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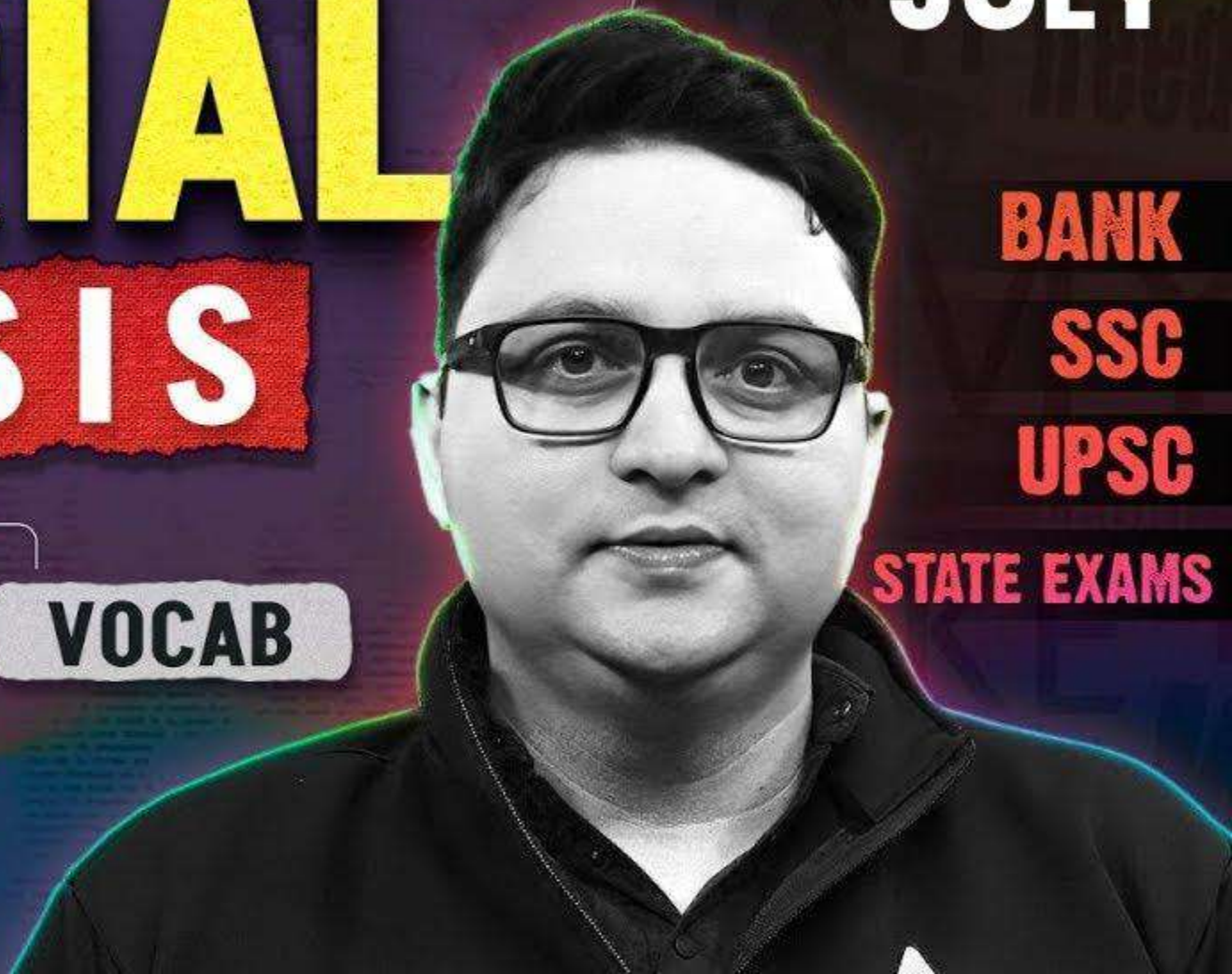
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READING

Let's be honest—when it comes to English for competitive exams, reading isn't just important... It's everything. Nearly half of the questions—directly or indirectly—are based on how well you read. But don't worry, 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. I'll train your mind to think, understand, and respond faster. Every passage you read here brings you a step closer to confidence and clarity. Nail 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 relatable. 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 cram 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. Slowly, patterns will start to click. You'll begin spotting mistakes naturally, understanding structure intuitively. That's grammar stops being scary and starts being your silent support system.

IDIOMS & PHRASES

Idioms and phrases—those 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.

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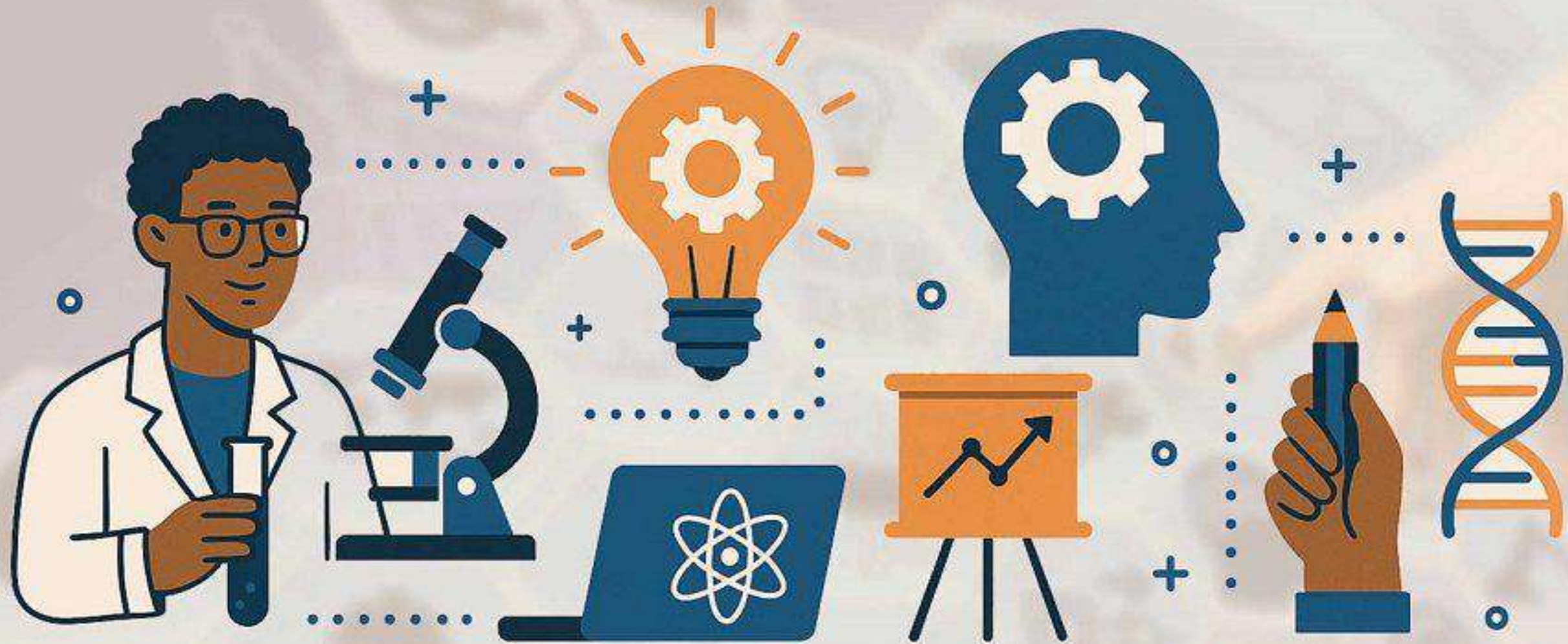
Descriptive writing is where your preparation meets your personality. It's not just about grammar or structure—it's about how you think, how you feel, and how clearly you express that. Whether you're writing an essay, a précis, or a report, I'll help you shape your thoughts with clarity and purpose. 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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INCIPIENT**उत्पन्न होनेवाला**

beginning to come into existence

SYNONYMS

- Nascent
- Initiate
- Inchoate
- Embryonic

ANTONYMS

- Ripe
- Mature
- Complete
- Adult

**FORMS**

Their _____ friendship soon grew into a strong bond.



FALTER**लड़खड़ाना**

to show uncertainty about the right course of action

SYNONYMS

- Hesitate
- Vacillate
- Stagger
- Scruple

ANTONYMS

- Decide
- Stir
- Plunge(in)
- Persevere



Pata nahi ji konsa nasha karta hai

FORMS

Noun-(faltering)
Adjective-(faltering)

His _____ did not go unnoticed by the audience.



FICKLENESS

अस्थिरता

The quality of being changeable, unreliable.

SYNONYMS

- Inconstancy
- Capriciousness
- Whimsicality
- Variability

ANTONYMS

- Stability
- Reliability
- Consistency
- Loyalty

**FORMS**

Adjective-(fickle)

His fickleness in relationships contrasted sharply with her _____.



SPECTRE**डर का साया**

Something widely feared as a possible unpleasant or dangerous occurrence.

SYNONYMS

- Phantom
- Apparition
- Menace
- Shadow

ANTONYMS

- Reality
- Certainty
- Comfort
- Safety

FORMS

The _____ of war hung over the negotiations.



HAEMORRHAGE**रक्तस्राव**

To lose blood profusely; to lose something rapidly and in large amounts.

SYNONYMS

- Bleed
- Exude
- Leak
- Grain

ANTONYMS

- Retain
- Accumulate
- Hoard
- Clot

**FORMS**

The organization is _____ funds due to poor management.



HEAP

ढेर

To put things in a pile; to load something in large quantities.

SYNONYMS

- Accumulate
- Stack
- Gather
- Load

ANTONYMS

- Scatter
- Disperse
- Spread
- Dissipate

FORMS

Noun-(heap)

Adjective-(heaped)



She gave him a _____ plate of food.



COMPLICIT**मिलीभगत**

Involved with others in an illegal activity or wrongdoing, either actively or by failing to act.

SYNONYMS

- Culpable
- Conniving
- Implicated
- Associated

ANTONYMS

- Innocent
- Uninvolved
- Ignorant
- Blameless

**FORMS**

Noun-(complicity)

The investigation revealed his _____ in the cover-up.



FLORID

अलंकृत

elaborately and often excessively decorated

SYNONYMS

- Ornate
- Baroque
- Grandiloquent
- Overblown

ANTONYMS

- Austere
- Stark
- Severe
- Modest

**FORMS**

Noun-(floridity)

She _____ described even the simplest events, turning them into dramatic tales.



NOISOME**अस्वास्थ्यकर**

causing intense displeasure, disgust, or resentment

SYNONYMS

- Noxious
- Putrid
- Fetid
- Malodorous

ANTONYMS

- Fragrant
- Delighted
- Refreshing
- Wholesome

**FORMS**

Noun-(noisomeness)

The room was filled with _____ fumes that made everyone feel sick.



PEJORATIVE**अपमानजनक**

intended to make a person or thing seem of little importance or value

SYNONYMS

- Slighting
- Derogatory
- Malicious
- Deprecatory

ANTONYMS

- Laudatory
- Complimentary
- Adulatory
- Appreciative

**FORMS**

The word “bureaucrat” is often used as a _____ in political debates.



TORPID

सुस्त

Mentally or physically inactive; sluggish.

SYNONYMS

- Inanimate
- Dormant
- Inert
- Quiescent

ANTONYMS

- Vigorous
- Kinetic
- Assiduous
- Vivacious

FORMS

Noun-(torpor)



The bear enters a deep _____ during the winter months.



NOVEL

नया

not known or experienced before

SYNONYMS

- Unprecedented
- Innovative
- Strange
- Pioneering

ANTONYMS

- Hackneyed
- Traditional
- Conventional
- Derivative



FORMS

Noun-(novelty)

While her methods were novel, the committee preferred more _____ solutions.



PHRASAL VERBS

Fob off – To deceive someone by giving a false explanation or something unimportant.

*The manager tried to **fob off** the client with vague excuses about the delay.*

Worm out – To cleverly extract information from someone, often by being sneaky.

*The journalist managed to **worm out** the truth from the reluctant spokesperson.*

Cotton on – To begin to understand or realize something, especially after a delay.

*She finally **cottoned on** to the fact that they were making fun of her.*

IDIOMS

Fly in the ointment – A small flaw that spoils the whole situation.

*Everything was perfect about the trip, but the delayed flight was the **fly in the ointment**.*

Hoist with one's own petard – To be hurt or defeated by one's own plan intended for another.

*The hacker was **hoist with his own petard** when his virus backfired and crashed his system.*

Put a brave face on it – To pretend to be happy or unbothered in a difficult situation.

*Even after losing the contract, she **put a brave face on it** and attended the meeting cheerfully.*

PATH – Feeling or Suffering

Word	Meaning	Usage in Sentence
Sympathy	Feeling pity or sorrow for someone else's misfortune	<i>She showed great sympathy towards the earthquake victims.</i>
Empathy	The ability to understand and share another's feelings	<i>A good counselor must have deep empathy for others.</i>
Apathy	Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern	<i>Voter apathy is a serious problem in many democracies.</i>
Antipathy	A deep-seated feeling of dislike; aversion	<i>He expressed strong antipathy towards corruption in politics.</i>
Pathos	A quality that evokes pity or sadness	<i>The movie was filled with pathos, leaving the audience in tears.</i>

The Union Cabinet recently approved a ₹1-lakh crore Research Development and Innovation (RDI) scheme that aims to incentivise the private sector to invest in basic research. The scheme will primarily consist of a special purpose fund established within the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), which will act as the custodian of funds. The funds will be in the form of low-interest loans. The ANRF is conceived as an independent institutional body, with oversight by the Science Ministry, to allocate funds for basic research and to incentivise private sector participation in core research. The involvement of the ANRF here is a **novel** move as the newly created organisation is meant to be the equivalent of a single-window clearance mechanism for funding research and development for universities and academic institutions. It is also expected to get about 70% of its budget from private sources. In sum, through the RDI and the ANRF, the government is looking to stake the bold claim that it has played its part and that it is now up to the private sector to come forward and reverse the ratio from where the government today accounts for about 70% of India's R&D spend. However, already **incipient** in the government's tall ambitions are traces of what has caused previous such schemes to **falter**. The first of these is **conservatism**.

It turns out that a condition for availing funds is that only products that have reached a certain level of development and market potential or, what are called Technology Readiness Level-4 (TRL-4) projects, would be eligible. There are nine TRL levels, a hierarchy that was first conceived by the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the 1970s. TRL-1 represents a basic level of research and TRL-9 a state of advanced readiness. TRL-4 appears to be an arbitrary decision to support any promising research that has progressed halfway. Were there such a magic sauce, venture capital industries, premised on the **fickleness** of predicting the 'next big thing', would not exist. The scheme also seems to forget that technologically advanced countries have become what they are because of their military industrial complexes — where the **spectre** of war incentivises the development of technology that is risky and expensive but, over time, may prove to be of immense civilian value — examples are the Internet or the Global Positioning System. India continues to **haemorrhage** scientists to the West due to the lack of opportunities commensurate with their training. Finally, it lacks a deeply skilled manufacturing sector that can make the products that scientists conceive of. Budgetary allowances cannot overnight fix that which requires major surgery

Pattern 1 – Inference Based Question

What can be inferred about the government's expectations from the private sector in the context of the RDI scheme?

- A) The government expects private institutions to surpass government funding within two years.
- B) The government aims to retain control but increase private contributions.
- C) The government has taken a backseat and left the entire burden on the private sector.
- D) The government believes its initial contribution should now trigger a larger private-sector response.
- E) The government plans to maintain a 70% contribution unless the private sector underperforms.

Pattern 2 – Vocab Based Questions

What does the word *haemorrhage* most nearly mean as used in the sentence

“India continues to *haemorrhage* scientists to the West...”?

- A) To deploy trained scientists for global collaboration
- B) To systematically channel researchers into international markets
- C) To outsource scientific talent for temporary global placements
- D) To facilitate academic migration through structured programmes
- E) To suffer a persistent and damaging outflow of skilled professionals

Pattern 3 Context Based Question

Why does the author view the selection of TRL-4 as the eligibility benchmark for funding as problematic?

- A) It endorses a maturity level that exceeds the operational scope of domestic research institutions.
- B) It adopts a foreign classification model without tailoring it to India's innovation climate.
- C) It imposes a mid-stage cutoff that overlooks the erratic progression of breakthrough discoveries.
- D) It prioritises defence-centric proposals at the expense of public-sector scientific initiatives.
- E) It favours prototypes lacking in ecological and social impact assessments.

Pattern 4 – Central theme Based Question

Which of the following best summarises the core critique presented by the author?

- A) The RDI scheme's focus on military technology makes it unsuitable for civil innovation.
- B) The scheme's structure imposes such constraints that may stifle early-stage research and ignore systemic shortcomings.
- C) ANRF's independence undermines the Science Ministry's traditional role in policy execution.
- D) By prioritising only TRL-9 products, the scheme eliminates all forms of basic research.
- E) The private sector is unlikely to participate due to geopolitical risks and global economic slowdown.

Pattern 5 – Analogy Based Question

Which of the following is most analogous to the scheme's reliance on TRL-4 as a funding benchmark?

- A) Funding only students who score above 90% without considering their learning trajectory
- B) Offering scholarships to all applicants regardless of merit
- C) Investing in companies based solely on their brand name
- D) Refusing to publish books that do not sell over 10,000 copies
- E) Denying access to education to rural students on the basis of geographical location

Pattern 6 – True False Question

Which of the following statement / statements are true :

- A. The RDI scheme offers grants exclusively for projects that have completed all stages of technological development.
- B. The ANRF is designed to serve as a streamlined mechanism for disbursing research funds, functioning somewhat like a single-window system.
- C. The passage argues that India's innovation challenges stem mainly from its overreliance on foreign scientific personnel.

- A) Only A and B
- B) Only B and C
- C) Only C
- D) Only A and C
- E) Only B

In his third White House visit in six months, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, on Monday (July 7, 2025), **heaped** praise on U.S. President Donald Trump for his “pursuit of peace and security... in the Middle East” and even nominated him for a Nobel Peace Prize but stopped short of making any commitment on the most pressing issue in West Asia today — a ceasefire in Gaza. While indirect talks between Hamas representatives and Israel continue in Doha, Israel appears to be readying the forcible relocation of Palestinians to the south of Gaza. Defence Minister Israel Katz says he has instructed the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) to come up with a plan to relocate the entire population of Gaza, of 2.3 million people, to the ruins of Rafah, which the Israelis call a “new humanitarian city”. There were reports in the Israeli media about the IDF chief, Eyal Zamir, opposing the plan, saying that “the hungry and angry” Palestinians “could turn on the IDF”. The IDF killing dozens of Palestinians, including children, in Gaza is a daily occurrence; starving civilians are shot down in aid centres. Doctors who served in Gaza in the past 20 months have horror stories of babies being starved to death or bodies of children being brought to hospitals with sniper wounds in their heads. None of this moves Mr. Netanyahu and his backers in the West, including Mr. Trump, who calls himself “a man of peace”.

Mr. Trump had said before the meeting that he would be “very firm” with Mr. Netanyahu on the need for a ceasefire. But words alone are not enough. Mr. Trump has the leverage to compel Israel to accept a ceasefire in Gaza. He demonstrated his influence in the final hours of the Iran-Israel war, publicly demanding that Tel Aviv turn back its fighter jets that had taken off to bomb Iran. Israel complied, after carrying out only a symbolic strike. Today’s Israel is dependent on the U.S. as ever before. During the war on Iran, Israel had to rely on America for offensive and defensive support. Israel needs American weapons to continue its devastating war in Gaza. And Mr. Netanyahu, who is facing an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity, needs American political and diplomatic backing to continue his wars across West Asia with impunity. If the U.S. continues to support Israel and refuses to use its leverage to end the Gaza war, it will be condemned by future historians and fact-finders as a country that was **complicit** in Israel’s crimes against Palestinians. There are no excuses for Israel to prolong this brutal war, which has killed an estimated 70,000 people in 20 months. The slaughter must stop, and Israel must be held accountable for its crimes.

Pattern 7 : Tone Based

What best describes the author's tone towards U.S. involvement in the Gaza conflict?

- A) Sympathetic and diplomatic
- B) Neutral and fact-based
- C) Critical and accusatory
- D) Dispassionate and pragmatic
- E) Optimistic yet cautious

Pattern 8 Vocab Based Question

Which word is the closest in meaning to *slaughter* as used in the final line:
“The slaughter must stop...”

- A) Massacre
- B) Turmoil
- C) Collapse
- D) Riot
- E) Skirmish

Pattern 9 – Inference Based Questions

Which of the following can be *most reasonably inferred* about Netanyahu's stance on the Gaza situation based on the passage?

- A) He firmly supports a ceasefire but is constrained by domestic politics.
- B) He shows a performative commitment to peace without actionable intent.
- C) He is under U.S. pressure to completely withdraw from Gaza.
- D) He has accepted the IDF chief's concerns and is reconsidering his plans.
- E) He has publicly condemned civilian casualties in Gaza.

Pattern 10 – Grammar Based Question

The Prime Minister's speech (A) along with his repeated emphasis on security measures, (B) has drew criticism (C) from international human rights organizations. (D) No error (E)

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

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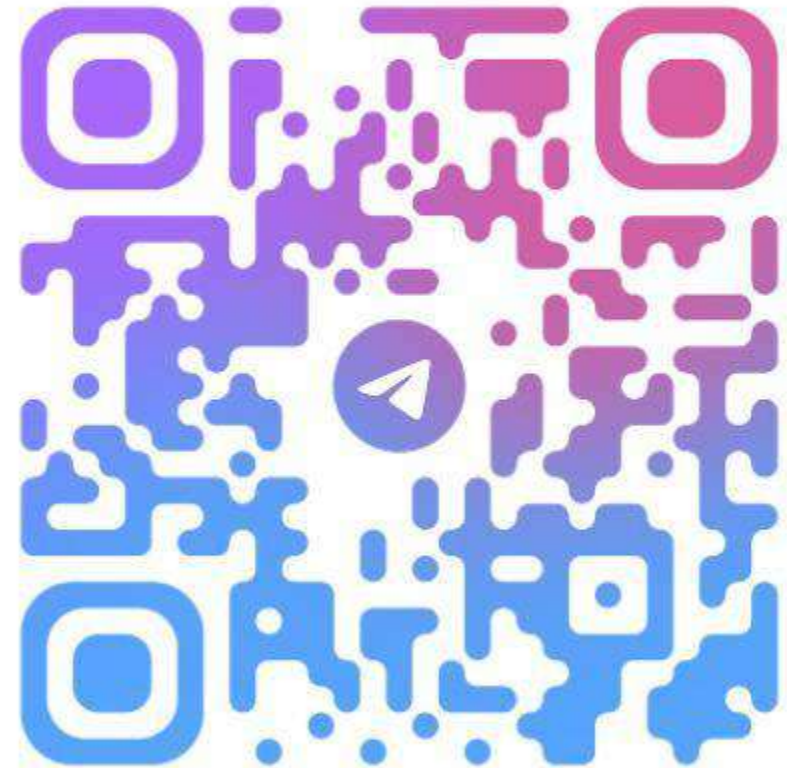
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