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READING

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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What gates can't keep out

If fear becomes the state's currency, both the poor and the privileged stand to lose



SANJAY SRIVASTAVA

"URBAN FEAR" HAS been an important theme in studies that explore reasons for the rise of gated residential communities in many parts of the world. The phrase was initially used to describe the North American context, where walled localities and private security systems became matters of prestige. These localities built upon ideas of racially segregated neighbourhoods that were earlier promoted in many American cities. Over the past few decades,



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BALEFUL

संकटपूर्ण (Adi)

being or showing a sign of evil or calamity to come

EVIL

SYNONYMS

- Ominous ✓
- Bleak ✓
- Portentous ✓
- Menacing ✓

Malevolent
Malefic
Hostile

ANTONYMS

- Golden
- Propitious ✓
- Auspicious ✓
- Benign ✓

Amiable
Affable
Genial
Harmless

FORMS

Noun- (balefulness)

Innocuous

The dark clouds cast a _____ shadow over the village.



CHAGRIN

चिढ़ (N)

a feeling of being frustrated or annoyed because of failure especially to meet expectations

SYNONYMS

- Dismay ✓
- Discomfiture ✓
- Dejection ✓
- Dreariness ✓

Mortification

Embarrassment Vexation

ANTONYMS

- Bliss ✓
- Felicity ✓
- Gratification ✓
- Contentment ✓

Euphoria

Ecstasy

Exultation

Joy / Comfort / Happiness



FORMS

Noun- (chagrin)

To his great _____, the project was rejected by the committee.



DEMURE

संकोची

(Aam)

not comfortable around people

SYNONYMS

- Coy ✓
- Modest ✓
- Lone ✓
- Diffident ✓

Shy
Timid
Reluctant
Introuverted
Bashful

ANTONYMS

- Convivial ✓
- Gregarious ✓
- Extroverted ✓
- Brash ✓

Flamboyant

Oslenlatious
Bold - Audacious
Brazen

FORMS

Noun- (demureness)



The _____ girl avoided drawing attention to herself.



DOUR

बेदर्द

(Ady')

harsh and threatening in manner or appearance

SYNONYMS

- Gruff ✓
- Fierce ✓
- Stern ✓
- Austere ✓

Crim
Sullen

ANTONYMS

- Meek ✓
- Mellow ✓
- Tender ✓
- Bland ✓



FORMS

His _____ demeanor intimidated the new employees.



IGNOMINIOUS

अपयशपूर्ण

not respectable

(अपयशपूर्ण)

SYNONYMS

Disgraceful
Shameful

ANTONYMS

Honourable
admirable

- Notorious
- Shoddy
- Louche
- Vile

Despicable
Humiliating

- Prestigious
- Esteemed
- Upright
- Ethical

Venerated
Dignified
Laudable

FORMS

Noun- (ignominiousness)



The politician faced an _____ exit after the corruption charges.



LICENTIOUS

अनैतिक

having a strong sexual desire

(Aam)

SYNONYMS

- Lascivious ✓
- Salacious ✓
- Lecherous ✓
- Lewd ✓

ANTONYMS

- Chaste ✓
- Frigid ✓
- Monastic ✓
- Moral ✓

Sacred

Ethical
Virtuous

FORMS



The ruler's _____ behavior caused widespread scandal.



PROFUSION

प्रचुरता

a considerable amount

Barrage Deluge

SYNONYMS

- Plethora
- Glut
- Cornucopia
- Raft

*Amplitude
Plentitude
Myriad
Surplus*

ANTONYMS

- Pittance
- Scintilla
- Iota
- Mote

*Modicum
Scarcity
Scant
Dearth*



FORMS

Magriness

Abundance

The festival was marked by a _____ of lights and decorations.



EXUDE

चूना टपकना

to flow forth slowly through small openings

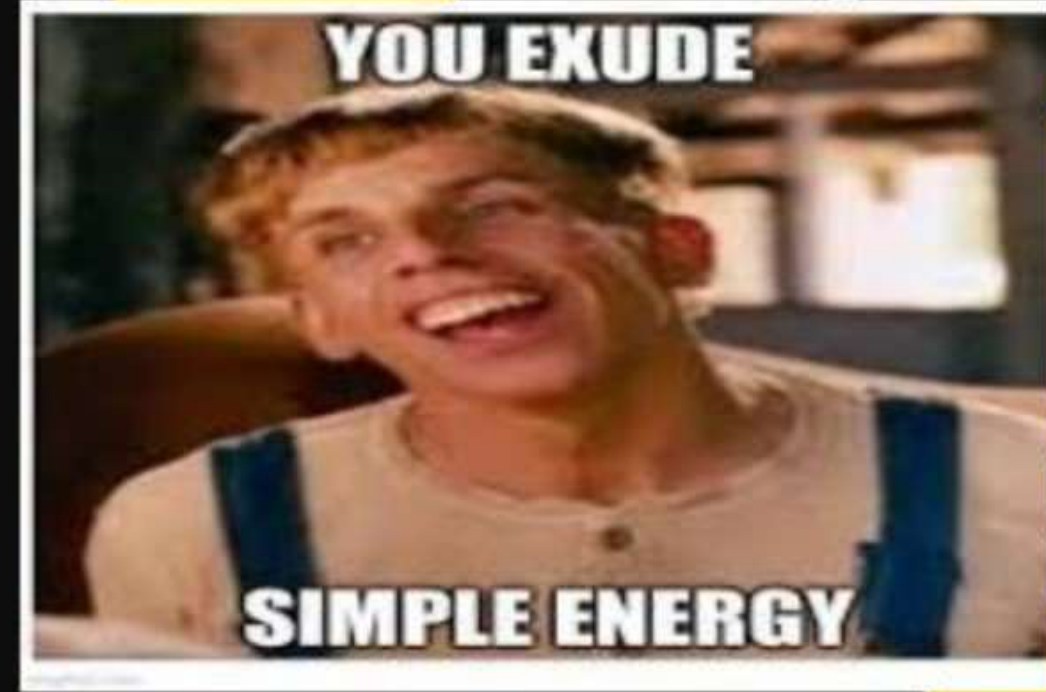
Verb

SYNONYMS

- Ooze ✓
- Secrete ✓
- Diffuse ✓
- Percolate ✓

ANTONYMS

- Stream ✓
- Pour ✓
- Gush ✓
- Surge ✓

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Profusion**FORMS**

Noun- (exudation)

The old wood _____ a strong, musty smell.



PROMULGATION

घोषणा

a solemn and often public declaration of the truth or existence of something

SYNONYMS

- Edict
- Rescript
- Decree
- Fiat

Declaration

Announcement

Broadcast

ANTONYMS

- Revocation
- Repeal
- Revoke
- Suppression

Abolish
Abrogate
Rescind

FORMS

Verb-(promulgate)



The _____ of the environmental law raised awareness among citizens.



OBDURACY

हठी होना

a steadfast adherence to an opinion, in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion

SYNONYMS

- Pertinacity
- Obstinacy
- Resolve
- Mulishness

Pertinent Stubbornness

*Inflexibility
Adamant*

ANTONYMS

- Pliancy
- Docility
- Receptivity
- Acquiescence

OBDURATE PEOPLE
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Adjective-(obdurate)

The company's _____ led to a prolonged strike.



Idioms

Jump on the bandwagon — to join others in doing something popular.

Example: many investors **jumped on the bandwagon** during the rally.

Face the music — to accept the unpleasant consequences.

Example: he had to **face the music** after missing the deadline.

Throw cold water on — to discourage or criticize someone's plans.

Example: the manager **threw cold water on** their expansion proposal.

PHRASAL VERBS

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example Sentence (Newspaper Style)
Bear down on ✓	To move toward someone or something in a determined or threatening way ✓	<i>Global markets wavered as inflationary pressures continued to bear down on emerging economies.</i>
Water down ✓	To make a statement, law, or policy less forceful or effective ✓	<i>Critics argue that the committee's recommendations were watered down to appease corporate interests.</i>
Toe the line ✓	To conform to rules or standards strictly ✓	<i>New recruits were warned that they must toe the line if they wished to remain in the elite unit.</i>

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NO RULE APPROACH

– By Anubhav Sir



“URBAN FEAR” has been an important theme in studies exploring reasons for the rise of gated residential communities worldwide. Initially used in the North American context, where walled localities and private security systems became matters of prestige, these built upon ideas of racially segregated neighbourhoods promoted in many American cities. Over the past few decades, the term has been applied to the **profusion** of gated enclaves globally. In Shanghai, residents of upmarket enclaves fear the “uncivilised” behaviour of villagers; Sao Paulo’s heavily guarded neighbourhoods **exude** paranoia against the working poor; and Johannesburg’s elite utilise surveillance technology developed for military purposes to create landscapes of suspicion and segregation.

Urban fear in different parts of the world is generated by privileged sections, concerning their perception of being under threat from “hostile” populations. These are seen as threats to life, property and ways of life, prompting behind walls fortified with surveillance, automated entrance technologies and security guard **retreats**; in some cases, armed response is at call. During the day, feared populations enter to provide services such as garbage collection, cleaning and gardening; at night, they must leave. A new kind of urban fear haunts Indian cities, not about class hierarchies but driven by manufactured rumours and arbitrary actions against the vulnerable. In Gurugram, despite official assurances, Bengali-speaking populations — part of those servicing gated communities — now fear state action.

Families book train tickets for young men to return to villages in West Bengal as they are most likely to be picked up for questioning.

This version targets those who cannot retreat to gated security. The threats they face are real, characterising the everyday violence of life for the poor. When such threats become intolerable, their only choice is to return home, causing massive dislocation in family life and livelihoods. What does urban fear from a “foreigners” scare do to cities and their role as engines of growth? Since 2015, the Smart Cities Mission has invested heavily in infrastructure, but state-generated urban fear undermines such claims. **Promulgation** of urban fear as a state initiative damages trust in the state. For most citizens, everyday acts of governance are experienced through spectacle and performance. If fear becomes the key manner in which the state is experienced, identifying a section as “dangerous,” it undermines democracy.

The irony is that those being driven out — primarily linguistic and religious minorities — are the state’s strongest supporters, while the secure mistrust the state and favour privatisation.

Two consequences emerge. First, it diminishes lives without reason and reduces diversity essential for smart cities. Displacing its strongest supporters undermines the state’s presence. Second, the better off, who do not protest, may also face arbitrary action. Once arbitrariness is allowed, it becomes the state’s second nature. Walls and gates may shield from imagined enemies, but under guided fear, such protection is illusory.

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Pattern 1 Inference Based Question

Which of the following can be inferred about the “urban fear” in Indian cities as described in the passage?

- A) It is primarily a result of rapid economic inequality between urban and rural populations. ✓ X
- B) It stems from the reluctance of the poor to integrate into urban cultures. ✓ X
- C) It is a continuation of North America's racially segregated urban planning. ✓ X
- D) It is fuelled by competition for employment among linguistic minorities. ✓
- E) It is largely constructed through unverified information and state actions targeting vulnerable groups. ✓

Pattern 2 Vocabulary Based

In the passage, the word *arbitrariness* most nearly refers to:

- A) The exercise of power based on random choice rather than consistent rules.
- B) The inability to enforce state action uniformly across regions.
- C) The deliberate targeting of enemies for political advantage.
- D) The systematic and transparent functioning of governance.
- E) The selective granting of privileges to economically powerful groups

3. Tone Based - Context

What is the most appropriate tone of the passage?

- A) Alarmist and speculative
- B) Analytical with critical undertones ✓
- C) Optimistic about urban development
- D) Sarcastic and dismissive
- E) Objective and purely descriptive

Informative
Analytical
Non-Biased
Objective

4. Assertion – Reason

Assertion (A): Urban fear in Johannesburg relies on advanced surveillance systems originally designed for the military. T

Reason (R): The primary intention is to monitor and control the movements of residents within gated communities. F

- A) Both A and R are correct, and R correctly explains A.
- B) Both A and R are correct, but R does not explain A.
- C) A is correct, but R is incorrect. ✓
- D) A is incorrect, but R is correct.
- E) Both A and R are incorrect.

Pattern 5 - Argument Based

The author claims that state-promoted urban fear undermines democracy. Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken this claim?

- A) Citizens have access to multiple legal channels to challenge arbitrary state actions.
- B) Privatisation of services increases citizen satisfaction and reduces reliance on the state.
- C) State actions are backed by clear evidence of threats from targeted populations.
- D) Fear-driven governance has historically led to economic instability.
- E) Smart city initiatives focus more on infrastructure than on community integration.

Pattern 6 – True – False Statements

Based on the passage, which of the following statements are correct?

- A) In North America, urban fear initially manifested in the creation of walled localities rooted partly in racial segregation. ✓
- B) In Shanghai, urban fear is associated with apprehensions about the “uncivilised” conduct of rural migrants. ✓
- C) In India, urban fear in recent years is largely linked to class-based economic disparities. ✓

- A. Only A
- B. Only B
- C. Both A and B ✓
- D. Both B and C
- E. All A, B, and C

Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are planning to implement a two-language formula for school education, as opposed to the push for a three-language policy in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Both States are inclined towards primacy for local languages, Tamil and Kannada, respectively, and then English in school education. Tamil Nadu has already unveiled its State Education Policy (SEP) while a commission has submitted its recommendations for Karnataka's SEP. Tamil Nadu has merely reiterated its existing two-language policy, but Karnataka is set to discontinue its three-language policy. The commission has proposed that Kannada or the child's mother tongue should be the medium of instruction up to Class 5, and preferably till Class 12. Kannada or whatever is the mother tongue and English will be the two compulsory languages. If implemented, this will replace the model that includes Hindi as a third compulsory language. Other recommendations include moving away from NCERT textbooks and developing a Karnataka-specific curriculum and bilingual teaching methods. The Tamil Nadu SEP, which was announced by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin recently, makes Tamil compulsory up to Class 10 across all boards. The NEP proposes a third language which should be Hindi or another Indian language, seen as an attempt to impose Hindi.

The Tamil Nadu SEP also commits to promote critical thinking, digital literacy, climate education, and social justice. Apart from a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) approach, the State also wants to offer special support for tribal students, first-generation learners, and students with disabilities. The government has pledged more support for public education. In fact, uniform high quality public education should be the biggest priority of school education policy for all States and the Centre. The Centre's ill-advised focus on language turns unproductive and controversial even though it does not insist on promoting Hindi on paper. The three-language policy is also in disregard for the demand for English language learning, and as a medium of instruction across States, including in the Hindi-speaking regions, and Gujarat and Maharashtra. Education policies have been a major driver of the development outcomes in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, and any attempt to forcibly alter them by central policies would do no good to anyone. Tamil Nadu is fighting for the release of ₹2,152 crore in education funds from the Centre that is rightfully its. There is no harm in learning Hindi or any other language, but when perceived as a political project of domination, its promotion causes resistance. The Centre must give up its language **obduracy** and focus on several critical challenges in school education. It must work with State governments to tackle them.

7. Multi-Statement Pattern

Based on the passage, which of the following statements are correct?

- A) Karnataka's proposed SEP will make Kannada or the mother tongue and English the two compulsory languages.
- B) Tamil Nadu's SEP proposes Tamil compulsory up to Class 12 across all boards.
- C) The NEP's three-language policy is seen in Tamil Nadu as an indirect attempt to impose Hindi.

Only A

Only B

Both A and C

Both B and C

All A, B, and C

8. Cause-Effect Based

Which of the following is NOT mentioned as part of Tamil Nadu's State Education Policy?

- A) Special support for tribal and first-generation learners
- B) Digital literacy and climate education initiatives
- C) Mandatory Tamil instruction up to Class 10
- D) Discontinuation of NCERT textbooks in favour of state-specific materials
- E) Commitment to high-quality public education

9. Vocabulary Based

In the passage, the word *obduracy* most nearly means:

- A) Reluctance to commit resources to education
- B) Stubborn refusal to change one's ~~opinion~~ or course of action
- C) Strategic prioritisation of multilingual education
- D) Careful balancing of state and central education policies
- E) Excessive reliance on bilingual pedagogy

10. Tone Based

Which of the following would be the most suitable title for the ~~passage~~?

- A) Language Politics ~~and~~ the Future of Federal Education Policy
- B) The Triumph of Hindi in National Education Policy
- C) STEAM and Social Justice: Tamil Nadu's ~~Bold~~ Experiment
- D) From Local to Global: Karnataka's English ~~Push~~
- E) Obduracy of the States: The Need for Central Intervention



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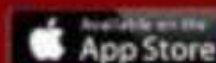
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