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# **THE HINDU**

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## **Editorial Analysis**

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**Grammar**

**Reading Skills**

**Vocab**

**Spoken English**

**BANK / SSC / UPSC / STATE EXAMS**

**LIVE**  **8:00 AM**

**06 May 2022**



**EVERY DAY MUST BE THE DAY TO  
LEARN SOMETHING NEW.**





# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
- ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS**
- iii. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
- iv. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**
- v. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**



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# GRAMMAR SKILLS

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## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

We use **SOME** and **ANY** with plural nouns and uncountable nouns.

**Some** is generally used in **positive** sentences.

**Any** is generally used in **negative** sentences.

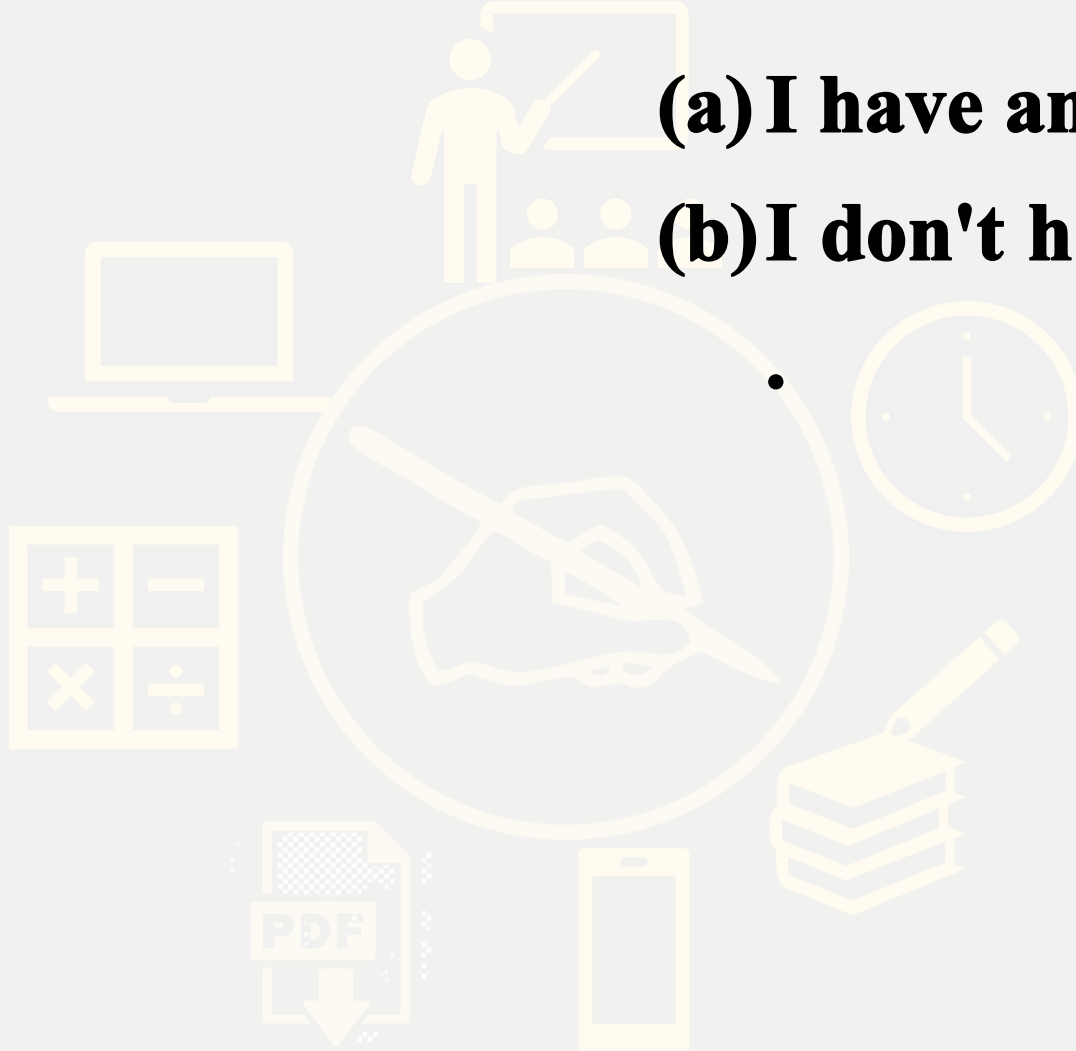


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**(a) I have any information for you.**

**(b) I don't have some information for you**







## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Generally, we use **ANY** in questions.

But, **SOME** is used in the following circumstances:

1. When we are offering something.
2. When we are asking for something.
3. When we are suggesting something.



**A. Do you know some famous people?**

**B. Would you like any coffee?**

**C. Could I have any salt, please?**

**D. Why don't you give her any advice?**







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# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**





# ARTICLE

## India's position on the World Press Freedom Index



# ARTICLE

**The story so far:** India's ranking in the 2022 World Press Freedom **Index** has **fallen to** 150 out of 180 countries, according to the latest report released by the global media watchdog, Reporters Without Borders (RSF). In last year's report, India was ranked 142. The top three positions for countries with the highest press freedom were taken by the Nordic trio of Norway (a score of 92.65), Denmark (90.27) and Sweden (88.84).

**What is RSF and what's the objective of this Index?**

RSF is an international NGO whose **self-proclaimed** aim is to **defend** and **promote** media freedom. Headquartered in Paris, it has **consultative status** with the United Nations. The **objective** of the World Press Freedom Index, which it releases every year, "is to **compare** the level of press freedom enjoyed by journalists and media in 180 countries and **territories**" in the previous calendar year.

# ARTICLE

The RSF **defines** press freedom as “the ability of journalists as individuals and collectives to select, produce, and **disseminate** news in the public interest independent of political, economic, legal, and social **interference** and in the absence of **threats** to their physical and mental safety.”

**What are the findings with regard to world press freedom?**  
In terms of **global trends**, the report **flags** a “**two-fold** increase in **polarization amplified** by information **chaos** that is, media polarisation **fueling** divisions within countries, as well as polarization between countries at the international level.” It notes that “within democratic societies, divisions are growing” due to the spread of “opinion media” modelled, and the rise of “**disinformation circuits**” amplified by how social media functions.

# ARTICLE

While **singling out** Moldova (40th) and Bulgaria (91st) for **drastic improvements** in press freedom “thanks to a government change”, it has **classified** the situation in 28 countries including Russia (155) and Belarus (153), as “very bad”. The world’s 10 worst countries for press freedom include Myanmar (176th), China (175), Turkmenistan (177th), Iran (178th), Eritrea (179th) and North Korea (180th).

## What does the Index say about India?

The report states that in India, “the violence against journalists, the politically **partisan** media and the **concentration** of media ownership all **demonstrate** that press freedom is in crisis”. Describing India as “one of the world’s most dangerous countries for the media”.





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# THE HINDU VOCABULARY





# The Hindu Vocabulary

**UNDERLIE (VERB):** (नींव

रखना): fundamental

**Synonyms:** basic, basal

**Antonyms:** subordinate



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# **The Hindu**

## **Vocabulary**

**MARGINAL**

**(ADJECTIVE):**

**(मामूली): slight**

**Synonyms: small, tiny**

**Antonyms: vast**



# **The Hindu**

## **Vocabulary**

**CAPITULATE (VERB):**

**(आत्मसमर्पण करना):**

**surrender**

**Synonyms: give in, yield**

**Antonyms: resist**



# The Hindu Vocabulary

**MACABRE (ADJECTIVE): (भयंकर):**

**gruesome**

**Synonyms: grisly grim**

**Antonyms: pleasant**



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# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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# Time for IDIOMS





**1. The accounts of the murder **made her**  
**flesh creep.****

**A. Made her sad**

**B. Surprised her**

**C. Made her cry bitterly**

**D. Fill her with horror**

**0:20**

**Answer: Option D**



**2. It is no longer easy to strike gold in Shakespeare's research since much work has already been done on him.**

- A. Hit a golden spot**
- B. Come across gold**
- C. Come across the word "gold"**
- D. Uncover or find a valuable line of argument or information**

**0:20**

**Answer: Option D**



**3. Sanjay is very different about passing the Civil Services Examination this year.**

**A. Dead sure of**

**B. Very hopeful of**

**C. Lacking self confidence about**

**D. Reasonably certain of**

**Answer: Option C**

**0:20**



4. Why must you look a gift horse in the mouth ?

- A. welcome a gift
- B. find fault with a gift
- C. be fastidious
- D. examine a gift carefully

**Answer: Option B**

**0:20**



**5. Dowry is a burning question of the day.**

**A. a widely debated issue**

**B. a dying issue**

**C. a relevant problem**

**D. an irrelevant issue**

**0:20**

**Answer: Option A**



**6. Leaders should not only make speeches they should also be prepared to bell the cat.**

- A. To take lead in danger.**
- B. To tie bell to a cat's neck**
- C. To be alert of the enemy**
- D. To make noise**

**Answer: Option A**

**0:20**





**7. The popularity of the  
yesterday's superstar is on the  
wane.**

- A. at its peak**
- B. at rock bottom**
- C. growing more**
- D. growing less**

**Answer: Option D**

**0:20**



**8. He is an interesting speaker but  
tends to go off at a tangent.**

**A. change the subject immediately**

**B. forget things in between**

**C. go on at great length**

**D. become boisterous**

**0:20**

**Answer: Option A**



**9. He sold his house **for a song**.**

**A. at a reasonable price**

**B. at a discount**

**C. very cheaply**

**D. at a premium**

**0:20**

**Answer: Option C**



**10. A snake in the grass**

- A. a secret enemy**
- B. a treacherous person**
- C. an unforeseen danger**
- D. an unexpected misfortune**

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**Answer: Option A**



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# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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**A storm is brewing**



**There will be trouble or  
emotional upset in the near  
future.**





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## **Weather a storm**



**To survive a dangerous event or  
effectively deal with a difficult situation.**



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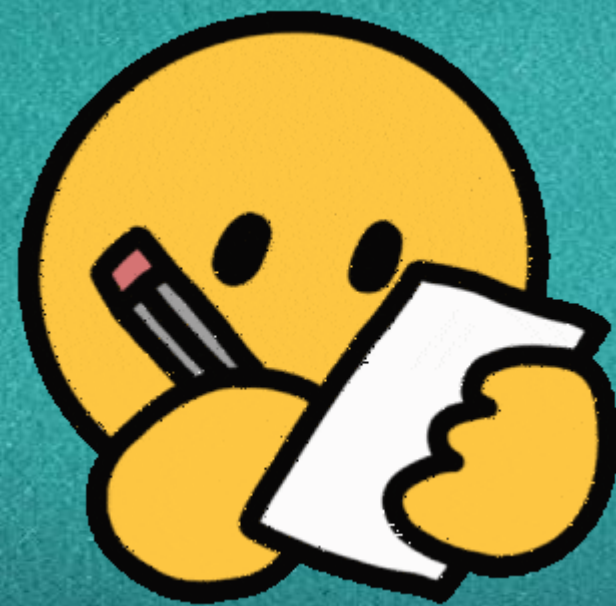
## Chasing rainbows



**Following dreams, trying to do something that can't be achieved.**



# Homework







## Home Work

The university will have to  
shelve its plans for  
expansion in view of present  
situation

- A. cancel
- B. discuss
- C. reconsider
- D. postpone



# Home Work Answer

## Synonym of **AUGUST**

- A. Common
- B. Ridiculous
- C. **Dignified**
- D. Petty



# UPCOMING ONLINE BATCHES

## May 2022

**04 May 2022**

05:30 PM to 07:30 PM

**BANK ONLINE LIVE CLASS**

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**SSC ONLINE LIVE CLASS**

**BILINGUAL**

**11 May 2022**

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**BANK ONLINE LIVE CLASS**

01:00 PM to 03:00 PM

**SSC ONLINE LIVE CLASS**

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**18 May 2022**

07:30 PM to 09:30 PM

**BANK ONLINE LIVE CLASS**

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**SSC ONLINE LIVE CLASS**

**BILINGUAL**

**25 May 2022**

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