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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? 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.

IDIOMS & PHRASES

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.

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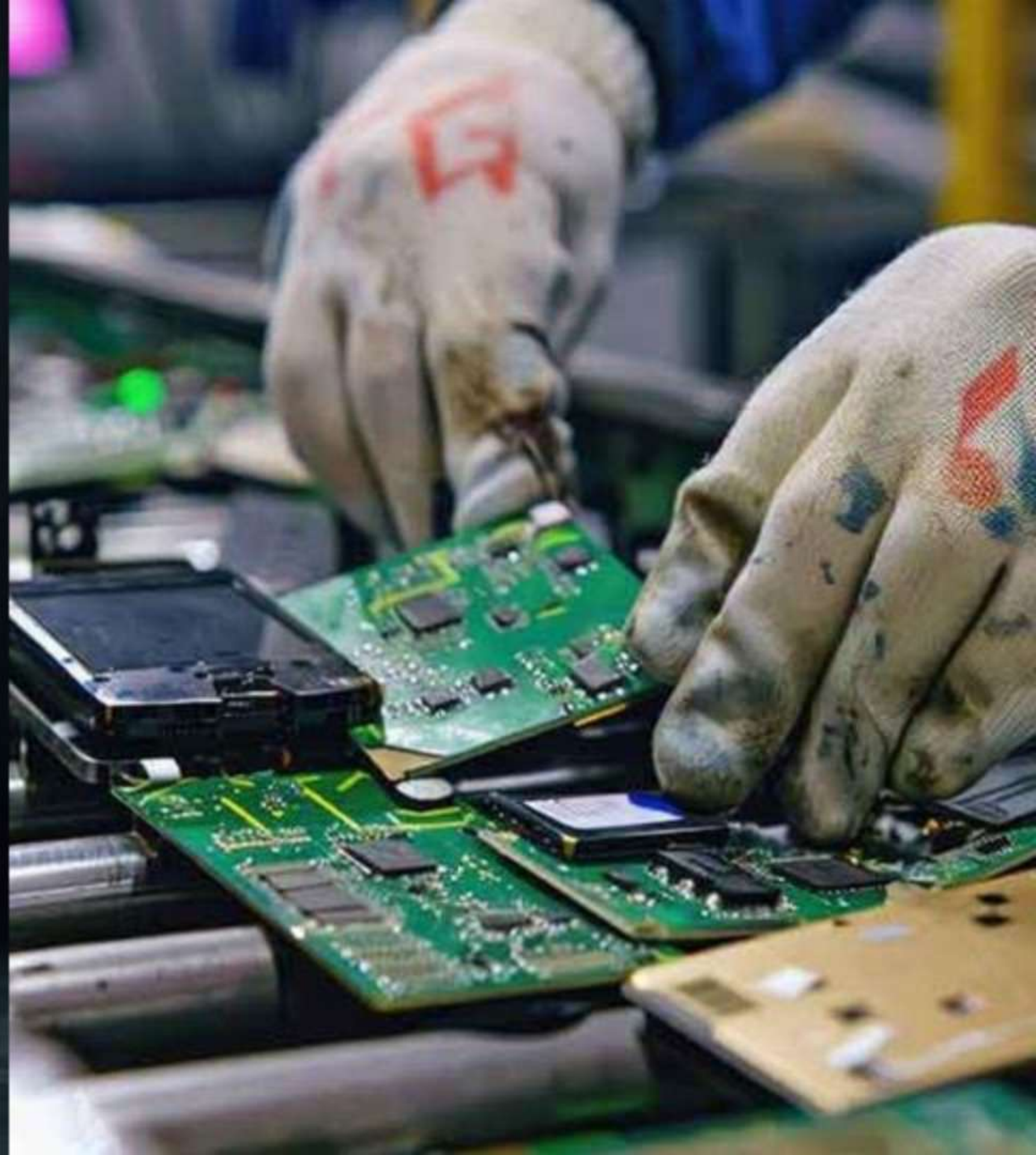
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EXODUS

a flowing or going out

Exit

SYNONYMS

- Diaspora ✓
- Emigration ✓✓
- Emanation ✓
- Stampede ✓

Immigration

जनसमूह का पलायन, बड़ी संख्या में प्रस्थान

N

ANTONYMS

- Deluge ✓
- Inundation ✓
- Influx ✓
- Torrential ✓

Barrage

FORMS



The refugees made a/ an exodus across the border to seek safety.



OSTENSIBLE

दृश्यमान

(Adi)

appearing to be true on the basis of evidence that may or may not be confirmed

SYNONYMS

- Obvious
- Putative ✓
- Plausible ✓
- Prima facie ✓
- Illusory

Purported

Superficial

Apparent

ANTONYMS

- Inapparent
- Valid ✓
- Improbable ✓
- Verified ✓

FORMS

Though the ostensible cause seemed trivial, the underlying issue was very serious and _____.



METICULOUS

नुकताचीन (फर)

taking, showing, or involving great care and effort

precise Persistent

SYNONYMS

Punctillious

- Scrupulous ✓
- Assiduous ✓
- Indefatigable ✓
- Conscientious ✓

Fatidious Fatigue

ANTONYMS

Sluggish

- Lax ✓
- Slovenly ✓
- Sloppy ✓
- Cursory ✓

CASUAL

FORMS

Noun-(meticulousness)



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SHUTTERSTOCK

His _____ planning ensured the event went smoothly.



BURGEON

to grow vigorously

संख्या में बढ़ना (VERB)

Increase

Accelerate

SYNONYMS

Ameliorate

Augment

Snowball

Uptick

Balloon

Surge

Escalate

ANTONYMS

Recede

Subside

Wane

Wither

Diminished

Dwindle
Decay

Contract
Shrink

FORMS

Plummet



Population growth has _____ in the last decade.



PERPETUATE

यादगार बनाना

V

to give eternal or lasting existence to

SYNONYMS

Elongate

ANTONYMS

- Eternalize ✓
- Enshrine ✓
- Perennialize ✓
- Prolong ✓

Sustain

- Extinguish ✓
- Annihilate ✓
- Obliterate ✓
- Devastate ✓

FORMS



The organization aims to _____ the cultural heritage of the region.



HEGEMONY

नेतृत्व

(H)

controlling power or influence over others ✓

SYNONYMS

- Sovereignty ✓
- Ascendency ✓
- Imperium ✓
- Preeminence ✓

ANTONYMS

- Impotence ✓
- Parity ✓
- Autonomy ✓
- Subordination ✓

*Equality
Freedom***FORMS**

Adjective-(hegemonic)



The _____ powers influenced global politics significantly.



SUBTLE

सूक्ष्म

made or done with extreme care and accuracy

(Able)

SYNONYMS

Shrewd ✓
Deceitful ✓

ANTONYMS

- Nuanced ✓
- Meticulous ✓
- Trivial ✗
- Insinuated ✓

POS

Delicate
Refined
artful

- Explicit ✓
- Conspicuous ✓
- Coarse ✓
- Blatant ✓

clear

FORMS

Noun-(subtlety)



She _____ hinted at the solution without stating it outright.



APPREHENSIVE

सशंक

(Am)

having specified facts or feelings actively impressed on the mind

SYNONYMS

- Cognizant ✓
- Vigilant ✓
- Trepidatious ✓
- Foreboding ✓

Fearful
Anxious

ANTONYMS

- Oblivious ✓
- Secure ✓
- Courageous ✓
- Assured ✓

Callant

Audacious / Mettlesome / Intrepid
Valiant / Valorous / Lion-hearted

FORMS

Noun-(apprehensiveness)



His _____ was evident in his cautious approach.



LABYRINTHINE

जटिल (Adm)

having many parts or aspects that are usually interrelated

SYNONYMS

- Intricate ✓
- Sophisticated ✓
- Tangled ✓
- Baroque ✓
- Byzantine ✓

Complex
Convolutional
Maze-like

ANTONYMS

- Simplistic ✓
- Homogeneous ✓
- Transparent ✓



FORMS

The company's _____ bureaucracy frustrated many employees.



IMPEDIMENT

अवरोध

something that makes movement or progress difficult

SYNONYMS

Obstacle

- Obstruction ✓
- Hindrance ✓
- Inhibition ✓
- Encumbrance ✓
- Shackles ✓

*Impede
Obstruct
Hinder*

Inhibit

Bottleneck

ANTONYMS

- Impetus ✓
- Stimulus ✓
- Spur ✓
- Catalyst ✓

*Expedition
Facilitation*

FORMS



Language can be an _____ in international business.



COPIOUS

प्रचुर

pouring forth in great amounts

Bountiful

SYNONYMS

- Ample ✓
- Profuse ✓
- Gushing ✓
- Adequate ✓

Abundant

Plenty

Enough

Extravagant Lavish

ANTONYMS

- Meagre ✓
- Sparse ✓
- Trickling ✓
- Dribbling ✓

Scarce
Slant

FORMS



The harvest yielded a _____ amount of grain this year.



IDIOMS

• **At the heart of something** ✓

Meaning: The most important or central part of a matter ✓

Example: At the heart of the debate is the issue of privacy rights.

• **Call the shots** ✓

Meaning: To be in control or to make the important decisions

Example: In this company, it's the marketing team that calls the shots.

• **Draw a line** ✓

Meaning: To set a limit on what is acceptable ✓

Example: It's fine to joke, but I draw the line at personal insults.

PHRASAL VERBS

•Carry out

Meaning: To perform or complete a task or activity

Example: The team carried out several experiments before publishing their results.

•Hold back

Meaning: To restrain or prevent the progress or release of something

Example: She wanted to speak up, but fear held her back.

•Fan out

Meaning: To spread or move outward in different directions from a central point

Example: After landing, the search party fanned out across the forest.

all derived from the root “vid/vis”, from Latin meaning “to see”:

- **Visual** – Related to seeing or sight

Example: The film used stunning visuals to tell its story.

- **Visionary** – Someone who sees ahead or imagines the future

Example: Elon Musk is often considered a visionary entrepreneur.

- **Supervise** – To watch over or oversee a task

Example: The manager will supervise the team during the event.

- **Evident** – Clearly seen or understood

Example: Her nervousness was evident in her shaky voice.

- **Television** – A device to transmit images to be seen from afar

Example: They gathered to watch the match on a big television screen.

The **exodus** of over 300 Chinese engineers from Foxconn's pivotal iPhone 17 manufacturing facilities in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka — a recent move **ostensibly** executed under corporate directive — is far more than an administrative recalibration. It is a **meticulously** calibrated stratagem designed to arrest India's **burgeoning** manufacturing ambitions and to **perpetuate** a "unipolar Asia" under Beijing's overarching economic **hegemony**.

A geo-economic move - This calculated withdrawal is not simply a logistical reshuffling. It is a **subtle**, yet potent, geo-economic *Strategy* manoeuvre by a rival **apprehensive** of a rising India. The recall of these highly specialised technicians, possessed of invaluable expertise in establishing sophisticated production lines, optimising operational efficiencies, and troubleshooting the **labyrinthine** complexities of modern manufacturing, represents a deliberate **impediment** to the crucial transfer of technology. Such knowledge is the bedrock upon which India seeks to construct its **edifice** of advanced electronics manufacturing, and its withholding strikes at the very heart of India's aspirational ascent. In addition, China has leveraged its dominance in rare earth production and processing by restricting exports of rare earths (which include elements such as gallium, germanium, graphite), and rare earth magnets, which are crucial for electric vehicles and electronics, to India. China has also imposed curbs on the export of other critical minerals that are vital for various high-tech industries.

There have also been informal trade restrictions on the export of capital equipment from China to India, including high-end manufacturing equipment for electronics assembly and other sectors, heavy-duty boring machines and solar equipment, severely impacting India's ability to set up and expand its own manufacturing facilities.

The broader implication of these actions, particularly the recall of engineers and restrictions on specialised equipment, is a deliberate attempt to limit the transfer of advanced manufacturing technology and know-how to India. This aims to keep India dependent on Chinese inputs and prevent it from developing a truly self-reliant high-value manufacturing base. Crucially, many of these restrictions are not formalised bans but are implemented through verbal instructions and administrative delays. This makes them harder to directly challenge but equally effective in disrupting supply chains, increasing costs, and creating uncertainty for Indian manufacturers. In essence, China's strategy is multi-pronged, leveraging its control over crucial raw materials, manufacturing equipment, and even human capital to impede India's manufacturing ascent, especially in the high-stakes electronics and emerging technology sectors. These actions, when viewed through the prism of Beijing's anxieties concerning India's emergence as a potentially formidable manufacturing competitor in an era of "friend-shoring" by the West, align perfectly with its broader strategic calculus. China's economic success is increasingly predicated upon maintaining robust export revenues.

Consequently, any nation daring to challenge its pre-eminence in global manufacturing, particularly in high-value sectors such as electronics, is inevitably perceived not merely as a competitor but also as an existential threat. The withdrawal of these engineers, therefore, constitutes a potent stratagem to (disrupt) India's trajectory and safeguard China's long-entrenched export market share and economic primacy in the region and beyond. India's ambition to transform itself into a globally competitive manufacturing hub is seen in Beijing as a direct challenge to China's long-term stability.

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Pattern 1 Purpose Based Question

Main
What is the primary purpose of China's withdrawal of over 300 engineers from Foxconn's iPhone 17 facilities, according to the passage?

- fast*
- a) To expedite the transfer of advanced manufacturing know-how to India ✓
 - b) To maintain India's dependence on Chinese technical expertise ✓
 - c) To safeguard China's domestic electronics workforce ✓
 - d) To reallocate engineers to higher-priority projects within China ✓
 - e) To reinforce China's "friend-shoring" strategy with Western partners ✗

Pattern 2 Inference Based Question

According to the passage, how does China chiefly regard India's development into a major production centre?

- a) A chance to deepen mutual industrial partnerships
- b) A negligible change in the global manufacturing landscape
- c) A threat to its long-standing export market supremacy
- d) A spur for China to channel more outbound capital into India
- e) A means to cultivate greater stability across neighbouring countries

3. True – False Multi statement

- I. China's export curbs cover both rare earth elements and the specialized magnets essential for electric-vehicle motors. T
- II. Beijing imposed these restrictions through binding legislative acts rather than informal directives. F
- III. The measures have significantly hindered India's plans to scale up its own electronics assembly lines. T

Which are true?

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only ✓
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III
- E. Only I

4. Vocab based

In the context of the passage, the word “**stratagem**” (Line 1) is closest in meaning to:

- a) Conspiracy
- b) Manoeuvre ✓
- c) Impediment
- d) Bureaucracy
- e) Allegiance

Pattern 5 - True – False Multi statement

- I. Many of China's supply-chain controls rely on verbal orders and bureaucratic slow-downs.
- II. These tactics are formalized in China's commitments to the WTO.
- III. They predominantly focus on curbing raw-material shipments rather than personnel movements.

Which are true?

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III
- E. Only I

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Pattern 6 – Tone Based

Which best describes the author's **tone** throughout the passage?

- a) Laudatory and celebratory ☒
- b) Analytical and cautionary ✓
- c) Neutral and detached ☒
- d) Humorous and ironic ✗
- e) Despondent and defeatist ☒

The disaster in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand serves as a reminder of the permanent risk of destabilisation in the Himalayas. At least four persons were killed and at least 60 people are feared washed away after a mass of water, debris and muck triggered by torrential rain hit the Kheer Ganga river on Tuesday afternoon. The flood hit hotels and residential buildings in Dharali town, situated 8,600 feet above sea level, where video footage recorded by residents showed giant waves of water gushing through the area, engulfing people and homes. Several Indian Army personnel are also feared dead, according to preliminary reports.

The proximate cause of the disaster is the extremely heavy rainfall from August 3 to 5, with some parts of the district reporting nearly 30 cm of rainfall over a single day due to the monsoon and its active phase over North India. The fury and the volume of the water that gushed through the town seemed to suggest that this was a sudden event, prompting State officials to categorise it as a 'cloudburst'. However, this has a very specific meaning in how the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the official forecaster, defines it. A large volume of rain, of at least 10 centimetres in an hour over 10 square kilometres, is what usually qualifies as a cloudburst. The lack of weather radars at those altitudes means that the IMD is incapable of such a computation. Therefore, it could very well be that continuous heavy rain over the past 48 hours may have loosened the soil and combined with the craggy, undulating terrain, unleashed large volumes of silt along with copious amounts of water.

Whether it was a sudden event or the result of a gradual build-up might seem only of academic interest, given the loss of life, livelihood and property. The knee-jerk categorisation as a 'cloudburst' allows state authorities to claim helplessness. Once it is projected as a freak phenomenon, the event only elicits social media commiseration from public authorities in the form of 'prayers' and 'deep sadness' and a pre-defined token sum as disbursement. The recent past shows that these are anything but outliers. Climate change has increased the probability of extreme rainfall events and, therefore, the numerous infrastructure projects undertaken in the hills and the resulting debris act as latent explosives that are triggered from such rainfall. Following relief operations, the State government must — as soon as conditions are conducive — review debris and silt accumulation at critical points in the State to buffer the inevitable damage from climate change.

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7. Critical Reasoning – Evaluation

Which of the following most effectively **undermines** the notion that the disaster was entirely precipitated by excessive rainfall?

- A. Uttarkashi had not experienced comparable precipitation levels in recent years.
- B. The absence of high-altitude weather radars limits accurate rainfall measurement.
- C. Analogous disasters have unfolded in regions devoid of infrastructural development.
- D. The compounded impact of accumulated debris and haphazard urbanisation escalated the damage.
- E. Alerts regarding potential downpours were issued prior to the incident.

8. True/False Evaluation

Which of the following assertions are supported by the passage?

- I. The India Meteorological Department officially categorised the event as a cloudburst.
- II. State authorities often deploy the term 'cloudburst' to eschew responsibility.
- III. Infrastructure development and sediment buildup pose latent hazards in the Himalayas.

- A. Only II
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. Only I
- E. I, II, and III

9. Tone Analysis

How can the author's tone in the concluding section of the passage be best characterised?

- A. Idealistic and hopeful
- B. Dispassionate and neutral
- C. Disapproving and cautionary
- D. Sarcastic and indifferent
- E. Humble and grateful

10. Cause-Effect Based

Based on the passage, which among the following was **least** likely a **direct consequence** of the intense monsoon rainfall?

- A. Topographical destabilisation resulting in soil dislodgement
- B. Catastrophic flooding in populated hillside settlements
- C. Viral dissemination of condolence messages by public officials
- D. Accumulation of large silt deposits along the river's course
- E. Mobilisation of emergency relief forces in affected zones

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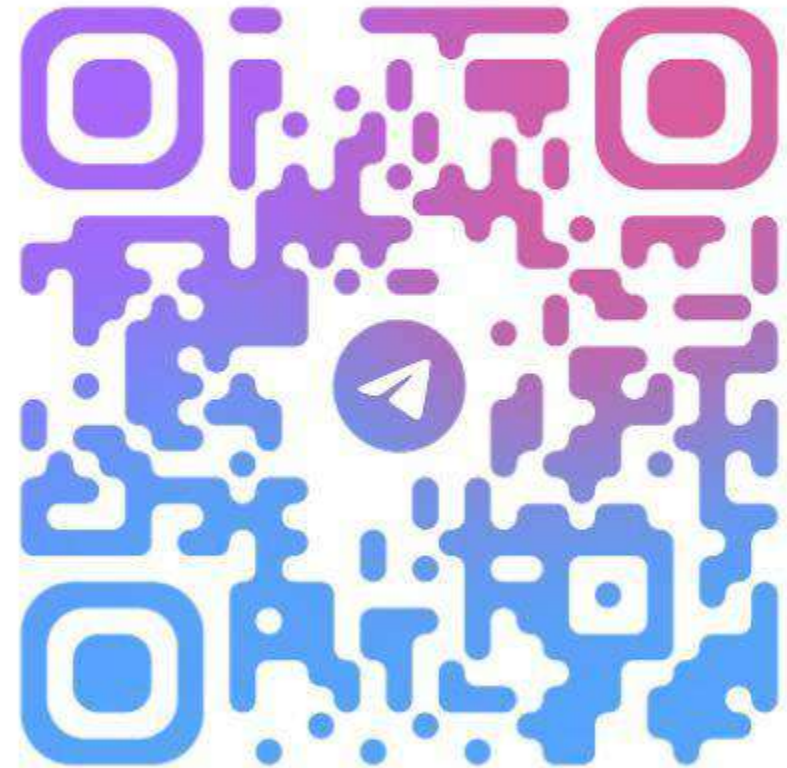
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