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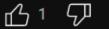
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Pankaj Kumar 1 day ago

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Chandrika Gore 1 day ago

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RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS

Games: 'guilty will be punished'



1. Gyrations (Noun) : चक्कर

Meaning: the act of turning around and around on a fixed point

Synonyms: revolution, rotations, spin, whirl

Sentence: The gyration of the washing machine distracted the woman as she worked.



2. Rout (Verb / Noun) : हराना / भगदड

Meaning: to defeat an enemy completely and force them to run away ; a state of wild confusion

Synonyms: retreat, getaway, rampage

Sentence: After the dictator's rout, the people finally had control of their country.



3. Conglomerate (Noun) : समूह

Meaning: a company that owns several smaller businesses whose products or services are usually very different

Synonyms: combination, amalgamation, multinationals, cartels

Antonyms: disband, disperse, split up

Sentence: The billionaire's conglomerate includes restaurants, convenience stores, and a chain of hotels.



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THE HINDU VOCABULARY

4. Mala fide (Adjective) : दुर्भावनापूर्ण

Meaning: carried out in bad faith or with intent to deceive; illegal or dishonest

Synonyms: deceptive, disingenuous, duplicitous, devious

(+) Antonyms: sincere, honest, credible, pure, good-faith

Sentence: The judge concluded that the company had acted mala fide in concealing the information



<u>5. Chary (Adjective): सावधान</u>

Meaning: uncertain and frightened to take risks, or unwilling to take action

Synonyms: wary, cautious, careful, circumspect, alert

Antonyms: careless, unmindful, heedless, reckless, impetuous

Sentence: Banks were chary of lending the company more money.



6. Allay (Verb) : कम करना

Meaning: diminish or put at rest (fear, suspicion, or worry)

Synonyms: relieve, soothe, help, mitigate, ease

Antonyms: aggravate, hurt, harm

Sentence: Much of this depression is from actual pain, and all our efforts are now directed to allay that.



7. Prowess (Noun) : कौशल

Meaning: skill or expertise in a particular activity or field Synonyms: expertise, talent, mastery, proficiency Antonyms: inability, ineptitude, incapability, incompetence

Sentence: Michelangelo, historically known for his sculptures and paintings, clearly possessed a prowess for art.



8. Indomitable (Adjective)

Meaning: difficult or impossible to defeat or frighten

Synonyms: unconquerable, unstoppable, insurmountable

Antonyms: vulnerable, surmountable, submissive

Sentence: Jason's indomitable spirit gave him the strength to battle back from the crippling disease that made him bedridden.



9. Derail (Verb) : पटरी से उतारना

Meaning: to prevent a plan or process from succeeding

Synonyms: distract, disturb, obstruct, thwart

Antonyms: aid, assist, encourage

Sentence: Renewed fighting threatens to derail the peace talks.



10. Transfix (Verb)

Meaning: to make or hold motionless with amazement, awe, terror, etc.

Synonyms: fascinate, captivate, mesmerize, bewitch, spellbind

Sentence: The small child is easily transfixed by an animated movie, able to focus in for many hours.



TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

<u>Chasing records: On Novak Djokovic's 10th</u> <u>Australian Open win</u>

<u>Novak Djokovic has made Melbourne his own with a tenth title</u>



No male player in recent history has probably used pain and disappointment as motivations for victory quite like Novak Djokovic. A year ago, the Serb was on a selfdeceiving spiral, ejected from Australia — where he was a three-time defending champion — over his unvaccinated status. On Sunday, he did more than enough to banish those difficult memories by claiming a record-extending tenth Australian Open singles title (Open Era). The straight sets win over Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas also drew Djokovic level with Rafael Nadal's tally of 22 Major trophies, the best among men.



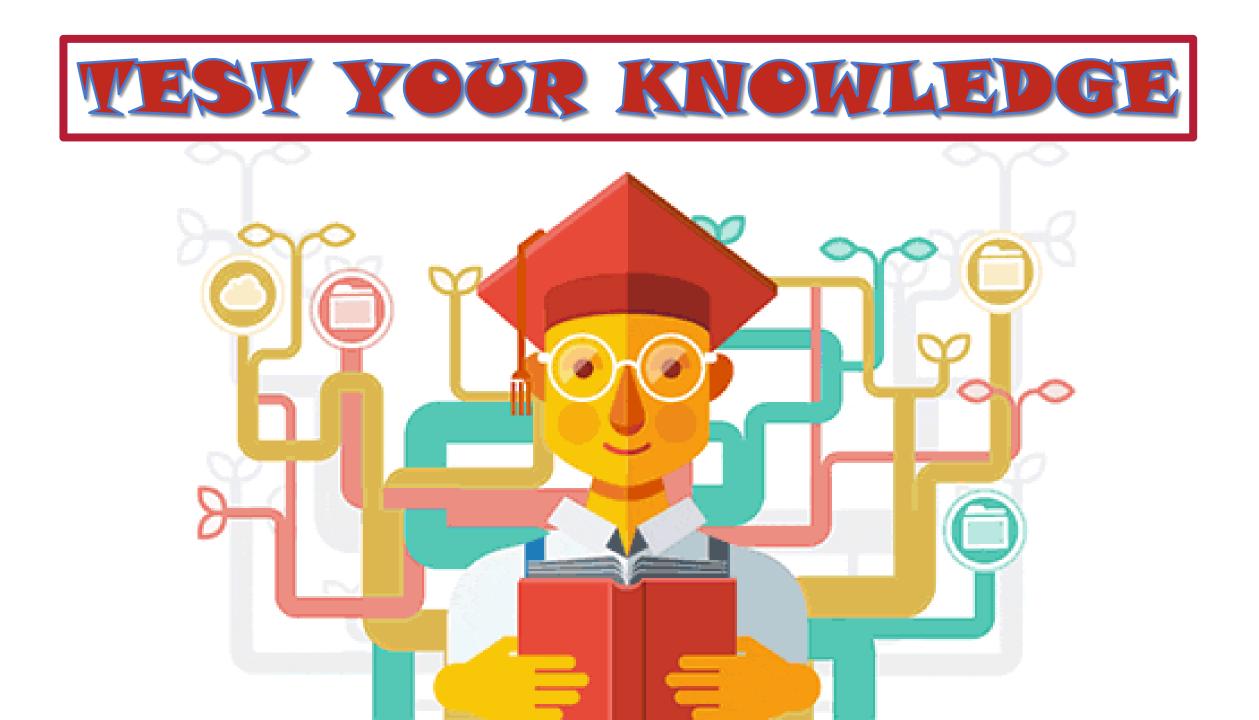
The triumph capped an incredible 12 months for Djokovic. In 2022, he was not allowed to compete in two of the four Grand Slam tournaments and four of the eight ATP Masters 1000s, and received no points for winning Wimbledon. Yet, he finished in the top-5, claiming a joint-best five titles (with Carlos Alcaraz). The successes earlier this month at the Adelaide International, and subsequently Melbourne, have brought him back to what has always seemed his rightful place — the pinnacle of ATP rankings, for a record 374th week. Barely four months shy of turning 36, Djokovic is at a stage where an athlete's physical prowess — regardless of the indomitable will — is expected to enter the past tense. While this appears increasingly true of Nadal Diokovic's mask of



On the women's side, Aryna Sabalenka's tennis was as picture perfect, as she secured her first Major title with a fine come-from-behind victory over Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina, also the reigning Wimbledon champion. Tipped for big things in 2021 when she reached the last four at Wimbledon and the US Open, and having finished the year ranked No.2, the heavy-hitting Belarusian has had to play much of the last 12 months against the sobering backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine war and the emotional toll of having to compete as a neutral athlete.



It was to the 24-year-old's credit that she did not let any of this derail her pursuit of excellence, becoming only the second from her country after Victoria Azarenka — who made a stirring run to the semifinals before falling to **Rybakina** — to win a singles Major. A similar bolt by Sania Mirza in her last Slam appearance had the whole of India transfixed, until she fell agonisingly short of adding to her six Grand Slam crowns, losing the mixed doubles final with Rohan Bopanna. But the 36-year-old, who is set to retire at the WTA Dubai 1000 next month, will go down as one of India's greatest sportspersons, a fearless competitor who inspired a generation, both on and off the court.





Synonym of STUPEFY

thin
Surprise
gentleman
shovel

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Meaning: Stupefy is to surprise or shock someone very much Solution: 2. surprise



Synonym of **DUPE**

- 1. rancher
- 2. trick
- 3. simpleton
- 4. drug

Meaning: to dupe means to deceive or to trick Solution: 2. trick





Synonym of STIGMA

- 1. <u>stain</u> _
- 2. trial
- 3. <u>difficulty</u>
- 4. <u>holiness</u>

<u>Meaning: stigma means a mark of shame or discredit, or a stain</u> <u>Solution: 1. stain</u>





Synonym of FETTER

- 1. rancid
- 2. praise
- 3. hamper 🥧
- 4. persist

Meaning: to fetter means to hamper, or to restrain Solution 3. hamper





Synonym of FLAGRANT

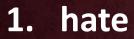


vibrant
wrong
vicious
pleasant

Meaning: flagrant means obviously wrong or immoral; Solution : 2. wrong



Antonym of **ECSTASY**



- 2. agony
- 3. Need
- 4. fatigue

<u>Meaning: ecstasy means a state of rapturous delight; agony</u> <u>means intense pain of mind or body</u> <u>Solution: 2. agony</u>





Antonym of **DOLEFUL**

empty
rich
witty
vivacious



<u>Meaning: doleful means full of grief or cheerless; vivacious</u> <u>means full of life and spirit</u> <u>Solution: 4. vivacious</u>



Antonym of WANTON

- 1. merciful
- 2. repast
- 3. brilliant
- 4. vicious

Meaning: one meaning of wanton is malicious or merciless, therefore merciful is the opposite Solution : 1. merciful

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Antonym of WINSOME

- 1. dour 🧹
- 2. Attractive
- 3. mysterious
- 4. clever

Meaning: winsome means cheerful and engaging; dour means gloomy or sullen Solution: 1. dour





Antonym of **BANAL**

- 1. sincere
- 2. wealthy
- 3. Extraordinary
- 4. trustworthy

Meaning: banal means commonplace, therefore extraordinary is the opposite Solution: 3. extraordinary







To pick holes

- 1. To criticize someone
- 2. To find some reason to quarrel
- 3. To cut some parts of an items
- 4. Have a casual conversation

Solution : 1. to criticize someone



From stem to stern



- 1. all the way from the front of a ship to the back
- 2. from the beginning to the end
- 3. top of a plant to its roots.
- 4. to be worried about something

Solution : 1. all the way from the front of a ship to the back



Over egg the pudding

- 1. add unnecessary details to make something seem better or worse.
- 2. fill the pudding excessively with egg
- 3. add details in order to make something more exciting.
- 4. add important details to the content of a story.

Solution: 1. add unnecessary details to make something seem better or worse.





At loose ends

- 1. tie two loose ends of a thread
- 2. keep options open
- 3. in an uncertain situation
- 4. Repay debts

Solution: 3. in an uncertain situation





ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

- 1. A sound intended to wake up soldiers. Reveille
- 2. A place for luggage at a railway station. Cloakroom
- 3. A fast-moving stream of water. <u>Torrent</u>
- 4. A four-footed animal. Quadruped



- 1. I've realized that working hard is
- "the more important" thing for me.
- a. of more importance
- b. No substitution
- c. a much important
- d. the most important
- 2. Even since my daughter started math tuition, she "is done quite
- better" in the subject.
- a. has done quite the best
- b. had done quite good
- c. No substitution required
- d. has been doing quite well

3. Footballers run from one corner of the field "to other".

- a. through others
- b. on the other
- c. to another
- d. No improvement required

4. The driver "lose control as soon as" he was taking a right turn

- a. lose control where
- b. lost control when
- c. was losing control after
- d. No substitution



