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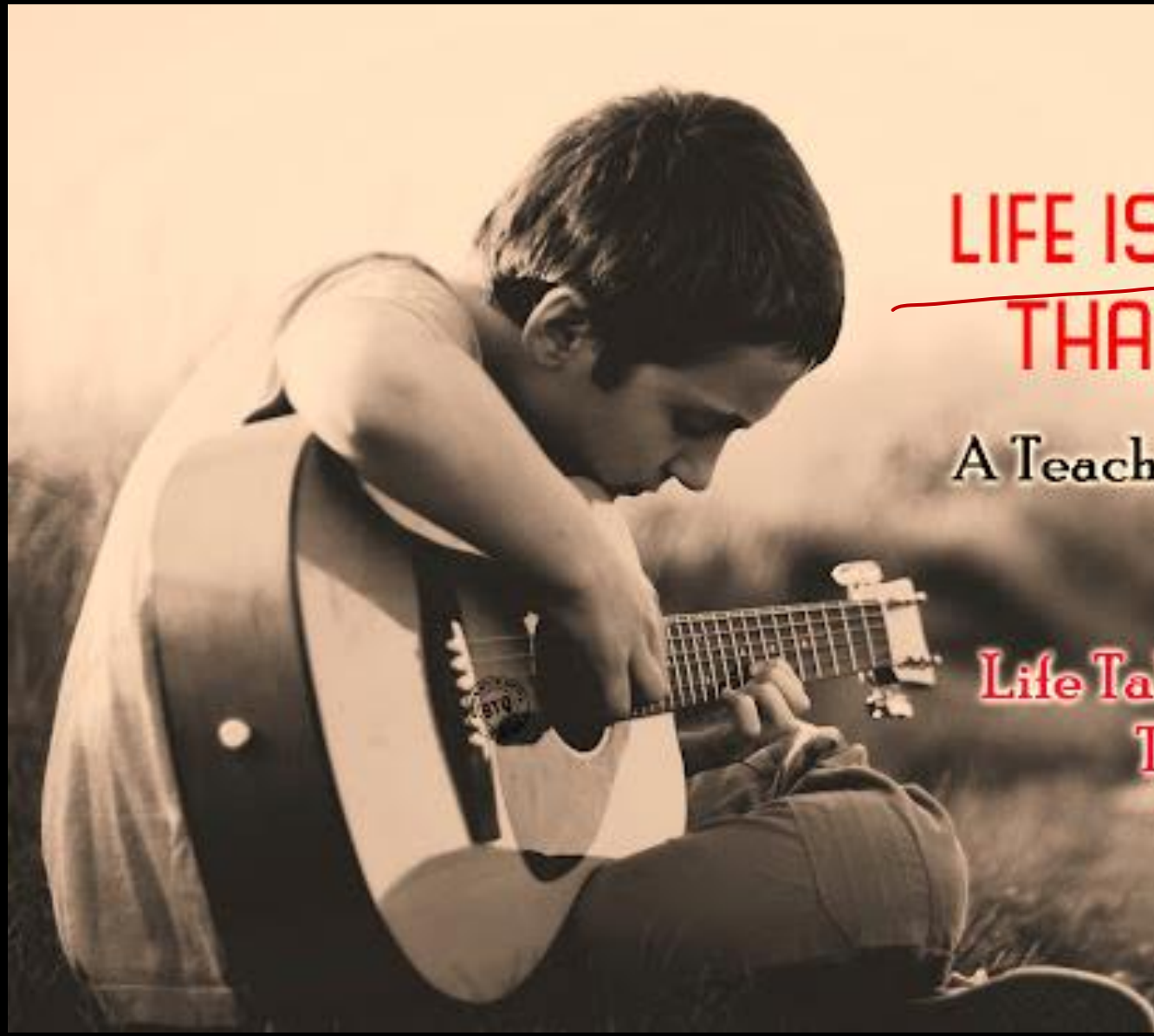
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**LIFE IS MORE STRICT  
THAN A TEACHER...**

**A Teacher Teaches A Lesson and  
Takes a Exam..!**

**But.**

**Life Takes an Exam and Then  
Teaches a Lesson..!!**

*Have a Nice Day*



**Surbhi Sinha** 1 hour ago

Spike =,a thin pointed piece of wood, metal etc 😊 venal showir 😊

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**Mini Chaubey** 8 hours ago

Venal = corrupt  
Spike = prong, barb

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**Khushboo Mandal** 9 hours ago

Spike - to rise a higher amount, price or level  
Synonym- increase,hike ,uptick,raise  
Antonym- diminish,abate, decline,lessen, decrease drop, shrink v  
Venal - showing or motivated by susceptibility to bribery corrupt...

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**Riya Mandaokar** 9 hours ago

Thank you ma'am for the session ans is  
Spike= a thin pointed piece of wood,metal,or another rigid materi  
Syno= prong,barb,point,skewer  
Anto= diminish, reduce...

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**Chandrika Gore** 14 hours ago

1. Spike: (noun) a narrow, thin shape with a sharp point at the end, or something, especially a piece of metal, with this shape; a very high amount, price, or level usually before a fall; (verb) to decide not to publish an article in a newspaper; to make a drink stronger by adding alcohol, or to add flavor or interest something or someone; to rise to/ reach a higher amount,price,or level, usually before going...

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**Muskan Rai** 15 hours ago

SPIKE=A THIN RIGID MATERIAL.  
SYNONYMS=FASTEN , NAIL  
ANTONYMS=LOSSEN ,RELEASE  
SENTENCE=IF WE FIND OUT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE,WE WILL MOUNT HIS HEAD ON A SPIKE....

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**MO ANAS CHAUDHARY** 2 hours ago

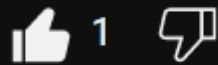
**Spike (Verb) Syno.....Pin skewer impale fasten.**

**Anto....Detach release loosen.**

**Sentence.....A pair of shoes having spikes attached to the soles or soles and heels.**

**Venal(Adj) Syno.....Dishonest immoral evil sleazy....**

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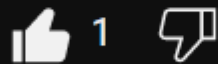


**Muskan Dubey** 5 hours ago

**Venal(Adj.) Showing or motivated by susceptibility to bribery;corrupt..**

**Syn. =Corrupt, bribable, dishonest, unethical..**

**Anty. =noble, honest, moral, ethical..**



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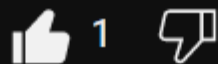


**Muskan Dubey** 5 hours ago

**Spike(N) =A sharp increase in the magnitude or concentration of something..**

**Syn. =Fasten, make fast, lance..**

**Anty. =Detach, unfasten, loosen..**



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VOCABULARY



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RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS



Oil leak stops as sinking ship starts to rise off Mumbai

Come to the dialogue table Mamata tells Maoists

Games: 'guilty will be punished'

## 1. Penitent (Adjective): अनुतापी

Meaning: **feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant.**

Synonyms: **repentant, remorseful, ashamed**

Antonyms: **impenitent, unrepentant, unapologetic**

Sentence: **"I'm sorry," she said with a penitent smile.**

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### 6. Perjury (Noun) : झूठा साक्ष्य

**Meaning: the crime of telling lies in court when you have promised to tell the truth**

**Synonyms: lying under oath, violation of an oath, giving false evidence**

**Antonyms: fact, truism, verity**

**Sentence: Two key witnesses at her trial committed perjury.**



## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 3. Quotidian (Adjective) : दैनिक

Meaning: of or occurring every day; daily

Synonyms: usual, ubiquitous, ordinary, frequent

Antonyms: extraordinary, unusual, infrequent

Sentence: Television has become part of our quotidian existence.

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### 4. Fortify (Verb) : मज़बूत

**Meaning: to make something stronger, especially in order to protect it; strengthen (someone) mentally or physically**

**Synonyms: brace, strengthen**

**Antonyms: shake, discourage, undermine, demoralize**

**Sentence: The stone wall was the first step, but they needed more to properly fortify the city.**

5. Impregnable (Adjective) : अजेय

Meaning: **incapable of being overcome, challenged, or defeated** <sup>जे</sup>

Synonyms: **invincible, invulnerable, unconquerable**

Antonyms: **susceptible, vulnerable**

Sentence: **The prison's impregnable security wall makes it impossible for inmates to leave the grounds.**

## 6. Pluralism (Noun)

Meaning: **the existence of different types of people, who have different beliefs and opinions, within the same society**

Synonyms: **diversity, heterogeneity, multiplicity, variety**

Antonyms: **uniformity, similarity, consistency, sameness**

Sentence: **We know it's not easy to maintain pluralism in a country.**

7. Vouch (Verb) : गारंटी देना

**Meaning:** assert or confirm as a result of one's own experience that something is true

**Synonyms:** certify, attest, witness, ensure, guarantee

**Sentence:** Ally said she would vouch to her boss that her friend was a strong candidate for the job at her work.

## 8. Gall And Wormwood (Idiom)

Meaning: **strong feelings of bitterness and resentment.**

Synonyms: **bitterness, harsh, hatred**

Sentence: **Ever since he lost the election for school president, he only feels gall and wormwood, thinking of ~~my~~ unworthy opponent.**

his.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **PHILISTINE**

1. novice
2. intellectual ✓
3. pious
4. debate

Meaning: philistine is used disparagingly to describe a person guided by material rather than intellectual values; an intellectual is a person who engages in the creative use of his or her intellect

**Solution: 2. intellectual**



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **COLOSSAL**

1. easy
2. tiny
3. graceful
4. roof

minute

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

Solution: 2. tiny

# Find the correct one?

Antonym of **ENIGMATIC**

1. healthy
2. watchful
3. disastrous
4. obvious



Meaning: enigmatic means mysterious or obscure, therefore obvious is the opposite

Solution: 4. obvious



# Find the correct one?



## Antonym of APPROBATE

1. ingratitude
2. condemn
3. dissatisfaction
4. master

Meaning: to approbate means to approve or sanction; to condemn means to declare wrong or to convict

Solution: 2. condemn,  $\Rightarrow$  dissatisfaction

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **SACCHARINE**

1. leave
2. sweet
3. arid
4. quit



Meaning: saccharine means overly sweet

Solution: 2. sweet

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of MITIGATE

1. relieve ✓
2. blend
3. defend
4. confuse

Meaning: mitigate means to make less severe or painful, or to relieve

Solution : 1. relieve

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **IMPEL**

1. force ✓
2. block
3. hinder
4. discredit

Meaning: to impel means to drive forward using strong moral pressure, or to force

Solution: 1. force

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **DIFFIDENT**

1. apathetic
2. shy
3. arrogant
4. quarrelsome

Meaning: diffident means shy or lacking in confidence

**Solution: 2. shy**

The threat of the pandemic is not just **a cry in the wilderness.**

1. Mourning for the loss
2. an unheeded warning
3. tears of sorrow
4. spreading rumors

Solution : 2. **An unheeded/careless warning.**





# IDIOMS & PHRASES

Every time I have a conversation with my friend Sanjay, he seems to be **blowing his own trumpet**.

1. Rely on oneself
2. Criticize others
3. Respect others
4. Praise oneself



Solution : **4. Praise oneself**

# IDIOMS & PHRASES

The investigation of the serious case of bribery by the concerned authority is an **eye-wash**.

1. A deception ✓
2. An inspiration
3. An operation
4. A consideration

Solution: **1. A deception.**

His comments **cast a slur upon** the integrity of his manager.

1. praised
2. damaged
3. redeemed
4. Improved



Solution: **2. Damaged**

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. Change the appearance to deceive or hide the identity.-

**Disguise**

2. Free somebody from blame or guilt-

**Exonerate**

3. The action/skill of being able to copy the voice, movements of others-

**Mimicry**

4. Using or expressed in more words than ~~are~~ needed-

**Verbose**



# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Optical relief: On headline inflation

For most households, the moderation in headline inflation brings little respite

*relief*

The pace of price rise faced by Indian consumers eased below the central bank's upper tolerance threshold of 6% in March. The 5.66% retail inflation level recorded in March was last seen in December 2021. That was followed by a sustained spell of high inflation that escalated after the Russia-Ukraine conflict that began in February 2022, and peaked at an eight-year high of 7.8% in April. Including last November and December, March marks only the third occasion in 15 months when inflation was within the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) mandated tolerance range of 2% to 6%.

The RBI, which had to send an explanation to the government on why the target was missed for three successive quarters — for the first time since the inflation targeting framework was introduced — hit a pause on interest rates this month after a streak of hikes. It now expects inflation to average 5.2% in 2023-24 (lower than the 5.3% it projected in February). As it stands, the average inflation between January and March has turned out to be 6.21%, far higher than the RBI's February projection of 5.9%. For the full year gone by, inflation averaged 6.66% vis-à-vis the 6.5% the RBI expected.

The central bank and the government may now be sanguine about headline inflation staying below 6%, but that is in no small measure due to the statistical effects of higher numbers from the previous year's base. In the April to June quarter, the RBI expects inflation to average 5.1%, up from 5% predicted two months ago — the same quarter had clocked a mean inflation of 7.28% in 2022. While the pace of price rise may slow down, prices are still rising at a fairly significant clip, on top of price hikes effected in the past year. There is no medium-term reversal likely in amounts people shell out for most goods and services, barring seasonally triggered changes in items such as vegetables.



**In fact, excluding vegetables whose prices have been falling year-on-year since November 2022, the inflation faced by consumers in March was still 6.6%. Imported inflation fell to its lowest level since November 2019 at 2.8%, which means domestic factors are still spurring prices around 6%. Fresh global shocks from oil prices and other unknowns may cause imported inflation to spike again. With cereal, spices and milk prices on the boil and worries about crop losses due to recent unseasonal precipitation (as well as fears of El Niño effects this year), food prices may continue to pinch households. There is no room to let the guard down on inflation, even if propping up growth is the priority. Squeezed consumption is hardly going to inspire investment.**



**1. Medley**

**2. Catastrophic**

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