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Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions

**US-China climbdown in trade war – a welcome pause**

The United States and the People's Republic of China have announced a pause in the ongoing trade war between the two countries. The announcement came after two days of high-level negotiations in Geneva. The two economies have been locked in a tariff war since February 1, when US President Donald Trump imposed a 10 per cent tariff on China, as well as 25 per cent each on Mexico and Canada, citing the sale of fentanyl in the US. Reportedly, in the US, in 2021, deaths due to overdose of opioids surpassed 1,00,000, with 67 per cent of those deaths involving fentanyl. But Trump wanted to slap tariffs for other reasons as well, such as the US's large trade deficit vis-à-vis the rest of the world and the loss of manufacturing industry inside the US. For its part, China started retaliating with counter-tariffs of its own. This process escalated quickly after Trump's announcement of reciprocal tariffs on April 2. By April 10, the situation had worsened to a point where the US had imposed 145 per cent tariffs on China and China had retaliated with 125 per cent tariffs on the US.







STATURE

प्रतिष्ठा

Noun

the distance of something or someone from bottom to top

SYNONYMS

Esteem

ANTONYMS

- Prestige ✓
- Distinction ✓
- Reputation ✓
- Eminence ✓

Eminent

- Insignificance ✓
- Humility ✓
- Obscurity ✓
- Inferiority ✓

Triviality



FORMS

Noun-(jocundity)

The scientist's _____ grew after her groundbreaking discoveries.



OVERHAUL

कायापलट

thorough examination, repair.

Ver**SYNONYMS**

- Revamp ✓
- Refurbish ✓
- Renovate ✓
- Reorganize ✓

inst (verb) ✓
Streamline**ANTONYMS**

- Neglect ✓
- Abandon ✓
- Ruin ✓
- Damage ✓

UnderminePreserveOverlook**FORMS**

Verb-(overhaul)



They are _____ the entire curriculum to meet new educational standards.



INTERVENE

हस्तक्षेप करना

to act as a go-between for opposing sides

(VetG)

SYNONYMS

- Intrude ✓
- Intercede ✓
- Meddle ✓
- Arbitrate ✓

Meddler

trespass

interpose Step in

ANTONYMS

- Avoid ✓
- Shun ✓
- Ignore ✓
- Eschew ✓

Evade

Two students fighting in the class
Firstbencher, please, don't fight
Lastbencher.



FORMS

Adjective-(intervening)

While she chose to intervene to protect the child, others preferred to _____ the situation.



EMBOLDEN

साहस देना

to fill with courage or strength of purpose

SYNONYMS

- Inspire ✓
- Encourage ✓
- Reinforce ✓
- Invigorate ✓

Fortify

Empower

ANTONYMS

- Daunt ✓
- Intimidate ✓
- Dispirit ✓
- Debilitate ✓

Dissuade

Weaken



FORMS

Adjective-(~~emboldened~~)
Noun-(emboldenment)

_____ by public support, the activists intensified their campaign.



PERNICKETY

hard to please

SYNONYMS

- Finicky
- Fastidious
- Fussy
- Exacting

Capricious

नकचढ़ा

(Aap)

Subservient

ANTONYMS

- Affable
- Lax
- Lenient
- Flexible

Benign

Amiable

Genial

Innocuous

NAUTANKI BAAZ

GHADI GHADI DRAMA
KARTA HAI

FORMS

He checked the documents in a _____ manner, ensuring perfection in every line.



PROBITY

ईमानदारी Noun

conduct that conforms to an accepted standard of right and wrong

Probe-Inquire

SYNONYMS

- Integrity ✓
- Rectitude ✓
- Morality ✓
- Decency ✓

Virtue

Fidelity

ANTONYMS

- Deceit ✓
- Hypocrisy ✓
- Falsity ✓
- Artifice ✓

Infidelity

FORMS



In times of widespread corruption, his _____ stood out.



RAPACIOUS

having a huge appetite

लोलुप

① ✓

Greedy

SYNONYMS

- Ravenous ✓
- Voracious ✓
- Predatory ✓
- Avaricious ✓

Avarice

ANTONYMS

- Satisfied ✓
- Content ✓
- Glutted ✓
- Stuffed ✓



Ajeeb janwar hai, kitna bhi khaye
bhooka hi rehta hai

FORMS

Noun-(rapacity)

②

The _____ of the conquerors left the region devastated.



TURGID

सूजा हुआ

enlarged beyond normal from internal pressure

SYNONYMS

- Swollen
- Pompous
- Inflated
- Grandiloquent

*Rhetoric
Bombastic***ANTONYMS**

- Deflated
- Plain
- Simple
- Modest

**FORMS**

Noun-(turgidity)

The professor's _____ prose made the article difficult to understand.



SEGUE

स्थानांतरण

Noun

An uninterrupted transition from one piece of music or topic to another.

Sequence

SYNONYMS

- Transition
- Proceed
- Move
- Shift

Transformation
Transit

ANTONYMS

- Pause
- Break
- Halt
- Disrupt

Sab kuch achha chal raha tha fir..



FORMS

Verb-(segue)

The speaker _____ gracefully from discussing finance to telling a personal story.



ANECDOTAL

किस्सों पर आधारित

Based on personal accounts, individual stories, rather than systematic scientific evidence.

SYNONYMS

- Informal ✓
- Narrative ✓
- Subjective ✓
- Casual ✓

ANTONYMS

- Empirical ✓
- Scientific ✓
- Systematic ✓
- Statistical ✓

When the horror movie finally ends

"Based on a true story"



FORMS

Noun-(anecdote)

While her report was anecdotal, the researcher insisted on _____ proof.



RESCIND

रद्द कर देना

to put an end to (something planned or previously agreed to)

SYNONYMS

- Revoke ✓
- Repeal ✓
- Annul ✓
- Abrogate ✓

abolish

ANTONYMS

- Enact ✓
- Approve ✓
- Validate ✓
- Ratify ✓



FORMS

Noun-(rescission)

They are considering _____ the outdated policy.



Σ00-600

100

1000

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Swayed into: ✓

English Meaning: To be influenced or persuaded to do something. ✓

Hindi Meaning: प्रभावित होकर कुछ करना / किसी बात में आकर कुछ करना

Winds down: ✓

English Meaning: To gradually come to an end. ✓

Hindi Meaning: धीरे-धीरे समाप्त होना / आराम करना ✓

Had a chilling affect:

English Meaning: To discourage or prevent people from doing something because of fear, uncertainty, or negative consequences.

Hindi Meaning: डर या आशंका पैदा कर देना जिससे लोग कुछ करने से हिचकें / रोक लग जाना

Down to the wire:

English Meaning: Until the very last moment; very close to the deadline; something decided at the last possible second.

Hindi Meaning: अंतिम क्षण तक / आखिरी समय तक

Toe the line

Meaning: To conform to rules or expectations

Example: New employees are expected to toe the line or risk disciplinary action.

Cut corners

Meaning: To do something in a cheap or easy way that lowers quality

Example: The builder was accused of cutting corners, leading to structural issues in the apartment complex.

Hit the nail on the head

Meaning: To describe exactly what is causing a situation or problem

Example: The analyst hit the nail on the head by pointing out the company's flawed pricing strategy.

Root: *cred* (Latin: *credere* – to believe)

Credible – believable; trustworthy

The witness gave a credible account of the incident.

Credence – belief or acceptance that something is true

Little credence was given to his explanation due to lack of evidence.

Credulous – too willing to believe; gullible

Scammers often target credulous individuals with fake investment schemes.

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On June 13, Israel struck Iranian targets in several provinces, even as it continued its war against Hamas. Its conflict with Iran in an already unstable West Asia lasted 12 days. *Introduce* India's response to the Israel-Iran conflict was cautious. India called for restraint and de-escalation to maintain peace in the region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly expressed concern for humanitarian losses and has reiterated that this cannot be an era of war. Under his leadership, the Indian government has been quick to provide humanitarian aid when requested; voted in favour of a permanent ceasefire in Gaza at the United Nations General Assembly; and (swiftly) evacuated its citizens from conflict zones. Most recently, as part of Operation Sindhu, India evacuated citizens, mostly medical students, from Israel and Iran.

The world recognises India's growing credibility and diplomatic weight. India's strategic silence is a sign of its growing **stature** — it speaks when it matters most, acts when it counts, and leads when it is required to. India has strategic interests in West Asia, including close defence co-operation with Israel, energy and trade ties with Iran, and a large diaspora spread across many Gulf countries. One of Prime Minister Modi's diplomatic successes has been to **overhaul** ties with Arab nations so much so that some of them have become India's largest foreign investors and trading partners. For India, the fourth largest global economy, economic ties have to take centre stage in diplomatic calculations. To unnecessarily **intervene** in a war which is not ours is against national interests and irresponsible.

Being able to maintain an independent stance doesn't betray India's values; rather, it allows the country to engage with all sides and assert its interests more deliberately. Today's international diplomacy prioritises protecting national interests. The recent Pakistan-led terror attacks in Pahalgam, India's retaliative Operation Sindoor, and the subsequent global response to the India-Pakistan conflict were **telling** of the changing geopolitical times we live in. Over the years, several nations, particularly western powers and multilateral bodies, which are seemingly against terror, have extended funds and other military support to **embolden** Pakistan, a known sanctuary to terror groups. Several countries remain oblivious to Pakistan's official role in sponsoring terror activities, many of which are directed towards India, so that they can obtain access to ports and airbases in Pakistan, which will provide an edge to them in their own conflicts with Iran and China. India's foreign policy calculations take into account all these nuances. India's diplomatic position also prioritises its own national interests, security, value system, and growth story.

Often, ill-informed preaching, which is often politically motivated, demonstrates a limited understanding of today's evolving global dynamics. India cannot selectively ignore the role of Iran in destabilising the region. Indian diplomats cannot ignore the horrific October 7, 2023, attack by Hamas on Israel or its use of civilian Palestinian infrastructure as a shield in diplomatic response calculations.

Selective outrage and heated opinions often disguised as moralistic views run a dangerous undercurrent against the core interests of the country. Many people hold views that are passionate but under-informed. If their opinions are taken seriously, it could lead to dire diplomatic consequences and stall India's strong economic progress.

India's strategic autonomy reflects its quiet confidence, conviction, and clarity. We live in an India that is confident of its growth story. This is also an India that is capable of maintaining its own opinions and upholding the ability to engage with both warring sides instead of getting swayed into making public statements due to pressure from any one side during global conflicts



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Pattern 1 – Inference Based Question

What can be inferred about India's diplomatic strategy from the phrase "India's strategic silence is a sign of its growing stature"?

- A. India's reluctance to comment publicly signals diplomatic maturity and calculated engagement.
- B. India deliberately avoids taking clear stances to maintain non-alignment and strategic ambiguity.
- C. India exercises caution to preserve its geopolitical leverage and long-term interests.
- D. India remains silent because it lacks sufficient influence in global decision-making.

(a) Both A and B
(d) Only D

(b) Both B and C
(e) Only A

(c) Both A and C

Pattern 2 – Tone Based Questions

Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage regarding India's role in international diplomacy?

A. Defensive and sentimental ✗

B. Assertive and strategic

C. Critical and skeptical ✗

D. Diplomatic yet passive ✗

(a) Both A and C

(b) Both B and D

(c) Only B ✓

(d) Both C and D

(e) Only A

Pattern 3 Implication Based Question

Which of the following best explains the author's implicit criticism of public discourse on India's foreign policy?

- A. It is often passionate but geopolitically uninformed.
- B. It ignores India's economic stakes and overemphasizes morality.
- C. It pushes India towards illogical alliances based on emotion.
- D. It glorifies Iran and demonizes Israel disproportionately.

- (a) Both A and B
- (b) Both C and D
- (c) Only A
- (d) Only B
- (e) Only D

Pattern 4 – Logical Completion Question

What best captures the **overall tone** of the passage toward India's foreign policy?

- A. Justificatory and pragmatic ✓
- B. Neutral and detached ✗
- C. Defensive yet idealistic ✗
- D. Persuasive and introspective ✗
- E. Aggressive and nationalist ✗

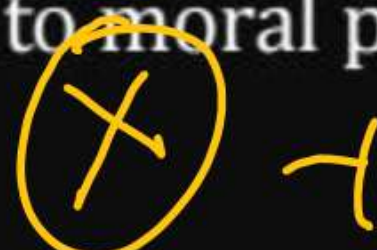
Pattern 5 – Application Based Assumption

If India were to vocally condemn Iran's actions, which of the following consequences could most logically be expected, according to the passage?

- 1 → .
- A. It may strain economic relations with Iran and alienate some (Gulf allies.)
 - B. It would help India gain favor with the U.S. and Israel in trade deals.
 - C. It might encourage Iran to retaliate diplomatically by targeting Indian assets.?
 - D. It could increase domestic political support due to moral posturing.

Choose from:

- (a) Only A ✓
- (b) Both A and C
- (c) Both B and D
- (d) Only B
- (e) Both A and D



Pattern 6 – Vocab Based Questions

In the sentence “*Selective outrage and heated opinions... run a dangerous undercurrent*”, the phrase “**dangerous undercurrent**” most likely signifies:

- A. A violent public backlash
- B. A subtle threat to diplomatic equilibrium
- C. A growing wave of nationalist sentiment
- D. An unspoken consensus among policymakers
- E. None of these

Fresh appointments for U.S. student visa interviews have commenced at consulates as per the extended vetting programme that includes rigorous checking of the applicant's social media activities. A chunk of visa applications is still pending at a time when the visa processing **winds down** and students prepare to depart. Fresh appointments were frozen for nearly a month until the extended vetting programme could be launched. With a wait time of more than a month, many visa applications may go **down to the wire** as classes begin by the end of August/beginning of September. The extended vetting is only one among many disruptors to the flow of Indian students to the U.S. Many other policy proposals have **had a chilling effect**. The Trump administration's nominee to head the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has vowed to end the Optional Practical Training programme (OPT) that allows students time to work in the U.S. after graduation while still on student visa, and which serves as a **segue** toward jobs, work visas and green cards. Ending OPT will disincentivise studying in America. The Trump administration has also said that it will provide only fixed-tenure student visas. The **axing of government spending and funding of research and other activities of higher education institutions** has had its impact — there are reports of universities **rescinding** PhD admissions of Indian students.

Anecdotal evidence points to a sharp decline in visa issuance in several cities and increased scrutiny of the ranking of institutions granting admissions. Many of the applicants this year had begun the application process before the 2024 U.S. presidential election and, therefore, have sought to go through the process despite the fears. Next year will truly gauge how attractive the U.S. still is for Indian students.

When the Trump administration took office, it was felt that the worst of its anti-immigrant impulses would be softened by the tech billionaires who were supporting it. In the past, too, big business had driven policies bringing in talented immigrant workers and foreign students in Republican administrations. The exit of Elon Musk, however, is not a singular event but part of a trend of top techies exiting the Trump team. The cuts on green energy research in the recently passed "Big Beautiful Bill" only serve to highlight the almost complete dominance of right-wing extremists in the administration, marked by the extreme views of its leading lights such as Stephen Miller, White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy. The decline of the U.S. as a major attraction for Indian talent is perhaps only an indicator of how much India may have to pivot away from the U.S. in other areas as well.

Pattern 7 : Implication Based

What is the most likely **implication** of the introduction of the extended vetting programme mentioned in the passage?

- (a) It ensures transparency and equality in the visa process.
- (b) It accelerates visa appointments by allowing online screening.
- (c) It acts as a bureaucratic barrier potentially delaying student travel plans.
- (d) It increases acceptance rates by enhancing trust in foreign applicants.
- (e) It simplifies background checks to boost educational collaborations.

Pattern 8 Assumption Based Question

Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to the word *segue* as used in the sentence:

"which serves as a segue toward jobs, work visas and green cards."

- (a) obstacle
- (b) transition ✓
- (c) reversal
- (d) illusion
- (e) barrier

Pattern 9 – Title Based Questions

Which of the following best describes the central idea of the passage?

- (a) The U.S. remains the most preferred destination for Indian students despite some procedural challenges.
- (b) The U.S. government's anti-immigration stance is altering its academic appeal to Indian students.
- (c) American universities are actively discouraging Indian students to prioritize domestic research.
- (d) Indian students are increasingly turning to other nations due to rising tuition fees in the U.S.
- (e) The Trump administration has proposed a student-friendly immigration reform.

Pattern 10 – Grammar Based Question

Despite the university's prestige and its long history of academic excellence, there **has been** several **instances** where its policies **have conflicted** with **international accreditation norms**, leading to **unexpected delays** in student transfers.

- (A) has been ✓
- (B) have conflicted
- (C) international accreditation norms
- (D) unexpected delays
- (E) No error

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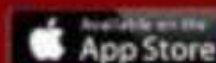
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