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# THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**YOU DON'T ALWAYS  
NEED TO UNDERSTAND  
YOUR  
JOURNEY IN LIFE,  
YOU  
JUST NEED  
TO TRUST THAT  
YOU'RE  
GOING IN  
THE RIGHT DIRECTION**



**Surbhi Sinha** 1 hour ago

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**Rajorshi Acharjee** 2 hours ago

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- 2.Seismology
- 3.Invegilator
- 4.Abolition. ...

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**Riya Mandaokar** 4 hours ago

Thank you ma'am for the session 😊

- A amble
- B seismology
- C amble...

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**Tanu Jain** 6 hours ago

Homework Ans is

- Q-1 = opt d - Amble
- Q-2 = opt a - Seismology
- Q-3 = opt d - Amble...

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**Anshika Mishra** 13 hours ago

AMBLE  
SEISMOLOGY  
THQ MAM 🐣 🐣

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**yash kumar** 13 hours ago

1-d, 2-b, 3-d, 4-d, 5-d

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**Laraib Zaidi** 15 hours ago

- 1.d
- 2.a
- 3.a
- 4.b...

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**Chandrika Gore** 15 hours ago

- 1. To walk aimlessly - amble
- 2. The study of earthquakes - seismology
- 3. Walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace - amble
- 4. One who supervises students in an examination hall - invigilator...

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**Muskan Rai** 15 hours ago

THANK U MAM FOR UR GUIDANCE  
ANSWER=  
1- AMBLE  
2-SEISMOLOGY...

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**Neelam Kushwaha** 15 hours ago

1-d, 2-a, 3-c, 4-b, 5-c

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VOCABULARY



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## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 1. Cynicism (Noun) : सनक

Meaning: **an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest; scepticism**

Synonyms: scepticism, disillusion, disenchantment, distrust

Antonyms: optimism, belief

Sentence: There was not a trace of cynicism in his voice.



## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 2. Clutching at straws: तिनकों का सहारा लेना

Meaning: **to be willing to try anything to improve a difficult or unsatisfactory situation, even if it has little chance of success**

Synonyms: **'grasping at straws', 'at straws', 'everything they can'**

Sentence: That has nothing to do with why you're in trouble now, so **stop clutching at straws.**

### 3. Imminent (Adjective) : घटित होने वाला

Meaning: about to happen

Synonyms: impending, looming, approaching

Antonyms: recent, remote, delayed, distant

Sentence: They had been in a relationship for seven years, on and off, at this point, everyone assumed a proposal was imminent but instead they broke up.



#### 4. Bailout (Noun)

Meaning: **an act of giving financial assistance to a failing business or economy to save it from collapse**

Synonyms: underwrite, give a helping hand

Antonyms: disagreement, infringement

Sentence: The government crafted the bailout scheme with little public discussion and without determining who was responsible for the losses.

### 5. Austerity (Noun) : कठोरता

Meaning: **sternness or severity of manner or attitude**

Synonyms: frugality, restraint, asceticism, discipline

Antonyms: unrestraint, superfluity

Sentence: His pride and austerity made him unpopular at court and he left the country in 1642, settling at last in Padua, where he died in 1646



## 6. Snub (Verb)

Meaning: **to insult someone by not giving them any attention or treating them as if they are not important**

Synonyms: rebuff, repulse, brush-off, cold shoulder

✓ Antonyms: acknowledge, approve, compliment

Sentence: Her refusal to attend the dinner is being seen as a deliberate snub to the President.

## 7. Pragmatism (Noun) : व्यावहारिकता

Meaning: **a practical approach to problems and affairs**

Synonyms: practical, sensible, realistic, logical, rational

Antonyms: idealistic, visionary

Sentence: Doing your homework every night and studying for tests are showing pragmatism towards someone's education.



## 8. Euphoria (Noun) : उत्साह, खुशी

Meaning: **extreme happiness, sometimes more than is reasonable in a particular situation**

✓ Synonyms: ecstasy, elation, joy, exhilaration, happiness

Neg (-) Antonyms: depression, sadness, misery, unhappiness

Sentence: Certain drugs like caffeine and nicotine activate brain reward systems, and the brain responds by releasing chemicals that have effects ranging from a change in mood to outright euphoria.

## 9. Prerogative (Noun) : विशेष अधिकार

✓ **Meaning: a right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or class**

**Synonyms: right, privilege, appanage**

**Antonyms: prohibition, ban, embargo**

**Sentence: Since he was a senior member of the golf club, Allan had the prerogative to reject new member applications.**



10. Glare (Verb/Noun) : चमक, गुस्से से घूरना

Meaning: **shine with a strong or dazzling light, stare in an angry or fierce way**

Synonyms: glow, light, gleam, glint

Antonyms: darkness, shadow, dimness

Sentence: The old woman glared at the children when they ran across her lawn, but she said nothing.

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

21/12

A chance for peace: On Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's offer

India should engage Pakistan if it comes forward to normalise relations



On the eternally rough road of India-Pakistan ties, any offer of talks, like the one made by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif last week, is cause for equal measure of excitement and cynicism. His words, in an interview to a United Arab Emirates (UAE) channel, that Pakistan “had learnt a lesson from three wars” with India and wants to “live in peace with India provided we are able to resolve our genuine problems” including “burning points like Kashmir” were seen in New Delhi more as him clutching at straws, at a time when his country is in turmoil. Politically, Mr. Sharif has to face elections later this year, and continues to be challenged by the opposition led by former leader Imran Khan. Economically, Pakistan is in imminent danger of a debt default, and is being held together by assurances of support from the UAE, Saudi Arabia and China as well as

Pakistan also faces a growing terror threat from its Afghan border, where despite having a friendly regime in control, there are clashes particularly with Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan fighters. Even so, Mr. Sharif's peaceable words, coming a month after a crossing of swords at the United Nations, indicate that there is an understanding that India is not responsible for Pakistan's current state of affairs, and an engagement of some sort would benefit the government there. The Ministry of External Affairs response, that India wants "normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan" provided there is a conducive atmosphere devoid of "terrorism, hostility or violence" suggests that Delhi continues to hold its position, but does not wish to snub Mr. Sharif's offer either



There is more to the timing of Mr. Sharif's words; as India prepares to host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit this summer, invitations are going out to ensure participation by Pakistan for the major meetings, and a more cordial relationship will ensure a smoother ride. India's G-20 presidency, and its desire to promote the concerns of the Global South amidst the Ukraine war, would also benefit from peace in the neighbourhood. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Sharif's words were only made for effect, or with a genuine desire to push for talks.

If they are indeed followed up by Islamabad, either through the acceptance of the SCO invite, or with a proposal to restore mission strengths in both capitals that have not had Ambassadors since 2019, it is hoped New Delhi would reciprocate. At a time when the government is advising Russia and Ukraine for “dialogue and diplomacy” and is seeking to engage the Taliban out of “pragmatism”, it would seem contradictory to refuse such a chance for enhancing regional stability, especially during a year when India’s role as a statesman is being highlighted.



# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of MODEST

- 1. attractive
- 2. clever
- 3. current
- 4. humble ✓

Meaning: modest means to be free of conceit or pretension, or humble

Solution: 4. humble



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of CUSTOM

1. dessert
2. habit
3. ethic
4. deliver

(2, 3)

Meaning: custom means a long-established practice,  
or a habit

Solution: 2. habit

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of DETAIN

1. release ✓
2. silence
3. forget
4. prosper

Meaning: to detain means to hold or keep back; to release means to let go

**Solution : 1. release**



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of COLOSSAL

1. easy
2. tiny ✓
3. graceful
4. roof

↘ Big / Massive / Giant

Meaning: colossal means incredibly large, therefore tiny is the opposite

Solution: 2. tiny

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of HUSTLE

1. dance
2. hurry ✓
3. busy
4. clean

Meaning: to hustle means to hurry

Solution: 2. hurry



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of BRAWNY

1. swift
2. weak
3. strong
4. pale

Meaning: brawny means muscled or strong,  
therefore weak is the opposite

**Solution : 2. weak**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of FICKLE

1. steady ✓
2. kind
3. please
4. low

Meaning: fickle means to lack steadiness, therefore steady is the opposite

**Solution : 1. steady**



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of INEPT

1. clumsy
2. infer
3. competent ✓
4. foolish

Meaning: inept means to lack competence,  
therefore competent is the opposite

**Solution: 3. competent**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of SOLEMN

1. amusing
2. harmful
3. speech
4. serious ✓

Meaning: solemn means marked by grave sobriety,  
or serious

**Solution 4. serious**



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of PROLONG

1. extend ✓
2. inquire
3. relax
4. wait

Meaning: to prolong means to lengthen in time,  
or to extend

**Solution: 1. extend**

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



I couldn't keep track of everything he was saying. He talks at "a mile a minute!"

1. In a complicated way
2. All unrealistic things
3. Too fast
4. Boasts too much



Solution : 3. Too fast



# IDIOMS & PHRASES



I am scared to go back with him as he is a "road hog".

1. Thief
2. Burglar
3. Drunkard
4. Rash Driver

Solution : 4. Rash Driver

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



Our accountant has been fired as there was some "**monkey business**" with the books.

1. Stealing activities
2. Mischievous or deceitful behavior ✓
3. Funny activity
4. Displacement

Solution: **2. Mischievous or deceitful behavior**



# IDIOMS & PHRASES



The party "**got out of hand**" and the guests started to throw bottles at each other.

1. Became a mess
2. Got disturbed
3. Out of control
4. Was a failure



Solution: **3. Out of control**

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. One who believes that gaining pleasure is the most important thing in life-

**Hedonist**

2. Interval between two events –

**Interlude**

3. List of goods with their price–

**Invoice**

4. Cruel and indiscriminate killing of a large number of human beings –

**Massacre**





1. INOCULATIONS

2. FORAY

**THANK  
YOU**