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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.

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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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Grammar... it has a bit of a reputation, right? You study rules, you memorize 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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**KERALA NUNS ARRESTED
IN CHHATTISGARH. WHY?**

BALMY

शान्तिदायक (Aply)

Mild and comforting, producing relaxation

SYNONYMS

- Assuaging ✓
- Serene ✓
- Restorative ✓
- Temperate ✓

Mollifying
Placate
Tranquil
Lax

ANTONYMS

- Inclement ✓
- Turbulent ✓
- Scorching ✓
- Intense ✓

Scathing
Chaotic
Tumultuous
Clamorous



FORMS

Noun-(balm)

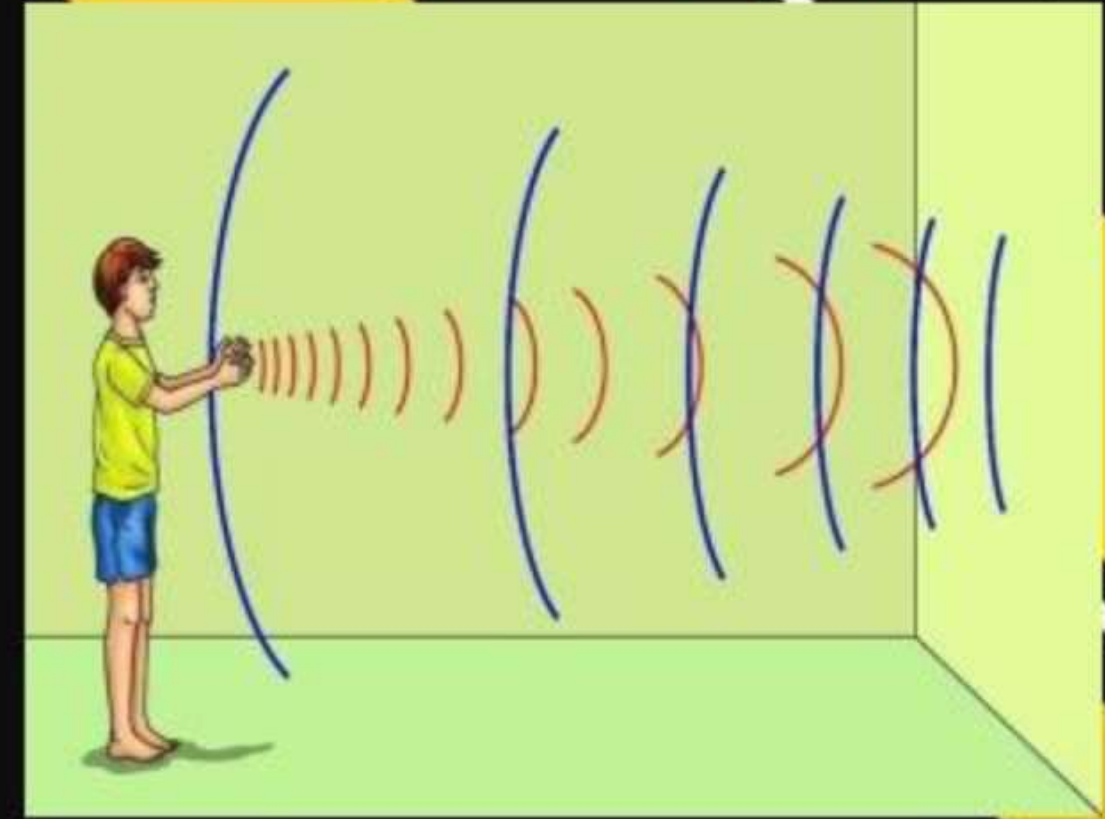
His balmy voice calmed the anxious crowd during the crisis.



REVERBERATE

प्रतिध्वनि करना *Vo46*

to continue or be repeated in a series of reflected sound waves



SYNONYMS

- Resonate ✓
- Re-echo ✓
- Clangor ✓
- Cascade ✓
- Impinge ✓

ANTONYMS

- Recede ✓
- Muffle ✓
- Cease ✓
- Dampen ✓

FORMS

Noun-(reverberation)

dull
deteriorate
Debilitating
Stifle | Choke
Suppress

The _____ of the blast shattered nearby windows.



FRENZY

उन्माद

/ Noun

a state of wildly excited activity or emotion

SYNONYMS

Hysteria

- Rampage
- Delirium
- Furor
- Tumult

Tumult

Commotion

Volatility

Rage

Chaos

Clamour

Turbulence

ANTONYMS

- Repose
- Quietude
- Placidity
- Serenity

Tranquility



FORMS

Adjective-(frenzied)

A _____ of shoppers flooded the mall during the Black Friday sale.



CULMINATED

समापन हुआ ✓

to bring to a triumphant conclusion ✓

SYNONYMS

- Climax ✓
- Apogee ✓
- Zenith ✓
- Crowned ✓

Pinnacle

Attained ✓

Acme ✓

Paramount

Summit

Paragon ✓

ANTONYMS

- Dawned ✓
- Inaugurated ✓
- Embarked ✓
- Commenced ✓

Inception

Genesis

Alpha

Start

FORMS

Noun-(culmination) ✓



The victory was the _____ of months of rigorous training.



INDIGNATION

रोष

(N)

an intense emotional state of displeasure with someone or something

Complacency

SYNONYMS

- Exasperation
- Umbrage
- Vexation
- Resentment

Wrath

outrage

Fury

ANTONYMS

- Equanimity
- Forbearance
- Tolerance
- Resignation

Composure



FORMS

Adjective-(indignant)

Public _____ rose after the shocking corruption scandal.



VOYEURISM

ताक-झांक (Noun)

The act of enjoying watching others' private lives/events without their consent ✓

SYNONYMS

- Ogling ✓
- Intrusion ✓
- Prurience ✓
- Inquisitiveness ✓

Eavesdropping

ANTONYMS

- Reticence ✓
- Discretion ✓
- Reserve ✓
- Self-restraint ✓



FORMS

Adjective-(voyeuristic) ✓

The paparazzi were accused of behaving like _____, invading the actor's privacy.



MOROSE

उदास

causing or marked by an atmosphere lacking in cheer

SYNONYMS

- Bleak ✓
- Morbid ✓
- Lugubrious
- Saturnine

Somber

Gloomy

Melancholic

Despondent

ANTONYMS

- Sanguine
- Buoyant
- Jovial
- Upbeat

Cheerful
(Energetic)

Ecstatic



FORMS

Noun-(moroseness)

After hearing the bad news, he became ____ and withdrawn.



QUIBBLE

अवगुण दूढ़ना Ver 16

A slight objection or criticism about a trivial matter

SYNONYMS

- Cavil ✓
- Carp ✓
- Nitpick _
- Bicker _

ANTONYMS

- Endorse ✓
- Acquiesce ✓
- Concur ✓
- Commend ✓

FORMS

Land
Acclaim
Applaud



My only _____ with the movie is that it felt too long in parts.



UNCTUOUS

चिकनी चुपड़ी बात *Am*

not being or expressing what one appears to be or express

SYNONYMS

- Obsequious ✓✓
- Ingratiating ✓✓
- Sanctimonious ✓✓
- Servile ✓

ANTONYMS

- Frank ✓✓
- Earnest ✓✓
- Candid ✓✓
- Forthright ✓✓



FORMS

Noun-(unctuousness)

She gave an _____ apology, dripping with insincerity.



IDIOMS

• **Muddied the waters:** To make a situation more complicated or less clear
Example: The sudden influx of unrelated data muddied the waters of the investigation.

Focus
• **Throw the spotlight on:** To bring attention to something, often a problem
Example: The scandal threw the spotlight on corruption within the organization.

• **Serve as a wake-up call:** To act as a warning or realization about a serious issue

Example: The cyberattack served as a wake-up call for businesses to improve their security.

PHRASAL VERBS

- **Play out** – *To unfold or happen, especially over time*

Example: The consequences of her hasty decision played out over several months.

- **Clamp down on** – *To take strict action to stop or limit an activity*

Example: Authorities are clamping down on illegal cryptocurrency exchanges.

- **Come under fire** – *To be criticized severely*

Example: The company came under fire for mishandling user data.

Root Word: Latin root "sal / salus / salubris",
 meaning "health, well-being, or safety."

1. **Salubrious** (*adjective*) – Promoting health or well-being
2. **Salutary** (*adjective*) – Producing beneficial effects, especially on health or morality
3. **Salutation** (*noun*) – A gesture or phrase of greeting or goodwill
4. **Salus** (*noun*) – Safety, welfare, or preservation (used in literary or philosophical contexts)
5. **Salutogenesis** (*noun*) – The origin of health; an approach focusing on factors that support human well-being

On a **balmy** evening in Boston, a Coldplay concert became the stage for an incident that **reverberated** far beyond the music. During a light-hearted "kiss-cam" segment, the camera focused on two individuals – the CEO of Astromer, and the firm's HR director. The **startled** reactions of the man and woman, captured by an audience member's smartphone, ignited a digital firestorm. Within hours, the video went viral, inciting speculation about an alleged affair. Both individuals were married, and the online **frenzy** **culminated** in the CEO's resignation. Fake apologies and doctored posts further **muddied the waters**, transforming a **fleeting** moment into a global morality narrative.

At first glance, the Coldplay episode may seem like mere tabloid material. Yet it exposes deeper anxieties about privacy, spectacle and morality in our hyper-connected society. It prompts us to question not only media ethics and platform accountability but also the nature of spectatorship itself. Media theorist Mark Andrejevic describes this as "lateral surveillance", where individuals monitor and expose one another through digital instruments.

The Coldplay video was likely shared in **jest** or curiosity, but its viral spread, propelled by platforms such as Instagram and X, led to reputational damage.

Platforms are designed to amplify emotionally **provocative** and **ambiguous** content. The video's success lay not in truth but in its ability to provoke speculation. Its virality was orchestrated by algorithms that favour engagement over ethics. There are similar episodes. In 2023, a video of a couple in the Delhi Metro went viral, leading to harsh trolling and moral policing. Such incidents, often involving women, marginalised groups, or the economically disadvantaged, reveal a pattern: digital virality **thrives on indignation** and **voyeurism**, with disproportionate harm to the vulnerable. These incidents highlight a key issue: visibility does not equate to consent. Philosopher Helen Nissenbaum's theory of "contextual integrity" helps explain this breach: privacy is not secrecy but control over how personal information circulates within specific contexts. Daniel Trotter describes this as "digital vigilantism" – a sort of informal justice where online users act as moral enforcers. With rapid digital systems, it relies on speculation, with rapid and often irreversible consequences. News organisations, often influenced by social media trends, tend to amplify content without adequate verification. This reversal, where public reaction drives verification, challenges traditional foundations of journalism. Platform algorithms prioritise emotionally charged content, and amplify engagement over accuracy. We must ask: do we want a society that treats every moment as content, or one that prioritises **empathy** and responsibility?

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1. [Theme Based]

What is the underlying theme of the passage regarding privacy in the digital age?

- A) Privacy breaches are inevitable in the current technological landscape
- B) Media ethics and platform accountability play no significant role in digital privacy
- C) Privacy is a public concern that needs to be regulated by authorities
- D) Privacy is often compromised due to sensationalism in digital content
- E) Privacy issues in the digital age are overstated and unlikely to affect individuals

2. [Vocabulary Based]

What is meant by "**lateral surveillance**" in the passage?

- A) Direct surveillance by government agencies in public spaces
- B) The practice of monitoring and exposing others through digital tools
- C) Surveillance carried out by an authoritarian regime
- D) The act of spying on corporate offices for security purposes
- E) Monitoring the media's content and public reactions to it

3. [Purpose Based]

The author mentions the concept of “contextual integrity” primarily to:

- A) Illustrate the difference between privacy and secrecy
- B) Argue that personal privacy is a thing of the past
- C) Explain how to prevent digital vigilantism
- D) Suggest that privacy can be easily maintained with better digital tools
- E) Support the idea that media should control personal content

4. [Implication based - Based]

What does the passage imply regarding the essence of “**digital vigilantism**”?

- A) It stimulates individuals to produce content designed to go viral
- B) It functions as an unofficial framework where users assume the role of moral arbiters without adequate responsibility
- C) It underscores the pivotal role of journalism in safeguarding accuracy within digital platforms
- D) It promotes the dissemination of personal information under the guise of societal benefit
- E) It advocates for stricter regulation of digital platforms to mitigate exploitation

5. Assertion- Reason Question

Assertion (A): The passage highlights the increasing consequences of digital virality, especially when personal moments are turned into public spectacles.

Reason (R): Digital content, when amplified by platforms, leads to moral policing and reputational damage, often without proper verification or accountability.

- A) Both assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation for the assertion.
- B) Both assertion and reason are true, but the reason does not explain the assertion.
- C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- E) Both assertion and reason are false.

Pattern 6 : True – False Questions

Which of the following sentences is **false** based on the passage?

- A) The video of the CEO and HR director became viral due to its humorous and unintentional nature.
- B) "Lateral surveillance" refers to individuals monitoring and exposing each other using digital tools.
- C) The passage suggests that social media platforms prioritize ethical content over engagement-driven algorithms.
- D) The passage criticizes the practice of digital vigilantism, where users act as moral enforcers without accountability.
- E) The concept of "contextual integrity" relates to the control individuals have over their personal information in specific contexts.

The arrest of two Catholic nuns by the Chhattisgarh police on charges of human trafficking and forced conversion is another instance of growing religion-related harassment. Keralite Sisters Preeti Mary and Vandana Francis, from the order of the Assisi Sisters of Mary Immaculate, were escorting three tribal girls to an Agra convent for jobs when they were apprehended from Durg railway station on July 25, 2025, after a Bajrang Dal member filed a complaint. They have been booked under Section 4 of the Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act, 1968 (conversion) and Section 143 of the BNS (trafficking). While Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai insisted that the nuns were engaging in "human trafficking and conversion... through inducement", the kin of the girls have since clarified that there was no forceful conversion and they had given their consent to be taken to Agra. The arrests have led to condemnation across the political spectrum against communal vigilantism. Leaders across political lines have protested. Ruling Left Democratic Front and Opposition United Democratic Front MPs from Kerala held dharnas outside Parliament, and the Catholic Church, through its official mouthpiece, Deepika, and other church organisations too denounced the arrests. This is not the first time that a proselytisation row has erupted involving Christian missionaries. Last year marked 25 years of the brutal killing of Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two minor sons in Odisha.

Despite the fact that the Constitution provides citizens the right to practise and propagate the religion of their choice, several States, including U.P., M.P., Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha, have misused provisions of anti-conversion laws that were intended only to prevent conversion through force or fraud or allurement. These laws are often used to criminalise interfaith marriages by labelling conversion by marriage as unlawful. In tribal-dominated regions such as Jharkhand, there is another tension brewing between Adivasis and both Christian tribals and Hindus. While Hindutva groups with the RSS's backing are exhorting tribals to wake up to their Hindu roots, tribal outfits are resisting this and demanding a separate Sarna religious code. Tribal outfits allege that the Hindu groups are doing the same thing as Christian missionaries to subsume their distinct culture. In Chhattisgarh, which has around a 2% Christian population according to the 2011 Census, there is also a debate on whether tribals who are converting to Christianity should be delisted from the Scheduled Tribes. In such a churn, the onus is on political, religious and social organisations to focus on economic development, jobs and welfare. Government machineries should be used to enforce rights, guaranteed by the Constitution, not violate them.

[Critical Reasoning – Paradox Recognition]

Which of the following presents a paradox discussed in the passage?

- A. Tribals seek religious autonomy, yet follow traditional Hindu beliefs.
- B. Conversion laws aim to protect vulnerable groups but end up targeting them.
- C. Missionaries are allowed to convert tribals but are jailed for it.
- D. Most Indians support religious freedom, yet oppose interfaith marriage.
- E. Tribals are exempt from mainstream laws but demand constitutional protection.

[Fact-based – True Statement Identification]

Which of the following statements is **true** according to the passage?

- A. The Chhattisgarh government has officially recognised Sarna as a separate religion. X
- B. The arrested nuns were proven to have coerced the tribal girls into conversion. X
- C. Anti-conversion laws have been repealed in most northeastern states. X
- D. Protests against the arrests included Members of Parliament from Kerala. ✓
- E. Hindu groups in Jharkhand welcomed the demand for a Sarna religious code.

[Tone-based]

Which of the following best describes the author's tone in the final paragraph of the passage?

- A. Neutral and detached X
- B. Sympathetic and investigative X
- C. Critical and exhortative ✓
- D. Apologetic and defensive X
- E. Optimistic and diplomatic X

[Title-based – Central Idea]

Which of the following titles best captures the **central concern** and **rhetorical stance** of the passage, while maintaining fidelity to its nuanced discussion of constitutional, religious, and socio-political tensions?

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- A. Faith on Trial: The Hidden Agendas Behind Missionary Work in Tribal India
- B. Divine Mandates and Legal Handcuffs: India's Crisis of Religious Regulation
- C. Beyond Belief: The Constitutional Erosion in India's Tribal Corridors
- D. In the Name of Faith: Political Expediency and the Weaponisation of Conversion Laws
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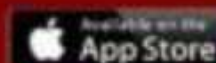
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