Exultation

Exuberance

FORMS

Noun- (lament)



She _____ the missed opportunity.



JOCULAR

हास्यकर

given to or marked by mature intelligent humor

Johe

SYNONYMS

- Facetious ✓
- Amusing ✓
- Jovial ✓
- Ridiculous ✓
- Frivolous ✓

Merry
Comical

ANTONYMS

- Lowbrow ✓
- Hackneyed ✓
- Corny ✓
- Somber ✓



FORMS

Noun- (jocularity)

He _____ teased his friend about the mishap.



IDIOMS

• **Let the genie out of the bottle** ✓

Meaning: To allow something to happen that cannot be undone

Example: Once you post something online, the genie is out of the bottle.

• **Paper over the cracks** ✓

Meaning: To hide problems rather than solve them

Example: Their smiles at the press conference only papered over the cracks in their relationship.

• **In the offing** ✓

Meaning: Likely to happen soon ✓

Example: A major cabinet reshuffle is said to be in the offing after the elections.

PHRASAL VERBS

•Slip into

Meaning: To gradually begin to be in a particular state

Example: Over the months, he slipped into depression without even realizing it.

•Rule out

Meaning: To eliminate or reject the possibility of something

Example: The doctors ruled out malaria after seeing the test results.

•Flag up

Meaning: To draw attention to something important

Example: The auditor flagged up irregularities in the financial report.

all derived from the root "chron-" (meaning "time"):

Time

• **Chronology** – Order of events by time

Example: The detective reconstructed the crime's chronology to identify the suspect.

• **Synchronize** – Happen at the same time

Example: The dancers had to synchronize their movements perfectly for the performance.

• **Anachronism** – Thing out of its time period

Example: The movie had an anachronism when a character in ancient Rome used a wristwatch.

• **Chronic** – Long-lasting or constant

Example: She suffers from chronic migraines that affect her daily life.

• **Chronicle** – Record of events over time

Example: The journalist wrote a detailed chronicle of the civil rights movement.

$$\frac{10}{10}$$

$$\frac{5}{10}$$

$$\frac{8}{10}$$

At 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, a nuclear bomb exploded just above Hiroshima, killing at least 70,000 people. Three days later, a second weapon exploded over Nagasaki, killing 40,000. In the 80 years since, nuclear weapons have not been used again, even though possessor states have increased from one to nine. However, recent hostilities involving nuclear powers and nuclear modernisation are putting the norm of non-use under immense strain.

Lessons from 1945: Arguably, no one has worked more passionately to eliminate nuclear weapons than the Hibakusha, the survivors of the atomic attacks. Their testimony created a powerful moral and ethical case against nuclear use. Knowledge about radiation sickness became widespread in Japan only after a fishing boat, Fukuryu Maru, was exposed to nuclear fallout during the U.S.'s 1954 Castle Bravo test, which spread radioactive ash to a vessel floating 86 miles away. All crew members fell seriously ill. Nine years after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan began to understand that the bombs killed not just instantly but painfully over time as survivors formed the Nihon Hidankyo and fanned out to educate people worldwide. It is debatable whether the norm of non-use owes more to the Hibakusha's moral case or to nuclear deterrence. While the total number of nuclear weapons has fallen since the Cold War, today's nukes are more sophisticated and "useable." Much effort has gone into developing tactical weapons designed for deadly accuracy. For 80 years we have decided that any nuclear use would let the genie out of the bottle.

The norm of non-use: Ultimately, the norm rests on a conscious decision to brand nuclear weapons as different. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty limits their spread; the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty bans tests; neither prohibits use. The International Court of Justice's 1996 advisory opinion stated that use "would generally be contrary" to humanitarian law, even though it could not rule on legality. Together, these treaties shore up the norm without legally **proscribing** use.

Against this backdrop, recent Russian nuclear threats over Ukraine have tested the special categorisation of nukes. Closer home, during Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that India "will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail."

We are influenced by the Hibakusha's testimony today only because Fukuryu Maru's misfortune connected radiation sickness to nuclear weapons.

Eighty years after nuclear weapons were used in anger, we are in danger of slipping into **complacency**. It took America's thermonuclear test miscalculation for the truth about nuclear fallout to become widely understood. We should not wait for another misstep before the dangers of nuclear miscalculation are appreciated again.

1. Inference -Based Question

The author implies that the “**norm of non-use**” has endured chiefly because:

- A. Hibakusha advocacy and the moral weight of survivor testimony
- B. The numerical decline of warheads since the Cold War
- C. Sophistication of modern tactical weapons
- D. Binding legal prohibitions against use in major treaties
- E. Ongoing fears of nuclear blackmail in regional conflicts

2. Vocabulary Based Question

In “tactical weapons designed for deadly accuracy,” the term “**tactical**” most nearly means:

- A. Strategically positioned for battlefield use ✓
- B. Intended for demonstration rather than combat ✓
- C. Capable of being deployed secretly ✗
- D. Suited to precise, limited military objectives ✗
- E. Restricted by international law

3. True – False Multi statement

- I. The Hibakusha formed Nihon Hidankyo within a decade of 1945.
- II. The NPT explicitly forbids the use of nuclear weapons.
- III. The ICJ said use “would generally be contrary” to humanitarian law.

Which are true?

- A. Only I and III ✓
- B. Only I and II
- C. Only II and III
- D. I, II, and III
- E. Only III

4. Filler Based Vocab

“Eighty years after Hiroshima, the world risks drifting into _____, overlooking the bitter lessons of nuclear devastation.”

A. vigilance ✓

B. apathy —

C. hubris ✓

D. foresight ✓

E. resilience ✗

(indifference)

5. Contextual Understanding

Which of the following is **NOT** cited in the passage as supporting the norm of non-use?

- A. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty's limits on spread
- B. The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty's ban on tests
- C. The ICJ's 1996 advisory opinion on humanitarian law
- D. The Hibakusha's moral and ethical testimony
- E. A formal legal prohibition on actual weapon use

6. Logical Reasoning

The author's concluding remark—“We should not wait for another misstep before the dangers of nuclear miscalculation are appreciated again”—most directly implies that future public awareness will arise only after:

- A. Hibakusha-led educational campaigns gain global traction
- B. A significant treaty (NPT or CTBT) is finally enforced
- C. Another high-profile nuclear accident or testing miscalculation
- D. Major nuclear-armed states reduce their arsenals
- E. Political leaders universally denounce “nuclear blackmail”

One of the most effective prisms through which to understand how people and societies have changed since the Palaeolithic to the Anthropocene is to examine the relationship between tools and people. Simply put, humans make machines and machines, in turn, shape them. The last few centuries—a temporal **blip** in the species' history—have witnessed increasing degrees of abstraction. Numbers, the written word, money (increasingly less tangible) and now AI, are not just technologies. They shape what and who societies value. With machines able to remember and analyse information, and predict outcomes, a new set of values is in the offing. And for all the anxiety around AI, this change might not be all bad.

Demis Hassabis, Nobel laureate and CEO and co-founder of Google DeepMind, said that while AI and robotics may be able to replace doctors, especially in diagnosis, it will likely be unable to replace nurses. His statement flags a broader possibility: professions based on knowledge and abstract skills could become increasingly **obsolete**, and tangible, emotional labour more valuable. AI will not be refilling the gas on the AC compressor any time soon. It will not comfort an ageing relative in a meaningful way, nor make sure that a child is loved when both parents are at work. In essence, the jobs that are often seen as less skilled today could well become the most valuable.

Hierarchies of labour have been papered over in the name of what the market, guided by an **ethereal**, invisible hand, demands. Now, as the most lucrative professions of today—doctors, investment bankers, software engineers, lawyers—face an **impending** existential crisis, perhaps it's time to value others. Not just economically, but socially. Teachers, nurses, nannies—those who cook in homes and raise other people's children, those whose skills keep homes functioning. AI might create a new elite. It's about time.

7. Assertion & Reasoning

Assertion (A): In an AI-dominated world, professions involving emotional connection may see enhanced value.

Reason (R): Artificial Intelligence can perform many intellectual tasks but lacks the human capacity for empathy and comfort.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true, but R is false.
- D. A is false, but R is true.
- E. Both A and R are false.

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8. Cause-Effect Based

What is the most plausible reason, based on the passage, for a growing societal focus on emotionally intensive jobs?

- A. Rising income levels across service sectors
- B. AI's inability to emulate emotional and physical presence
- C. An upcoming decline in educational infrastructure
- D. Global migration from urban to rural zones
- E. Laws promoting skill development in automation

9. True/False Evaluation

Which of the following are factually accurate as per the author's perspective?

- I. AI may challenge the dominance of high-paying knowledge-based jobs. ✓
- II. Emotional labour roles like caregiving may hold increasing importance. ✓
- III. AI will replace both tangible and emotional forms of work. ✓

- A. I and II only ✓
- B. II and III only
- C. I and III only
- D. All I, II, and III
- E. Only II

10. Fill in the Blank – Logical Completion

In the AI-driven world described by the author, caregiving and teaching jobs may _____ in both societal status and tangible worth.

- A. disappear from mainstream economic relevance
- B. increase in value due to their irreplaceable human essence
- C. lose ground as technological learning tools dominate
- D. become less necessary as automation takes over
- E. stagnate due to lack of technical adaptability

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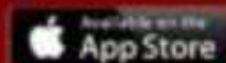
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