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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**

**17 AUGUST 2022**







**A good day is a  
good day.**


**A bad day is a  
good story.**

**At the end of  
the day,  
it's all good.**

*-Glennon Melton*



# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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



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# GRAMMAR SKILLS

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## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

◆ **Vain of** - proud of

Example - Though rich, Rohit is not vain of her wealth.

◆ **Vexed with** - person

Example - Don't get vexed with me.

◆ **Vexed at** - a thing

Example- I am vexed at my sister's behavior.



## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**A/An + Fairly + Adjective  
+Noun or Rather + A +  
Adjective**

**But we cannot use  
Pleasant Adjective with  
rather and Unpleasant  
Adjective with fairly.**



- A. It is fairly a good book**
- B. It was a rather good book**
- C. It was rather a difficult problem**







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# SO IT'S TIME



**Let's start**





# ARTICLE

## Taliban mark turbulent first year in power

While the group's fighters celebrate 'victory', ordinary Afghans, particularly women, face hardships



**Victory march:** Taliban supporters in Kabul celebrate the first anniversary of their return to power in Afghanistan. ■ AFP



# ARTICLE

Taliban fighters **chanted victory slogans** next to the U.S. **Embassy** in Kabul as they marked the first anniversary of their return to power in Afghanistan following a **turbulent** year that saw women's rights **crushed** and a **humanitarian crisis** worsen. Exactly a year ago, the **hardline Islamists** captured Kabul after a nationwide lightning offensive against government forces just as U.S. led troops were ending two decades of **intervention** in a **conflicts** that cost tens of thousands of lives. "This great victory came after countless **sacrifices** and hardships," Abdul Ghani Baradar, Deputy Prime Minister and co-founder of the Taliban, said on Twitter



# ARTICLE

“On this day... the Islamic Emirate **brought the world's superpower and its allies to their knees** and Afghans gained their independence,” added Mr. Baradar, who in 2020 signed a deal with Washington offering security guarantees in return for the withdrawal of foreign forces. The last American troops left on August 31, ending a **chaotic evacuation** of tens of thousands of Afghans who had rushed to Kabul's airport in the hope of boarding a flight out of the country. Images of **crowds storming** the airport, climbing a top aircraft and some **clinging** to a departing U.S. military **cargo plane** aired on news bulletins around the world.



# ARTICLE

However, for many ordinary Afghans — particularly women — the return of the Taliban has only increased hardships, with aid agencies saying that half the country's 38 million people face extreme poverty. Many **restrictions** have been **imposed** on women. Tens of thousands of girls have been **shut out** of secondary schools, while women have been **barred** from returning to many government jobs. And in May, they were ordered to fully cover up in public, including their faces, ideally with a burqa.





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# THE HINDU VOCABULARY



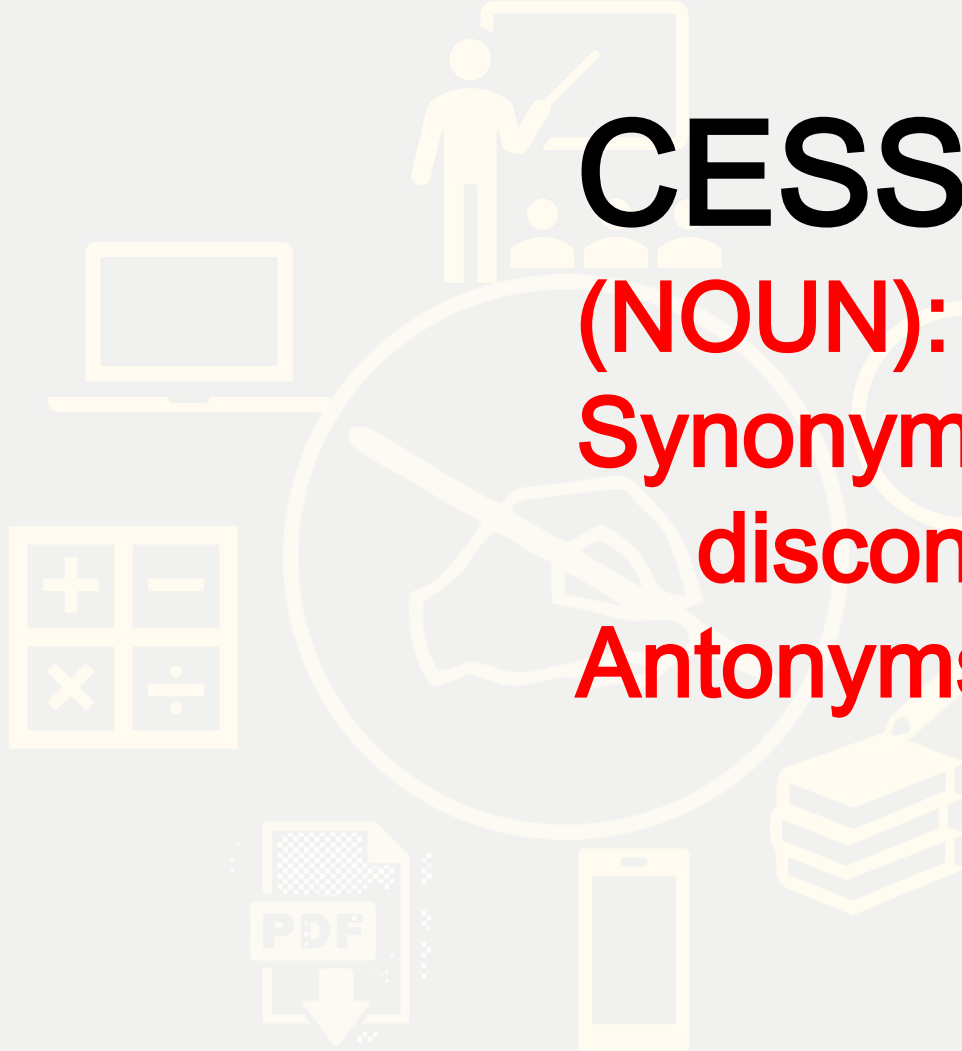
# CESSATION

(NOUN): (ठहराव): abeyance

Synonyms: breather,

discontinuance

Antonyms: activity, continuity





# OMINOUS

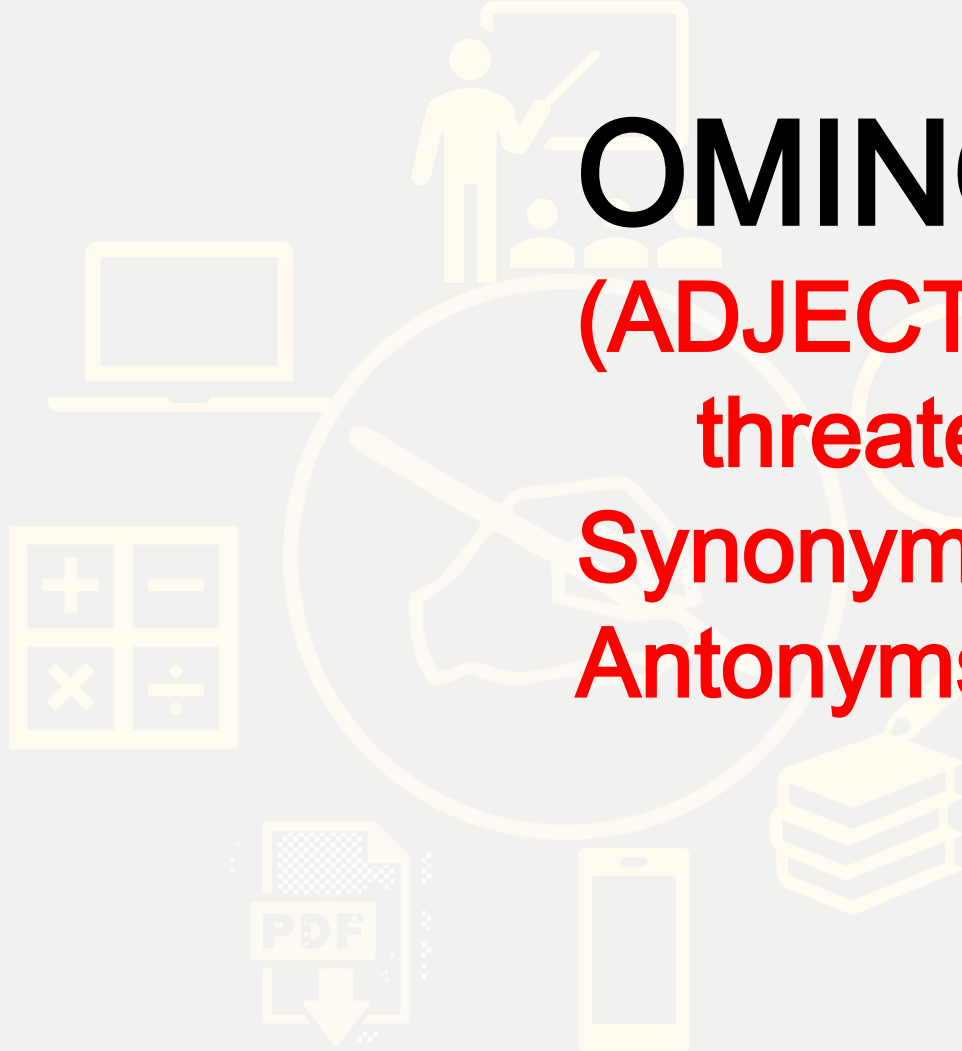
**(ADJECTIVE):**

**threatening**

**Synonyms: menacing, baleful**

**Antonyms: promising**

**(अमंगल):**





# CANDOR

**(NOUN): (निष्कपटता): frankness**

**Synonyms: directness,**

**fairness**

**Antonyms:**

**unfairness**

**dishonesty,**





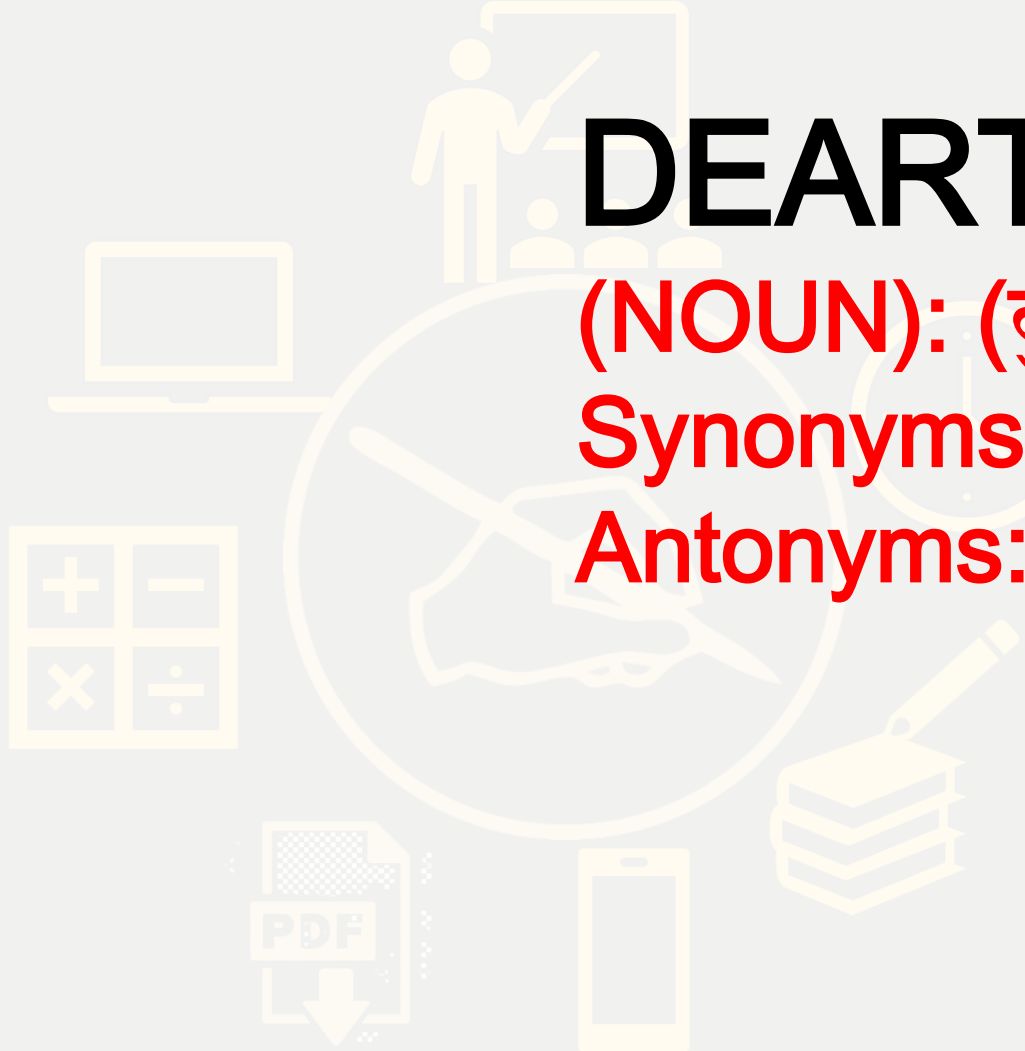


# DEARTH

**(NOUN): (दुर्लभता): lack**

**Synonyms: scarcity, shortage**

**Antonyms: abundance**





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# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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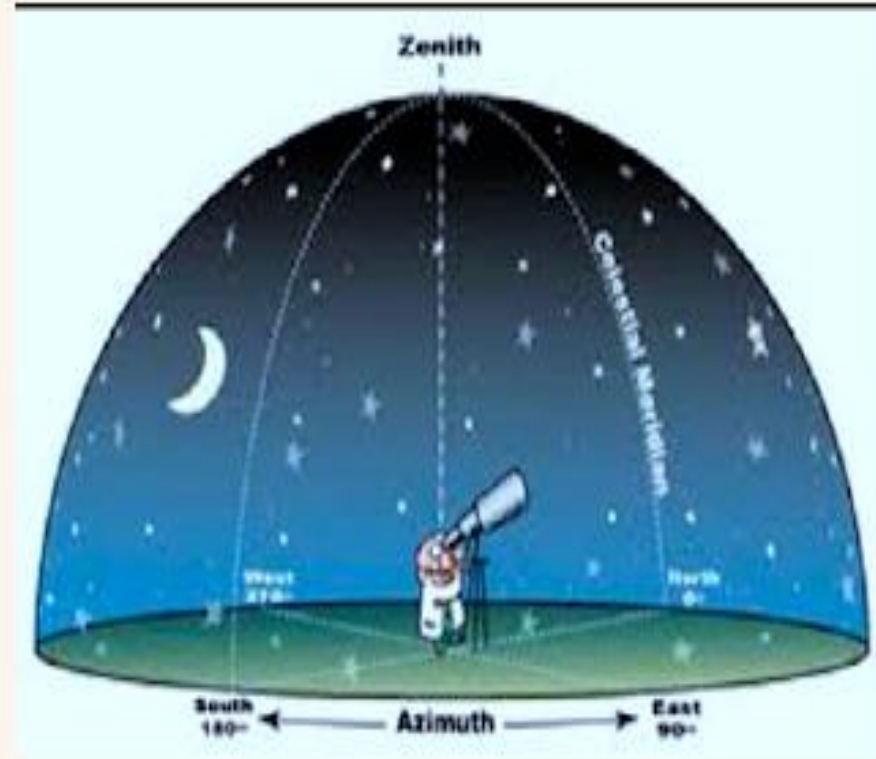
## 12. Daunting



**Definition:** To make someone feel nervous and less confident about doing something.



### 13. Zenith



**Definition:** The strongest or most successful period of time | The highest point reached in the sky by the sun, moon, etc.





## 6. Amok



**Definition:** In a state of rage.



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# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for  
**ONE**  
**WORD**





**1. An office with no work but high pay**

- A. Honorary**
- B. Sinecure**
- C. Ex-office**
- D. Reticent**

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**Solution: B. Sinecure**





**2. The act of looking  
back upon past  
events**

- A. Introspection**
- B. Retrospection**
- C. Extrospection**
- D. Circumspection**

**Solution: B. Retrospection**

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# Time for Fillers





3. He spent \_\_\_\_\_  
money he had.

- A. the little
- B. a little
- C. little
- D. the few

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**Solution: A. the little**



4. Rahul is \_\_\_\_\_  
wiser than Syam.

- A. too
- B. enough
- C. far
- D. much

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**Solution: D. much**



**5. This book is very useful, ——?**

- A. isn't it**
- B. is it**
- C. doesn't it**
- D. can't it**

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**Solution: A. isn't it**





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# Time for Idioms & Phrases





**6. Off hand**

**A. Ready or quick**

**B. Without preparation  
or delay**

**C. Bias**

**D. None of above**

**Answer: Option B**

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## 7. Oily tongue

- A. Abuse
- B. Harsh words
- C. Flattering words
- D. Praise

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**C) Flattering  
words**



## 8. One's Achilles heel

- A. Dancing steps
- B. Go away fast
- C. Waiting
- D. Weak point

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**D) Weak point**



## 9. **Pell-mell**

- A. In a jumbled
- B. Great honour
- C. Great news
- D. Great feeling

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**Answer: Option  
A**





## 10. **Palmy days**

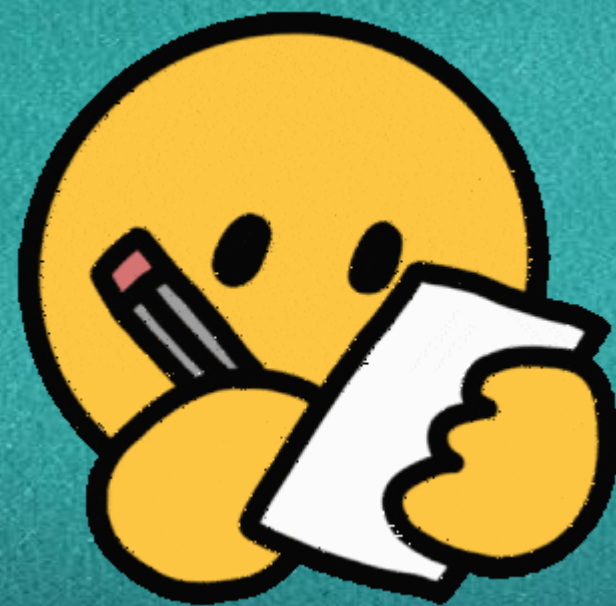
- A. Bad days**
- B. Prosperous days**
- C. Days spend out of home**
- D. Days spend with special one**

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**Answer: Option  
C**



# Homework







# Home Work

**Pass the buck**

- A. To blame each other**
- B. To co-operate**
- C. To motivate**
- D. To make someone fool**



# Home Work Answer

**Halcyon days**

**A. Peaceful days**

**B. Tragic days**

**C. Days spent at  
picnic**

**D. Days spent out of  
country**

