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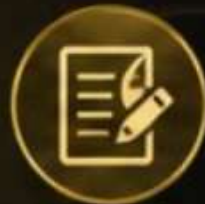
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RANT

Speak loudly and aggressively

भड़ास निकालना (Vent) (Noun)

SYNONYMS

- Harangue ✓
- Tirade ✓
- Diatrobe ✓
- Bloviate ✓
- Pontificate ✓
- Fulminate ✓
- Bombast ✓
- Vituperate ✓
- Declaim ✓

ANTONYMS

- Deliberate ✓
- Reason ✓
- Articulate ✓
- Converse ✓
- Confer ✓
- (Reasoning)
- Placate
- Mollify
- Assuage



FORMS

- Fly off the handle ✓
- Go on a tirade ✓
- Mitigate / Alleviate

The politician began to _____ furiously after facing repeated criticism from journalists.



FESTER

भीतर ही भीतर सड़ना (VerL)

worsen gradually beneath surface

SYNONYMS

Suppurate ✓
Rankle ✓
Smolder ✓
Seethe ✓
Decay ✓
Deteriorate ✓

Erode ✓
Corrode ✓
Exacerbate ✓
Putrefy ✓

ANTONYMS

Heal ✓
Recover ✓
Mend ✓
Improve ✓
Rectify ✓

Ameliorate ✓
Assuage ✓
Pacify ✓
etc. ✓



FORMS

Rub salt into the wound ✓
A sore point ✓

Unresolved social tensions continued to _____ beneath the surface of public life.



SUBVERT

व्यवस्था को कमजोर करना

undermine authority or system



SYNONYMS

- Undermine ✓
- Sabotage ✓
- Destabilize ✓
- Corrupt ✓

Debilitate

Compromise

Jeopardize

Supplant

Debase

ANTONYMS

- Uphold ✓
- Reinforce ✓
- Preserve ✓
- Consolidate ✓

Facilitate

Defend

Verb

Entrench

Bolster

Catalyze

Galvanize

Expedite

Safeguard



FORMS

Pull the rug out from under ✓

Drive a wedge between

Judges are expected to _____ constitutional morality under all circumstances.



ASININE

extremely foolish

मूर्खतापूर्ण (Aam)



SYNONYMS

- Imbecilic ✓
- Fatuous ✓
- Idiotic ✓
- Vacuous ✓
- Absurd ✓

Witless
Preposterous
Moronic
Doltish

ANTONYMS

- Sensible ✓
- Rational ✓
- Judicious ✓
- Sagacious ✓

Erudite
Pragmatic
Prudent

FORMS

Make a fool of oneself
Not have the sense God gave a goose ✓

The board rejected the proposal, calling it completely _____ and unrealistic.



DASTARDLY

नीच

(Adm)

lion-hearted

wickedly cowardly

Reprehensible

odious

Dastard Heroic

NOUN



SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

- Nefarious ✓
- Heinous ✓
- Depraved ✓
- Contemptible ✓

Scoundrelous

Despicable

Injurious

Notorious

- Honorable ✓
- Chivalrous ✓
- Principled ✓
- Upright ✓

Esteemed

Venerated

Valorous

Intrepid

Valiant

Meticulous

FORMS

Stab someone in the back
Below the belt ✓

Andacious

Dauntless

The retiring officer was widely regarded as an _____ public servant.

Indomitable



OSTRACIZE

बहिष्कृत करना Verb

exclude from a group



SYNONYMS

Repudiate

- Exclude ✓
- Alienate ✓
- Shun ✓
- Blackball ✓

Boycott

Banish

Marginalise

Outcast
Snub

ANTONYMS

- Embrace ✓
- Integrate ✓
- Include ✓
- Welcome ✓

Reconcile

FORMS

- ~~Cold-shoulder~~ someone
- Cast out into the wilderness

Successful institutions often _____ innovation and intellectual diversity.



LICENTIOUS

चरित्रहीन

morally unrestrained

Unethical Immoral

SYNONYMS

Pervert

ANTONYMS

*Ascetic
Benevolent*

Debauched
Dissolute
Libertine
Lewd

*Hedonistic
Salacious
Lascivious*

Virtuous
Chaste
Austere
Temperate



FORMS

Sow one's wild oats
Live a life of excess

Critics accused the novel of encouraging a _____ lifestyle among young readers.



PONTIFICATE

उपदेशात्मक बोलना

Speak dogmatically



SYNONYMS

Ref. P.P

ANTONYMS

- Dogmatize ✓
- Moralize ✓
- Sermonize ✓
- Harangue ✓

Diatribe
Tirade

- Listen ✓
- Deliberate ✓
- Confer ✓
- Converse ✓

Ref. P.P

FORMS

- Get on one's soapbox ✓
- Hold forth endlessly ✓

Certain commentators continue to _____ without understanding ground realities.



CONTEMN

तिरस्कार करना
Verb

treat with disdain

Revile

Defile

Detest

SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

- Despise ✓
- Disdain ✓
- Scorn ✓
- Loathe ✓

Denigrate
Deride
Disparage

- Respect ✓
- Revere ✓
- Esteem ✓
- Admire ✓

Laud
Acclaim
Eulogize

Vilify



FORMS

- Look down one's nose at
- Hold in utter contempt

Elitist groups often _____ local traditions and indigenous practices unfairly.

(A)



BUTTRESS

सहारा देना ✓

support or strengthen ✓



SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

- Reinforce
- Fortify
- Bolster ✓
- Underpin

- Undermine ✓
- Weaken ✓
- Erode ✓
- Destabilize ✓

Cement ✓

Foster ✓

Bolster ✓

Galvanize ✓

Catalyze ✓

Corrode ✓
Debilitate ✓

Prop

FORMS

Prop up a failing system ✓
Lend weight to an argument ✓

Financial reforms were introduced to _____ the country's fragile economy.



1. PASS OFF :

SYNO- disguise, feign, masquerade

ANTO- reveal, expose, disclose

EX.- The counterfeit documents were passed off as authentic government records.

2. PASS OVER :

SYNO- omit, suppress, disregard

ANTO- mention, acknowledge, highlight

EX.- The report conveniently passed over several financial irregularities in silence.

3. PASS into :

SYNO- evolve into, transform, lapse into

ANTO- emerge from, escape, recover

EX.- Public frustration gradually passed into open political dissent.

4. PASS Muster with :

SYNO- qualify, satisfy, comply

ANTO- fail, disappoint, falter

EX.- The revised policy failed to pass muster with constitutional experts.

Pass

PASS

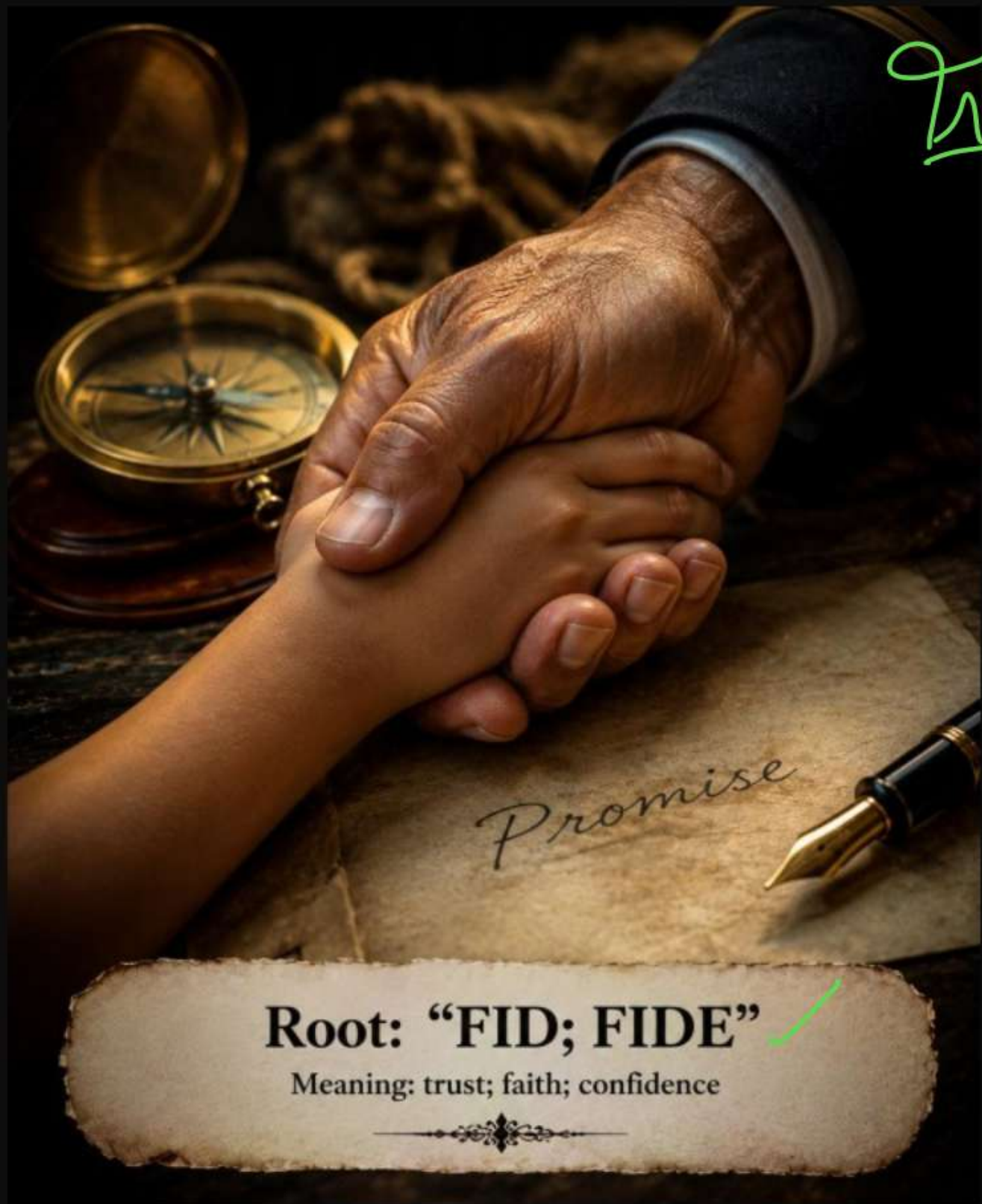
Phrasal Verb	Meaning (English)	Meaning (Hindi)	Synonyms (3)	Antonyms (3)
Pass off as	To present falsely as genuine	झूठा रूप देना	disguise, feign, masquerade	reveal, expose, disclose
Pass over in silence	To deliberately ignore mentioning	जानबूझकर अनदेखा करना	omit, suppress, disregard	mention, acknowledge, highlight
Pass into	To gradually become part of a state or condition	परिवर्तित हो जाना	evolve into, transform, lapse into	emerge from, escape, recover
Pass muster	To meet required standards	मानकों पर खरा उतरना	qualify, satisfy, comply	fail, disappoint, falter
Pass for	To be accepted as	माना जाना	appear as, qualify as, resemble	differ from, contradict, expose



ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

One Word	Meaning (English)	part of speech
Fastidious ✓	A person <u>very difficult to please</u>	Noun
Spendthrift ✓	A person <u>who spends money extravagantly</u>	Noun
Pedant ✓	A person who <u>displays excessive academic learning</u>	Noun
Recluse ✓	A person who <u>avoids society and lives alone</u>	Noun
Turncoat ✓	A person who <u>changes sides or loyalties</u>	Noun

Faith
Trust



Root: "FID; FIDE" ✓
Meaning: trust; faith; confidence

Word	Meaning (English)	Part of Speech
Confide	To trust someone with secrets ✓	Verb
Confidence	Trust or belief in oneself/others	Noun
Confident	Having self-belief	Adjective
Confidential	Intended to be kept secret	Adjective
Fidelity ✓	Loyalty or faithfulness ✓	Noun
Infidel ✓	A person lacking religious faith ✓	Noun
Perfidy ✓	Deliberate betrayal of trust	Noun
Fiduciary	Relating to trust and responsibility	Adjective / Noun
Bona fide	Genuine and trustworthy	Adjective
Diffident ✓	Lacking self-confidence	Adjective

HOUSEWORK IS perceived to be such a triviality that questioning its gendered imbalance is usually dismissed as a **rant**. As a serious subject of ethnographic study, it is restricted to academic papers and conferences, findings by governments or non-governmental organisations. The quiet sufferers, mostly women — having a limited role in policymaking — go unheard.

Recently, during a divorce hearing, the Supreme Court told a man, “You are not marrying a maid; you are marrying a life partner”. The Court observed that (the woman in this case) not performing housework does not amount to cruelty under the law.

Unpaid housework is a huge burden on women. According to the ILO, unpaid domestic and care work would equal a huge share of the global GDP if measured in terms of money. Globally, women and girls contribute approximately 76 per cent of total daily hours in such labour. In India, while women (six years and above) spent 289 minutes per day doing unpaid domestic work, men spent 88 minutes, according to a government survey (2024).

The questionable assumption that domestic work is primarily women's responsibility is never resolved through reasoning. So how are perceptions of male-female domains, capabilities and sexual division of labour formed? The arguments tend to go far back to the hunter-gatherers. But what if those very roots are found to be **festering**? Anthropological studies have recently questioned the myth of the Man Hunter. In its place has emerged a Woman Hunter from scientific studies and “real” evidence.

For years, we have been taught to believe that sexual division of labour existed among our human ancestors, with hunting carried out exclusively by men. Women are said to have focused on giving birth and nurturing children.

This formed the basis of the hunter-gatherer society, apparently rooted in the biological differences between males and females. Women's "inability" to hunt has long been seen as a basis for men's superiority. This idea created stereotypes of the male as aggressive and the woman as soft.

Recent archaeological discoveries and consequent research have, however, caused a paradigm shift from male hunters-female gatherers in the Homo sapiens lineage to one in which women also hunted and went to war. The most significant of these is perhaps the excavation of a 9,000-year-old burial in Wilamaya Patjxa in Peru that suggests that women may have hunted big game. The burial was found with a hunting toolkit containing stone projectiles and animal processing equipment. Initially assumed to be a male hunter, later analysis showed it to be a female. Archaeologists also discovered many burials in the Americas and identified more females associated with big-game hunting tools. More such evidence continues to be found. Scientists now believe that history ought to be reassessed.

The body of archaeological evidence is now too compelling to be disregarded, and it's time to subvert long-held ideas on sexual division of labour. Unless scientific findings enter our daily conversations, friction in homes will keep growing. Housework is not a dirty word, as long as it's a shared responsibility.

1. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- A. Biological Determinism and the Collapse of Ancient Civilisations
- B. Reassessing Gendered Labour Through Scientific and Social Evidence
- C. Judicial Intervention and the Economic Burden of Domestic Labour
- D. Archaeological Discoveries and the Evolution of Human Warfare
- E. Feminist Ethnography and the Failure of Government Institutions

Gender / Housework / Labour
Woman

2. Which of the following assumptions is most strongly implied by the author?

- ↓ indicated
- A. Scientific reinterpretations alone can permanently eliminate domestic conflicts ~~X~~
 - B. Social stereotypes frequently survive despite absence of rational foundations ~~X~~ ?
 - C. Governments intentionally avoid addressing unpaid domestic labour concerns ~~X~~
 - D. Men historically monopolised hunting because of superior physical endurance ~~X~~
 - E. Economic valuation of housework would resolve all gender inequalities
- all

3. Which of the following, if true, would most strengthen the author's argument regarding shared domestic responsibility?

- A. Judicial pronouncements rarely influence entrenched social behaviour permanently
- B. Ancient communities relied primarily upon agricultural rather than hunting activities
- C. Archaeological interpretations often vary according to prevailing political ideologies
- D. Household mechanisation has reduced the duration of unpaid domestic activities
- E. . Countries with equitable household participation report lower domestic conflict indicators

Housework - Conflict

4. Which of the following statements is/are TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The Supreme Court declared non-performance of housework legally equivalent to cruelty. Ⓟ
- B. Archaeological evidence has disproved the existence of male hunters historically. ✗
- C. Unpaid domestic labour contributes trivially despite remaining economically visible. ✗

- A. Only A
B. Only C
C. Both A and B
D. Both B and C
E. ~~A, B and C~~

None of these

(निष्कर्ष)

5. Which of the following can be logically inferred from the passage?

A. Gender stereotypes were reinforced through selective interpretations of human history.

B. Scientific discoveries automatically transform deeply rooted social attitudes.

C. Women historically lacked participation in physically demanding survival activities.

A. Only A

B. Only B

C. Both A and C

D. Both B and C

E. A, B and C

Understood

6. Which of the following statements is/are NOT consistent with the passage?

- A. The myth of the "Man Hunter" is being reconsidered through recent evidence.
- B. Women's domestic burden has been universally acknowledged within policymaking structures.
- C. Archaeological discoveries from Peru contributed to debates regarding labour division.

- A. Only A
- B. Only B
- C. Both A and B
- D. Both B and C
- E. A, B and C

False

7. Which of the following conclusions can most reasonably be drawn from the passage?

- A. Social harmony within households depends partly upon dismantling inherited gender stereotypes
- B. Economic surveys completely capture the invisible dimensions of unpaid domestic labour
- C. Judicial institutions possess sufficient authority to eradicate domestic inequalities independently
- D. Archaeological discoveries conclusively establish identical gender roles across all societies
- E. Anthropological research should remain confined exclusively to academic institutions

India's export performance in April 2026 has been commendable, underscoring the attempts by the government and industry to diversify in times of crisis. Despite the various trade disruptions, merchandise exports grew nearly 14% in April 2026 to \$43.6 billion. Some of this, as even the Commerce Secretary has acknowledged, is due to the overall rise in prices. Another significant factor has been the increase in the number of markets served by Indian exporters. According to government data, at least 20 exporting sectors have added 17 or more new destinations in the last year. For example, handloom products are now exported to 29 more countries than in 2024-25. The additional exports thus generated are still small, but establishing these pathways is vital progress. The data also show that several of India's key export sectors — engineering goods, petroleum products, electronic goods, drugs and pharmaceuticals, and organic and inorganic chemicals — exported more in April 2026 than in the same month last year. This suggests resilience in these supply chains, and the establishment of new ones. Another test of the strength of India's export growth is to remove the effect of petroleum products and their inflated prices from the mix. Here, too, India has performed reasonably well. India's non-oil exports grew 9% in April 2026 to about \$40 billion. Notably, India's merchandise export growth also outpaced the growth of its imports at 9.9%.

That said, the impact of the West Asia crisis is clear. Exports to West Asia fell by 28% in April, following up on an even larger contraction in March. Imports from the region, too, fell about 32%. This is a vital trade link for India and gains in other regions are not yet enough to outweigh the losses here.

Imports of the safe-haven asset gold jumped 82% in April, which is perhaps what prompted the Prime Minister to urge Indians to stop buying gold, and the government to hike the import duty. Another highlight of the data is the continued rise in the significance of the services sector. The share of services in total exports has risen to about 49% compared to 39% in 2014. Rather than a reason for complacency, this should make the government take note. Any loss of a competitive edge in IT services, especially, due to the rise of Artificial Intelligence, will be an increasingly costly loss to India. Overall, however, the government's push for diversification of export destinations — including through concerted activity to seal various trade deals — seems to be bearing fruit. Now, if only it could also improve export competitiveness in terms of cost, scale, and quality, India would really become a global contender.

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8. Why does the author distinguish between total exports and non-oil exports?

- A. To argue that petroleum exports distort the perception of underlying export strength.
- B. To demonstrate that non-oil exports have overtaken services exports permanently.
- C. To establish that oil exports no longer contribute significantly to India's economy.
- D. To criticize India's continued dependence on energy-intensive industries.
- E. To suggest that petroleum exports should be excluded from trade calculations.

9. Which of the following, if true, would most strengthen the author's optimism regarding export diversification?

- A. Newly added export destinations begin contributing significantly larger trade volumes over time.
- B. India's imports from West Asia continue declining for several consecutive years.
- C. Global oil prices rise sharply in the coming quarters.
- D. Gold imports increase further despite higher import duties.
- E. Merchandise imports begin growing faster than exports.

10. Which of the following can most reasonably be inferred from the passage?

- A. India's export ecosystem has shown adaptive capacity amid external disruptions.
- B. Services exports have already surpassed merchandise exports by a massive margin.
- C. The decline in West Asia trade has permanently weakened India's external sector.
- D. Rising gold imports are primarily responsible for export diversification.
- E. Inflationary gains alone explain India's export growth trajectory.

11.. What is the author's underlying concern regarding the services sector?

- A. India's services exports are shrinking rapidly.
- B. Excessive dependence on services, especially IT, may become risky in the AI era.
- C. Merchandise exports are completely irrelevant now.
- D. Services exports are harming manufacturing employment.
- E. West Asia dominates India's services trade entirely.

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FILLERS

1. The saint was admired for leading a remarkably _____ and disciplined life despite immense fame.
2. The committee dismissed the proposal as completely _____ and lacking practical feasibility.
3. The unfair accusations continued to _____ in his mind long after the incident ended.
4. Intellectual arrogance often leads certain elites to _____ rural traditions and local wisdom.
5. The spokesperson continued to _____ endlessly without addressing the actual issue under discussion.

Word Box: Bloviate, Chaste, Rankle, Despise, Imbecilic

