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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.





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SEDULOUS

परिश्रमी

(Apy)

involved in often constant activity

SYNONYMS

Persistent
Painstaking

- Diligent ✓
- Assiduous ✓
- Conscientious ✓
- Industrious ✓

Meticulous
Thorough

ANTONYMS

- Negligent ✓
- Indolent ✓
- Careless ✓
- Idle ✓

Complacent

Sluggish

Apathetic

Sloppy



FORMS

Noun-(sedulousness)

His _____ attention to detail impressed the entire team.



IMPENDING

आसन्न

(Adji)
(v)

giving signs of immediate occurrence

SYNONYMS

- Imminent ✓
- Looming ✓
- Brewing ✓
- Forthcoming ✓

hovering

ANTONYMS

- Distant ✓
- Eventual ✓
- Remote ✓
- Former ✓



FORMS

Verb-(impend) ✓

A sense of disaster seemed to _____ over the city.



INERTIA

निष्क्रियता

(NI)

an inclination not to do work or engage in activities

SYNONYMS

- Indolence
- Sloth
- Sluggishness
- Immobility

Passivity

Stagnation

Dormancy

ANTONYMS

- Dynamism
- Activity
- Drive
- Initiative

Hustle



FORMS

Adjective-(inert)

While inertia held the committee back, a few members pushed for

_____.



DIRE**भयानक**

(Ad)

being or showing a sign of evil or calamity to come

SYNONYMS**ANTONYMS**

- ①
- Ominous
 - Appalling ✓
 - Calamitous ✓
 - Dreadful ✓

Woeful

pall

Catastrophic

- ②
- Bright ✓
 - Benign ✓
 - Auspicious ✓
 - Promising ✓

Innocuous

FORMS

Noun-(direness)



Although the situation seemed dire, there were still _____ signs of recovery.



OBSTREPEROUS

① कोलाहलमय (lan)

engaging in or marked by loud and insistent cries especially of protest

SYNONYMS

Turbulent

- Tumultuous
- Defiant
- Clamorous
- Boisterous

✓ Volatile

Disorderly

Chaotic

Unruly

ANTONYMS

- Submissive
- Obedient
- Quiet
- Restrained



FORMS

Noun-(obstreperousness)

②

His _____ made him unpopular with the management.



TOUT

प्रचार करना *VerG*

to praise or publicize lavishly and often excessively

SYNONYMS

- Extol
- Advertise
- Acclaim
- Endorse
- Hype

ANTONYMS

- Belittle
- Disparage
- Slam
- Criticize

Decry

Malign

Reprimand

Censure
Condemn



FORMS

Noun-(tout)

The streets were full of _____ selling fake tickets to tourists.



RIDDLE

पहेली

something hard to understand or explain

(N)

(U)

SYNONYMS

Labyrinth

ANTONYMS

①

- Enigma
- Mystery
- Conundrum
- Puzzle

Paradox

Anomaly

- Solution
- Answer
- Explanation

②

FORMS

Adjective-(riddling)
Verb-(riddle)

riddled



The mystery novel was a riddle, and the plot was _____ with unexpected twists.



PRAGMATIC

व्यावहारिक

willing to see things as they really are and deal with them sensibly ✓

Wise

SYNONYMS

- Logical ✓
- Rational ✓
- Utilitarian ✓
- Cynical ✓

Sagacious

ANTONYMS

- Utopian ✓
- Blue-sky ✓
- Fanciful ✓
- Visionary ✓

Naive

Impulsive

LOGIC



FORMS

Noun-(pragmatism)

They _____ decided to cut costs before expanding.



ONUS

जिम्मेदारी (NI)

responsibility for wrongdoing or failure

SYNONYMS

- Obligation ✓
- Liability ✓
- Burden ✓
- Accountability ✓

ANTONYMS

- Exemption ✓
- Immunity ✓
- Release ✓
- Freedom ✓

FORMS



Syed Saif

HR: Kitne Zimmedar hai aap?

ME: Ji bahot, ghar mein kuch bhi hojata, toh mai he Zimmedar rehtu.

The _____ of proving the allegations lies with the prosecution.



SCURRILOUS

अपमानजनक

marked by harsh insulting language

SYNONYMS

- Outrageous ✓
- Vituperative ✓
- Obscene ✓
- Malicious ✓

ANTONYMS

- Complimentary ✓
- Courteous ✓
- Decent ✓
- Polite ✓



FORMS

Noun-(scurrility) ✓

He _____ attacked his opponent's character during the campaign.



NADIR

पतन

the lowest point or level

SYNONYMS

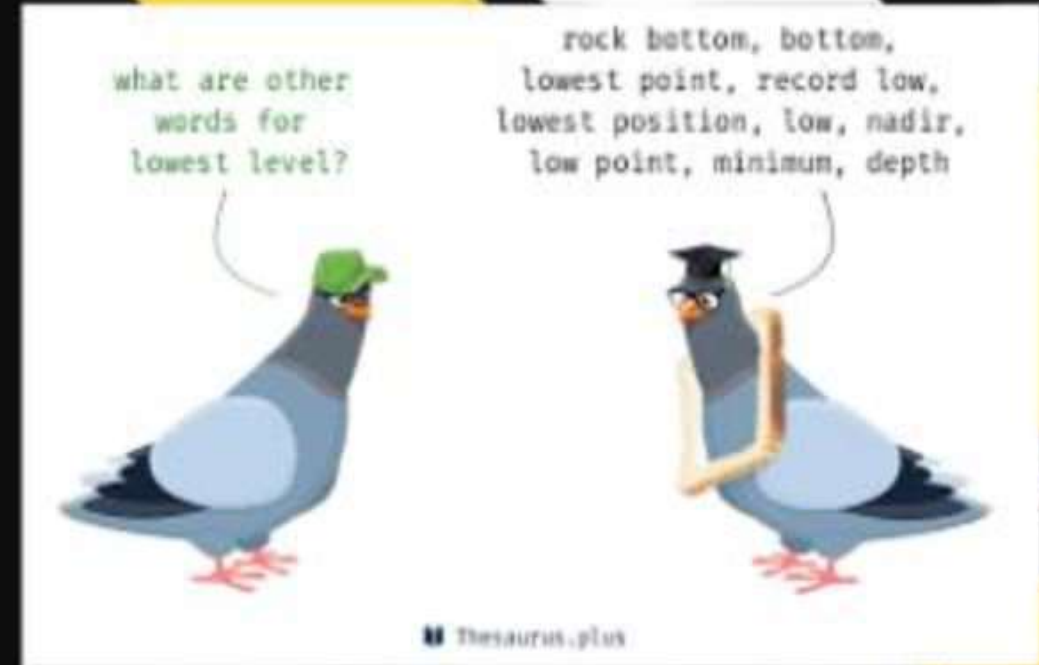
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- Lowest point
- Rock bottom
- Depth
- Bottom

ANTONYMS

- Zenith
- Summit
- Pinnacle
- Acme

Paramount
Paragon



FORMS

From the nadir of failure, she rose again to reach the ____ of success.



PHRASAL VERBS

✓ **Play up** – to behave badly or exaggerate a situation

Example: The children started to play up as soon as the teacher left the room.

Drag on – to last longer than necessary, often tediously

Example: The court case dragged on for months without any conclusion.

Fizzle out – to lose momentum or energy and end weakly

Example: The protest started strong but fizzled out after a few days due to poor planning.

IDIOMS

Bark up the wrong tree – to pursue a mistaken or misguided course of action

Example: If you think I caused the issue, you're barking up the wrong tree.

Throw cold water on – to discourage or dampen enthusiasm

Example: She threw cold water on his proposal by pointing out all the flaws.

Leave no stone unturned – to try every possible method to achieve something

Example: The detective left no stone unturned in the search for the missing child.

In childbirth in India, why should 93 women lose their life while one lakh women have a safe delivery? For the time period 2019-21, the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) estimate for India was 93. In other words, the proportion of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births, reported under the Sample Registration System (SRS). "Maternal death is the (death of a woman) while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, i

We need to have a differential approach in strategy to reduce maternal deaths in the different clusters of States. In this, addressing three issues is fundamental. There are "three delays" that lead to a mother dying,

Key factors that endanger a life - The first delay is in recognising **impending** danger and making a decision to rush and seek expert care. The husband and other family members often experience **inertia**, thinking that all deliveries are a natural process and so the mother-to-be can wait. Or they may not have enough money or other issues at the family level that prevent them from going to a hospital. If the educational level of family members and their financial position are weak, delaying decision making is detrimental. But empowered, neighbourhood mothers and women's self-help groups have resulted in a remarkable change; no longer is a mother-to-be neglected by lethargic family members. Ever since Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) began networking with Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) since 2005 (when the National Rural Health Mission (NHRM) was launched), institutional over home deliveries have become the better option.

The financial incentives for the mother and ASHA were the turning point

The second delay is in transportation. From remote rural hamlets and forest settlements or faraway islands it may take many hours, or an overnight journey for a mother-to-be to reach a health facility with a skilled birth attendant (midwife/staff nurse) or a doctor or an obstetrician. Many women die on the way. However, the 108 ambulance system and other Emergency transport mechanisms under the National Health Mission has made a difference.

Other problems - The third delay, an unpardonable one, is in initiating specialised care at the health facility. The excuses are plenty and difficult to justify — a delay in attending to a woman in the emergency room; a delay in reaching the obstetrician; a delay in getting a blood donor, in laboratory support, the operation theatre not being ready, an anaesthetist not being available is a list that can go on. The concept of the operationalisation of a 'minimum four FRUs [first referral units] per district of two million population, is crucial. The "first level referral unit" with specialists such as an obstetrician, anaesthetist, paediatrician, blood bank and operation theatre was aimed at preventing maternal death at the doorstep of a hospital.

The biggest killer is bleeding after delivery. The next emergency is obstructed labour where the contracted bony pelvis of an already stunted young mother does not allow the normally grown baby to emerge. The third medical cause is hypertensive disorders of pregnancy that are not recognised and treated on time.

They can result in a dire emergency with convulsions and coma and very little time to medically control high blood pressure.

The focus areas for States - The prescription for averting maternal deaths is early registration and routine antenatal care and ensuring institutional delivery. Finally, if there is a commitment and a will to stop preventable maternal deaths there is no limit to the varieties of proactive interventions

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Pattern 1 – Paradox Based Question

The passage describes significant efforts like ASHA outreach, emergency transport, and institutional deliveries, yet maternal deaths remain at 93 per lakh. Which of the following best resolves this apparent contradiction?

- A. The interventions have only been introduced recently and have yet to scale uniformly.
- B. Women in urban areas continue to prefer traditional home-based birthing practices.
- C. The Maternal Mortality Ratio only measures deaths in public hospitals, not private clinics.
- D. The success of these programs is offset by inadequate nutrition and rising fertility rates.
- E. The calculation of MMR is outdated and doesn't reflect improvements in the last two years.

Pattern 2 – Vocab Based Questions

In the phrase, "...delaying decision making is detrimental," what does "**detrimental**" most nearly imply in **this context**?

- A. Inefficient but unavoidable due to cultural factors
- B. Morally irresponsible and socially regressive
- C. Harmful in a potentially fatal way
- D. Legally punishable under maternal welfare guidelines
- E. Damaging to family reputation and social status

Pattern 3 Implication Based Question

Despite the deployment of 108 ambulances and other emergency transport under the NHM, maternal deaths in transit persist primarily because..."

- A.** Ambulance drivers are inadequately trained to handle pregnancy complications
- B.** The medical staff in ambulances often arrive too late from urban centers
- C.** Remoteness and travel time still exceed the body's capacity to survive the delay
- D.** Institutional deliveries are still resisted in tribal and remote regions
- E.** ASHA workers are not permitted to accompany patients in government vehicles

Pattern 4 - Assumption Based Question

Which assumption **must be true** for the author's emphasis on First Referral Units (FRUs) to be valid?

- I. That each district has a minimum of 2 million people in need of obstetric care
- II. That hospitals without anaesthetists or blood banks directly contribute to preventable maternal deaths
- III. That midwives in remote villages are trained to handle complicated births without doctor intervention

A. Only 1 and 2 B. Only 2 and 3 C. Only 1 **D. Only 2** E. Only 3

Pattern 5 – Tone Based Assumption

Which of the following best describes the **tone** of the passage?

- A. Alarmist and hypercritical ✗
- B. Analytical and purpose-driven ✓
- C. Sarcastic and mocking ✗
- D. Pessimistic and defeatist ✗
- E. Detached and theoretical ✗

Pattern 6 – Assertion Reason Questions

Assertion (A): The third delay—failure to initiate specialised care at hospitals—is the most unforgivable among the three delays. T

Reason (R): Families usually do not have access to any form of emergency transport, so they never make it to a hospital in time. T F

- 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.

The Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls in Bihar, while **touted** as a smooth process with significant form submissions, is **riddled** with contradictions and poses a serious threat to voter enfranchisement. Despite claims of progress, with over 11% of the estimated electorate submitting forms, conflicting statements from the ECI highlight deep-seated issues. Initially, the CEO, Bihar, through advertisements, suggested a lenient approach towards electors who did not have the stipulated 11 documents. They were told that they could submit enumeration forms to booth-level officers and provide documents later, or even get verified without mandatory documents, with verification through local investigations by Electoral Registration Officers. However, the CEC clarified that earlier orders mandating document submission by July 25, 2025, stand, with a claims and objections period from August 1 to September 1 for those who fail to comply. This shift in stance and reliance on local-level investigations for verification present inherent problems. Leaving verification to the discretion of local electoral officers increases the possibility of misuse and bias. Such an ad hoc approach risks wrongful inclusions or exclusions, undermining the integrity of the electoral roll. Instead, the ECI should adopt a more **pragmatic** and robust approach by accepting more universally available identity documents such as Aadhaar, ration cards, and MGNREGA job cards.

The **ubiquity** of Aadhaar, and its mandatory requirement for numerous government services, makes it an ideal proof of identity. Similarly, ration cards and MGNREGA job cards are widely held, particularly among agrarian populations, as they are central to India's welfare initiatives. Bihar's historical challenges in birth registration, school enrolment, and broader documentation mean that a significant number of genuine electors may lack any of the 11 indicative documents. The **onus** is on the state and its institutions, including the ECI, to facilitate their participation. The current rigid documentary requirements place an undue burden on voters, especially the marginalised and underprivileged, who already face significant hurdles in engaging with bureaucracy, and risks widespread disenfranchisement. The current Bihar exercise seems to be treating every voter as a potential non-citizen unless proven otherwise. To uphold the principle of universal adult franchise and prevent large-scale exclusion, the ECI must urgently reconsider its SIR even as the Supreme Court is due to hear petitions challenging this exercise. The ECI should immediately broaden the acceptable forms of identification, ensuring that all eligible citizens have the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Pattern 7 : Central theme Based

What is the central concern raised by the passage regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in Bihar?

- A) It fails to include digital identification as a verification method
- B) It lacks coordination with the Supreme Court directives
- C) It risks disenfranchising legitimate voters due to procedural rigidity ✓
- D) It promotes universal documentation standards across all states
- E) It encourages voters to submit fabricated documents without penalty

Pattern 8 Assumption Based Question

According to the passage, what alternative approach is suggested to mitigate the issues with document submission?

- A) Creating a new set of documents specifically for electoral verification
- B) Requiring biometric verification of all electors
- C) Accepting widely held documents such as Aadhaar, ration cards, and MGNREGA job cards
- D) Appointing judicial officers to oversee local investigations
- E) Postponing elections until all voters are issued passports

Pattern 9 – Title Based Questions

The word “**ubiquity**” in the context of Aadhaar most nearly means:

- A) Fragility
- B) Limitation
- C) Widespread presence ✓
- D) Controversial nature
- E) Singular origin

Aadhaar

Pattern 10 – Grammar Based Question

Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical error.

- (A) The Election Commission's decision to rely solely
(B) on local officials for verification of documents
(C) has raised concerns among legal experts,
(D) who fears it might lead to arbitrary exclusions
(E) of genuine voters from the electoral roll.

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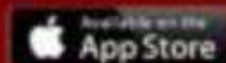
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