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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.

VOCABULARY

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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Idioms and phrases—these little expressions that often confuse us in the exam—don't worry, we've got this. I've picked the ones you'll actually come across in exams, pulled straight from daily newspapers. But more importantly, I'll help you understand them in a way that sticks. Not by rote, but through real context and simple meaning. Over time, these phrases will become second nature to you, and you'll be able to use and spot them effortlessly. It's one of those small things that makes a big difference.

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Descriptive writing is where your preparation meets your personality. It's not just about grammar or structure—it's about how you think, how you feel, and how clearly you express that. Whether you're writing an essay, a piece, or a report, I'll help you shape your thoughts with clarity and purpose. All the topics we'll work on come from current news, so your writing stays fresh, relevant, and impactful. And here's my promise—you'll never feel lost staring at a blank page again. Together, we'll build your voice, one word at a time.

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MOUNT

बढ़ते

↑ Increase

to become greater in extent, volume, amount, or number

SYNONYMS

- Accelerate ✓
- Climb ✓
- Accumulate ✓
- Proliferate ✓
- Augment ✓
- Ameliorate ✓

(V)
Skyrocket
Surge
Soar
Mushroom
Balloon
Inflate
Uptick

ANTONYMS

- Recede ✓
- Dwindle ✓
- Diminish ✓
- Contract ✓

Deteriorate
Ebb
Descend

FORMS

Noun-(mounting) ✓
Adjective-(mounting) ✓



Sagar
@sagarcaam

Me, looking at my stomach after lockdown



There is _____ pressure on the government to act swiftly.



RHETORIC

वक्तृत्व कला

Noun

language that is impressive-sounding but not meaningful or sincere

SYNONYMS

- Eloquence
- Grandiloquence
- Oratory
- Verbosity

(-) Verbose

ANTONYMS

- Simple
- Conciseness
- Sincerity

(Adi)
Tense
NI ADI PITHY Succinct

FORMS

Adjective-(rhetorical)



While some admired his powerful _____, others dismissed it as mere bombast.



COHESION

एकजुटता

a condition in which people or things are closely united ✓

SYNONYMS

- Fraternization ✓
- Solidarity ✓
- Concord ✓
- Collaboration ✓

Camaraderie

ANTONYMS

- Variance ✓
- Fragmentation ✓
- Discord ✓
- Antagonism ✓

Isolation
Cohesive (H)

Her ideas were presented in a clear and cohesive way.



FORMS

Adjective-(cohesive) ✓



COMPLACENCY**आत्मतुष्टि**

an often unjustified feeling of being pleased with oneself or with one's situation or achievements

SYNONYMS

- Vanity ✓
- Smugness ✓
- Contentment ✓
- Pomposity ✓

ANTONYMS

- Vigilance ✓
- Modesty ✓
- Altruism ✓
- Timidity ✓ (+)

Self Satisfaction

— (-)

**FORMS**

Adjective-(complacent) ✓

While some officials showed dangerous complacency, others acted with constant _____.



REBUT

to prove to be false

खंडन करना

SYNONYMS

- Refute
- Debunk
- Confute
- Repudiate

Negate

Reject

Nullify

ANTONYMS

- Substantiate
- Validate
- Establish
- Verify

Corroborate

FORMS

Noun-(rebuttal)



The article included a detailed _____ of the claims made by critics.



LIBEL**अभियोगपत्र**

the making of false statements that damage
another's reputation

SYNONYMS

- Defamation
- Slander
- Vilification
- Calumny
- Smear

ANTONYMS

- Praise
- Compliment
- Honor
- Commend

FORMS

Verb-(libel)
Adjective-(libelous)



Maaf kijiye ga ye theek nahi ho raha hai sir
Aap galat kar rahe hai sir

They removed the _____ statements from the website to avoid legal action.



QUAVER

थरथराहट

(VibG) ✓

To shake or tremble in speaking, typically through nervousness or emotion.

SYNONYMS

- Tremble ✓
- Quiver ✓
- Falter ✓
- Vibrate ✓

wobble

Shiver

ANTONYMS

- Steady ✓
- Stabilize ✓
- Firmness ✓
- Confidence ✓

FORMS

Noun-(quaver) ✓
Adjective-(quavering) ✓

Sensations jaise sarsarahat, jhanjhanahat, gudgudahat, thartharahat?

That's your body screaming, Ashwagandha, Giloy aur Chyawanprash laao.

Her voice _____ as she began to speak about the tragedy.



UMBRAGE

आक्रोश

Noun

the feeling of being offended or resentful after a slight or indignity

SYNONYMS

- Exasperation ✓
- Huff ✓
- Indignation ✓
- Dudgeon ✓
- Resentment ✓

ANTONYMS

- Delight ✓
- Pacification ✓
- Gratification ✓
- Appeasement ✓

FORMS

calmness
Serenity
Placidity
tranquility



Main aakhri saans tak ladunga

Indignant

He expressed _____ over being left out of the meeting.



SUBJUGATE

अधीन करना

to bring under one's control by force of arms

SYNONYMS

- Subdue
- Conquer
- Vanquish
- Annihilate

ANTONYMS

- Emancipate
- Enfranchise
- Manumit
- Liberate



FORMS

Noun-(subjugation)
Adjective-(subjugated)

The _____ of indigenous cultures is a dark chapter in history.



FLUMMOX

विस्मित कर देना

to throw into a state of mental uncertainty

SYNONYMS

- Perplex
- Bewilder
- Baffle
- Befuddle

Muddy

ANTONYMS

- Assure
- Reassure
- Enlighten
- Elucidate

Fluminde



FORMS

Adjective-(flummoxed)

She looked _____ when asked to solve the puzzle.



Double down (on)

Meaning: To strengthen one's commitment to a strategy or course of action.

Example: Even after criticism, the mayor doubled down on his plan to cut public spending.

Mount (an alternative/challenge/etc.)

Meaning: To organize or initiate something significant (like a protest or challenge).

Example: The students mounted a campaign to protest the university's fee hike.

Back down ✓

Meaning: To withdraw from a position or demand.

Example: She refused to back down even when faced with severe opposition.

At cross-hairs

Meaning: To be targeted or under intense scrutiny.

Example: The whistleblower found herself in the cross-hairs of several powerful corporations.

Draw a line in the sand

Meaning: To set a clear boundary or limit.

Example: The coach drew a line in the sand when it came to discipline — no excuses were accepted.

Walk a tightrope

Meaning: To be in a difficult situation where one must be very cautious.

Example: Diplomats often walk a tightrope between supporting allies and maintaining neutrality.

Root Word: scrib/script (Latin: *to write*)

Word	Meaning	Usage in Sentence
describe ✓	to give a written or spoken account	Can you describe the scene in more detail?
manuscript ✓	a handwritten or typed document	The writer submitted his manuscript to the editor.
inscription ✓	words carved or engraved on a surface ✓	The ancient inscription on the stone revealed a forgotten language.
prescription ✓	written directions for medicine ✓	The doctor gave me a prescription for antibiotics.
subscribe ✓	to sign up for or support something	I subscribe to several educational YouTube channels.
transcribe	to write down spoken words	The assistant had to transcribe the entire interview.

The 17th Summit of BRICS emerging economies, which ended on Monday (July 7, 2025) came at a time when the organisation was in the global spotlight. This was the first such meeting that included all the newly inducted members (Egypt, Ethiopia, the UAE, Iran and Indonesia; Saudi Arabia has not joined so far). It also followed the U.S.-Israel attacks on Iran's nuclear programme, and the escalation in Israel's bombardment of Gaza. This was the first summit since the four-day India-Pakistan conflict in May, and also after the G-7 summit in Canada. The BRICS grouping, seen as the next challenger to the global financial order, is in U.S. President Donald Trump's cross-hairs, as he sees it mounting an alternative to the dollar in international trade. In addition, the group has several internal rivalries that have brought its sustainability into question. In April, the BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting ended without a joint statement, as the African members held up the wording on the expansion of the UN Security Council. Meanwhile, despite India's clarification in March that it is not considering de-dollarisation of trade in any form, and that there is no "unified BRICS position" on the issue, Brazil's President Lula da Silva doubled down on rhetoric against the U.S., saying that BRICS proves the world "doesn't need an emperor". Mr. Trump has since repeated threats that BRICS countries would face an extra 10% tariffs due to the grouping's "anti-American stance" — an awkward moment for New Delhi as it attempts to conclude a trade agreement with Washington.

Despite all the challenges, the Rio declaration underlined the basic **cohesion** and consensus within BRICS members on a range of issues. In the joint statement, there was strong language against the attacks on Gaza and condemnation of the strikes on Iran, given the risks to nuclear safety. India was able to ensure a paragraph with tough language condemning the Pahalgam terror attack and references to terror financing and "cross-border movement of terrorists". India and Brazil won endorsements of the whole grouping on playing a larger role at the UN, "including the Security Council". The absence of the Chinese and Russian Presidents allowed more space for the non-P5 countries to promote a common vision for the Global South, adding several important resolutions on energy security, climate change and re-ordering the WTO. The Rio declaration also took a **stern** view of the U.S.'s moves on tariffs. As India prepares for its leadership of the BRICS grouping next year, that now represents about half the global population, around 40% of the global GDP and a quarter of global trade, it can move forward with this consensus, fulfilling the vision for the grouping's acronym that Mr. Modi recast as "Building Resilience and Innovation for Cooperation and Sustainability".

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Pattern 1 – Inference Based Question

In the context of the passage, what can be inferred about the significance of the 17th BRICS Summit?

- A) It marked the official removal of Saudi Arabia from the BRICS framework.
- B) It reflected unprecedented unity among all new and old BRICS members.
- C) It occurred amid geopolitical tensions that intensified its global relevance.
- D) It finalised a unified BRICS currency to replace the dollar.
- E) It showed a unanimous BRICS stance on de-dollarisation.

Pattern 2 – Vocab Based Questions

What is the contextual meaning of the phrase “**doubled down on rhetoric**” as used in the passage?

- A) Shifted from criticism to diplomacy ✓
- B) Repeated a previous mistake with greater force ✓
- C) Softened his stance to encourage negotiation ✓
- D) Intensified his verbal opposition ✓
- E) Disregarded public opinion on sensitive matters

Pattern 3 Context Based Question

Which of the following best captures the central theme of the passage?

- A) The BRICS summit exposed deep internal rifts that threaten its collapse.
- B) Despite external pressures and internal tensions, BRICS projected unity and forward-looking goals.
- C) The U.S. has effectively isolated BRICS through sanctions and tariffs.
- D) India emerged as the sole driving force behind BRICS' continuity and strength.
- E) New members weakened BRICS' original focus on global financial reform.

Pattern 4 – True – False Based Question

Which of the following statements is NOT supported by the passage?

- A) The Rio declaration included references to terror financing and cross-border terrorism.
- B) India clarified it wasn't pursuing de-dollarisation in any form.
- ☒ C) The inclusion of new members led to unanimous decisions during the summit. ?
- D) The BRICS summit coincided with regional and global security conflicts.
- E) The absence of China and Russia allowed other countries to voice new resolutions.

Pattern 5 – Paradox Based Question

Which of the following best reflects an irony highlighted in the passage?

- A) Despite India's trade talks with the U.S., Trump labels BRICS anti-American.
- B) The summit had a large attendance but no decisions were taken.
- C) India supports the U.S. on trade but defends BRICS expansion.
- D) The G-7 supported BRICS' resolutions on Gaza and WTO reforms.
- E) Russia and China boycotted the summit despite being founders.

Pattern 6 – **Logical Reasoning Question**

Which of the following best exemplifies India's diplomatic strategy at the BRICS summit?

- A) Aligning fully with China and Russia to form a new world order
- B) Distancing itself from anti-U.S. sentiment to maintain neutrality
- C) Promoting UN reforms while opposing WTO negotiations
- D) Advocating a joint BRICS currency for de-dollarisation
- E) Publicly criticizing U.S. sanctions on Iran and Gaza strikes

It took just two days for Delhi's drive to enforce a 10-year-old ban on overage vehicles to **fizzle out**. The two days, July 1 and 2, saw many protests, mostly on social media. It was enough for the BJP-led Delhi government to suspend the operation to deny fuel to these vehicles and seize them. In sharp contrast, there were few posts by authorities or even clean air advocates countering the protests with science and data, especially about the health impact.

The rollback is a test of political will for Delhi's — and even India's — fight against air pollution. The enforcement agency has passed Part 1 of the test. The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has agreed to the Delhi government's push to suspend the operation. But it is a temporary relief. From November 1, overage vehicles will be targeted not just in Delhi but also in five cities bordering it, that is, Gurugram, Faridabad, and Sonipat in Haryana, and Noida and Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh.

By April 1, 2026, the ban will be extended to a wider area, the National Capital Region, which includes much of Haryana and parts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

But there is no place for **complacency**.

The CAQM says end-of-life vehicles make a “significant contribution” to air pollution in Delhi and its neighbourhood. Other studies, such as that by the International Council on Clean Transportation, show overage vehicles, mostly Bharat Stage 2, BS3, and BS4 ones, are roughly 10 and five times more polluting, respectively, than the latest BS6 standard.

It is important to note that the ban affects a minority of Delhi's population of 34 million. It may impact far fewer vehicles than the 6.1 million being widely cited, which is the number of registrations on record. But the number of vehicles still actually running on Delhi's roads is estimated by some experts to be a few lakh.

Equally important is that very few use private vehicles. Seven out of 10 use public transit or cycle or walk, according to the CAQM. Initially, both the State government and the CAQM have shown a rare resolve before the ban started on July 1. The best way to improve air quality is to cut the sources of pollution, such as old vehicles. But that means taking hard decisions. This was the first, high-profile, widespread enforcement that the CAQM was throwing its weight behind. Pollution control analysts have often criticised the agency for not exercising its considerable powers. The CAQM wants monthly reports on the preparation for the ban. Second, the argument by several protesters that overage vehicle does not mean a polluting vehicle will not stand scrutiny.

The CAQM appears determined to see this through and it is a chance to demonstrate that it is serious about cutting air pollution at source, rather than resort to questionable steps such as smog towers and mist guns.

Pattern 7 : Tone Based

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

- A) Descriptive and celebratory ✗
- B) Critical but cautiously optimistic ✓
- C) Alarmist and emotional ✗
- D) Detached and neutral ✗
- E) Defensive and apologetic ✓

Pattern 8 Sentence completion Based Question

Choose the most appropriate phrase to complete the sentence based on the passage:

"Despite the initial suspension, the CAQM's insistence on monthly progress reports shows that..."

- A) It intends to delay the rollout until public consensus is achieved.
- B) It seeks to avoid direct responsibility in future enforcement.
- C) It is committed to short-term, superficial pollution measures.
- D) It aims to ensure accountability and sustained implementation.
- E) It plans to reverse the ban due to technical infeasibility.

Pattern 9 – Inference Based Questions

Which of the following **best strengthens** the CAQM's rationale for banning overage vehicles?

- A) A report showing overage vehicles account for the majority of traffic congestion in Delhi
- B) A survey revealing that overage vehicle owners tend to violate traffic laws
- C) A study showing BS2 and BS3 vehicles emit pollutants many times higher than BS6 vehicles /
- D) Data suggesting Delhi's public transport infrastructure is underutilized
- E) Expert opinion claiming smog towers offer better pollution control than vehicle bans

Pattern 10 – Grammar Based Question

Identify the sentence that contains a **grammatical error**:

- A) It took just two days for Delhi's enforcement drive to fizzle out amid growing protests.
- B) The CAQM has agreed to temporarily suspend the operation, but insists on monthly updates.
- C) From November 1 onwards, overage vehicles will be targeted in Delhi and its neighboring cities. *Singular*
- D) The number of vehicles still actually running on Delhi's roads are *is* estimated to be a few lakh.
- E) Studies show that BS2 vehicles are significantly more polluting than BS6 ones.

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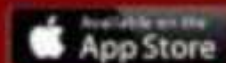
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