



# THE HINDU

## EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

**READING SKILLS**

**GRAMMAR**

**SPOKEN ENGLISH**

**VOCAB**

**BANK | SSC | UPSC | STATE EXAMS**



**LIVE 07:30 AM**

**09 FEB 2023**

**BY RISHIKA MAHENDRAS**



# THE



# HINDU

DAILY 7:30 AM

09 FEB 2023

BANK (PO / CLERK) | SSC | UPSC |  
State PSC | CAT | CTET | RAILWAY |  
CDS | TET | NDA / AIRFORCE | NET,  
OTHER COMPETITIVE EXAMS

## THE HINDU EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

- VOCABULARY
- SYNONYMS & ANTONYMS
- WORD USAGE
- READING & SKIMMING
- IDIOMS & PHRASES
- ONE-WORD SUBSTITUTION
- GRAMMAR SKILLS

# THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**DON'T LET  
WHAT YOU  
CANNOT DO  
INTERFERE  
WITH  
WHAT YOU  
CAN DO**




y

yash kumar 14 hours ago

Axiomatic- self-evident  
Synonym- accepted, understood.  
Antonym- questionable, uncertain.  
Sentence- His authority is axiomatic.

Hoodwink- deceive.  
Synonym: fool, cheat.  
Antonym- protect, help.  
Sentence- He wanted to hoodwink her.

Show less



  Reply

C

Chandrika Gore 15 hours ago


1. Axiomatic: (adj) obviously true and therefore  
Synonyms: understood, aphoristic, assumed,  
Antonyms: misunderstood, uncertain, questic  
Sentence: The principle of egalitarian individu  
2. Hoodwink: (verb) to deceive or trick somec  
Synonyms: deceive, bamboozle, mislead, bilk  
Antonyms: give, help, protect, offer, be seriou  
Sentence: That is exactly the situation and it i

Show less

  Reply



Surbhi Sinha 2 hours ago

Axiomatic= obviously true therefore not needing  
 for this session

 1  Reply





ASHISH RANJAN 15 hours ago

Axiomatic  
Synonyms- (self-evident), @ccepted  
Antonyms-(nonsense, foolishness)  
Sentence- It is an animation fact that gove

Hoodwink- to deceive by fall appearance  
Synonyms-(deceive, fool)  
Antonyms-(help, offer)  
Sentence- Beware of fake ATM's that try to  
and steal all your money.

Show less

  Reply

S

shreya patel 12 hours ago

Axiomatic- obviously true  
Syn- obvious, evident, accepted  
Hoodwink- to trick someone  
Syn-. Twist, dodge, tactics

  Reply



Banker Chirag 13 hours ago (edited)

AXIOMATIC (ADJ) - DETERMINATIVE  
HOODWINK - TO CHEAT

  Reply



THE HINDU



THE HINDU

EDITORIAL

VOCABULARY



Mahendra's

THE HINDU

SALEM UNIT ON STREAM



RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS



Oil leak stops as sinking ship stabilises off Mumbai

Come to the dialogue table Mamata tells Maoists

Games: 'guilty will be punished'

(—) 1. Bigotry (Noun) : कट्टरता

Meaning: the fact of having and expressing strong, unreasonable beliefs and disliking other people who have different beliefs or a different way of life

(—) Synonyms: intolerance, prejudice, bias, discrimination

(+) Antonyms: humanitarian, liberal, moderate

Sentence: **Our hearts must not harbor hate, anger, bigotry, violence, or discrimination.**



## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 2. Collegium (Noun)

**Meaning:** a group in which each member has approximately equal power and authority; an organization for people who have similar interests or who do similar work

**Sentence:** In total, there were 27 members of the Collegium in 1990.

## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

3. Portend (Verb) : पूर्वाभास

Meaning: to be a sign that something bad is likely to happen in the future.

Synonyms: predict, bode, presage, foretell, call, augur

Sentence: By hovering nearby, the dark clouds portend a storm in our area.



4. Unabashed (Adjective) : बेपरवाह

Meaning: not embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed  
(not worried about being criticized)

Synonyms: shameless, proud, brazen, prideful, impudent

Antonyms: abashed, sheepish, embarrassed, ashamed,  
shamefaced, hangdog

Sentence: The woman's unabashed admirer showed up to her house with a guitar and a song.

5. Perennial (Adjective): चिरस्थायी

Meaning: **lasting a very long time, or happening repeatedly or all the time**, 12 months

Synonyms: **enduring, perpetual, ongoing, continuing, lasting**

Antonyms: **ceasing, changing, concluding, infrequent, occasional**

Sentence: **Every election seems to continue to deal with the same perennial issues that have been the focus of all the previous elections.**



6. Prevaricate (Verb): झूठ बोलना

Meaning: to avoid telling the truth or saying exactly what you think

Synonyms: lie, fib, equivocate, deceive

Antonyms: testify, assert, swear, confirm, verify

Sentence: Because my sister Sarah does not take bad news well, I always prevaricate when telling her something she does not want to hear.

7. Lambent (Adjective): उज्ज्वल

Meaning: (of light or fire) glowing, gleaming or flickering with a soft radiance

✓ Synonyms: glowing, luminous, shining, dazzling, radiant, shimmering, flickering, gleaming

Antonyms: dim, dusky, blackened, dark, dull

Sentence: The lambent flames from our campfire cast a comforting glow.



8. Snazzy (Adjective): अत्यधिक आकर्षक

Meaning: **modern and stylish in a way that attracts attention**

Synonyms: **stylish, flashy, cool, fashionable, custom, jazzy**

→ Antonyms: **simple, modest, plain, unadorned**

Sentence: **Innovation is about more than designing snazzy products. It's also about improving customer experiences and services.**

9. Immured (Verb) : कैद करना

Meaning: **enclose or confine (someone) against their will**

Synonyms: **caged, imprisoned, enclosed**

Antonyms: **free, loose, unbound**

Sentence: **Caught robbing a bank, Jason knew the police would immure him in a jail cell for an extended period of time.**



10. Verbatim (Adverb) : प्रतिशब्द

Meaning: in a way that uses exactly the same words as were originally used

→ Synonyms: word for word, exactly, identically

Antonyms: inaccurately, inexactly

Sentence: Everything said by the victim was written verbatim on the police report.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **DELUDE**

1. drought
2. clever
3. enlighten ✓
4. enrage

Meaning: to delude means to mislead the judgment of someone, or to trick; to enlighten means to give knowledge to someone

**Solution: 3. enlighten**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **RESILIENT**

1. stubborn
2. careless
3. substantial
4. flimsy ✓

Meaning: resilient means capable of withstanding shock; flimsy means lacking in physical strength or substance

**Solution: 4. flimsy**



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of OMIT

1. exclude ✓
2. repulse
3. attract
4. repeat

Meaning: leave out or exclude

Solution: 1. exclude

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **VACILLATE**

1. disciplined
2. decide ✓
3. safe
4. honest

Meaning: vacillate means to hesitate among choices,; decide means to choose

**Solution 2. decide**



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **TEPID**

1. dispassionate
2. scalding ✓
3. crisp
4. clever

Meaning: tepid means lukewarm; scalding means boiling

hot

Solution: 2. scalding

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **EXIGENT**

1. urgent ✓
2. treatise
3. miser
4. expedient

Meaning: exigent means demanding immediate attention, or urgent

Solution: 1. urgent



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **FERVID**

1. delightful
2. difficult
3. obstinate
4. ardent ✓

Meaning: fervid means ardent or passionate

**Solution: 4. ardent**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **ERSATZ**

1. chaotic
2. artificial ✓
3. impromptu
4. vague

Meaning: ersatz means a usually artificial or inferior substitute

**Solution: 2. artificial**



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of REDOLENT

1. ambitious
2. odorous ✓
3. shy
4. bell

Meaning: redolent means aromatic or full of a specific scent, or odorous

Solution: 2. odorous

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **PROPINQUITY**

1. habit
2. nearness ✓
3. capacity
4. tendency

Meaning: propinquity means nearness in place or time

Solution: 2. nearness



# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## To keep one's temper

1. To become hungry
2. To be in good mood ✓
3. To preserve ones energy
4. To be aloof from

Solution: 2. To be in good mood

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## To catch a tartar

1. To trap wanted criminals with great difficulty
2. To catch a dangerous person ✓
3. To meet with disaster
4. To deal with a person who is more than one's match

Solution: 2. To catch a dangerous person



# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## to move heaven and earth

1. to pray to all Gods
2. to try everything possible
3. to travel in a rocket
4. to cause an earthquake

Solution: 2. to try everything possible

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## To go down like a lead balloon

1. Failure in business or venture
2. An idea on which one has a lot of hope, but it falls
3. A speech, proposal, or joke that is poorly received
4. Losing all the money while gambling

Solution: 3. A speech, proposal, or joke that is poorly received



# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. Writer of dictionary –  
Lexicographer
2. Cities at high altitude –  
Acropolis
3. Having a deep and pleasant sound –  
Sonorous
4. Dictionary of synonyms –  
Thesaurus

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Bench and bigotry: On advocate Victoria Gowri's appointment as Madras High Court judge

A judge's appointment exposes the opaque Collegium system



The questionable elevation of advocate L. Victoria Gowri as a judge of the Madras High Court epitomises the problematic nature of the system of judicial appointment. It also portends a government-driven project to take over the Bench through its favourites. Ms. Gowri, whose unabashed prejudice against minorities became evident when her past speeches and interviews came to light after her name was approved by the Supreme Court, was sworn in at an oath-taking ceremony organised with great dispatch. Earlier, the Union Law Ministry had processed the recommendation concerning a set of candidates with extraordinary speed not displayed in other cases.

It was clear that the government wanted to act ahead of any possible interim order from the Court, which had agreed to hear petitions from a group of lawyers against her appointment. In the process, the government ignored a specific recommendation that R. John Sathyan, an advocate whose candidature was earlier opposed by the Ministry, be appointed first. It is a clear message that the present regime would pick and choose among those approved by the collegium, in a manner informed by its political preferences. That the government repeatedly has its way indicates that the conflict over the appointment process has reached a stage in which the collegium is constantly under pressure to yield to the executive's position on individuals if any meaningful progress is to be made on the perennial process of filling up vacancies.



The challenge to Ms. Gowri's appointment was on the ground that had there been effective consultation and relevant information placed before the collegium, her appointment may not have materialised. Further, by her speeches denouncing Christians and Muslims she had rendered herself ineligible to act without fear or favour; and that she could not be expected to dispense justice without discrimination "on the ground of religion...". However, the Bench rightly rejected the petitions, observing that it cannot revisit the suitability of any appointee after the collegium had decided on it.

The Court on the judicial side could not possibly have gone into a choice made by its top three judges. Indeed, it made no sense to refer the collegium's decision to a Bench for review. It is apparent that the State government too had not flagged her extreme views. While political affiliation should not disqualify anyone from judicial office, open bigotry ought to. It is also a signal failure of the collegium process that a controversial proposal could get past its scrutiny. What is needed is more than reform in the appointment system; perhaps, a process that combines an objective evaluation of the candidates' credentials with an independent mechanism that ensures public scrutiny of their suitability. What is in place at present is an opaque, closed-door consensus-building that could leave room for unhealthy compromises.





**1. Sedulous ✓**

**2. Intrepid ✓**

THANK

YOU