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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**


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Every day is a new  
beginning. Take  
a deep breath,  
smile and start  
again.



# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
  - ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS**
  - iii. VOCABULARY FROM ARTICLE**
  - iv. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**
  - v. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**
  - vi. ENGLISH SPEAKING TIPS**

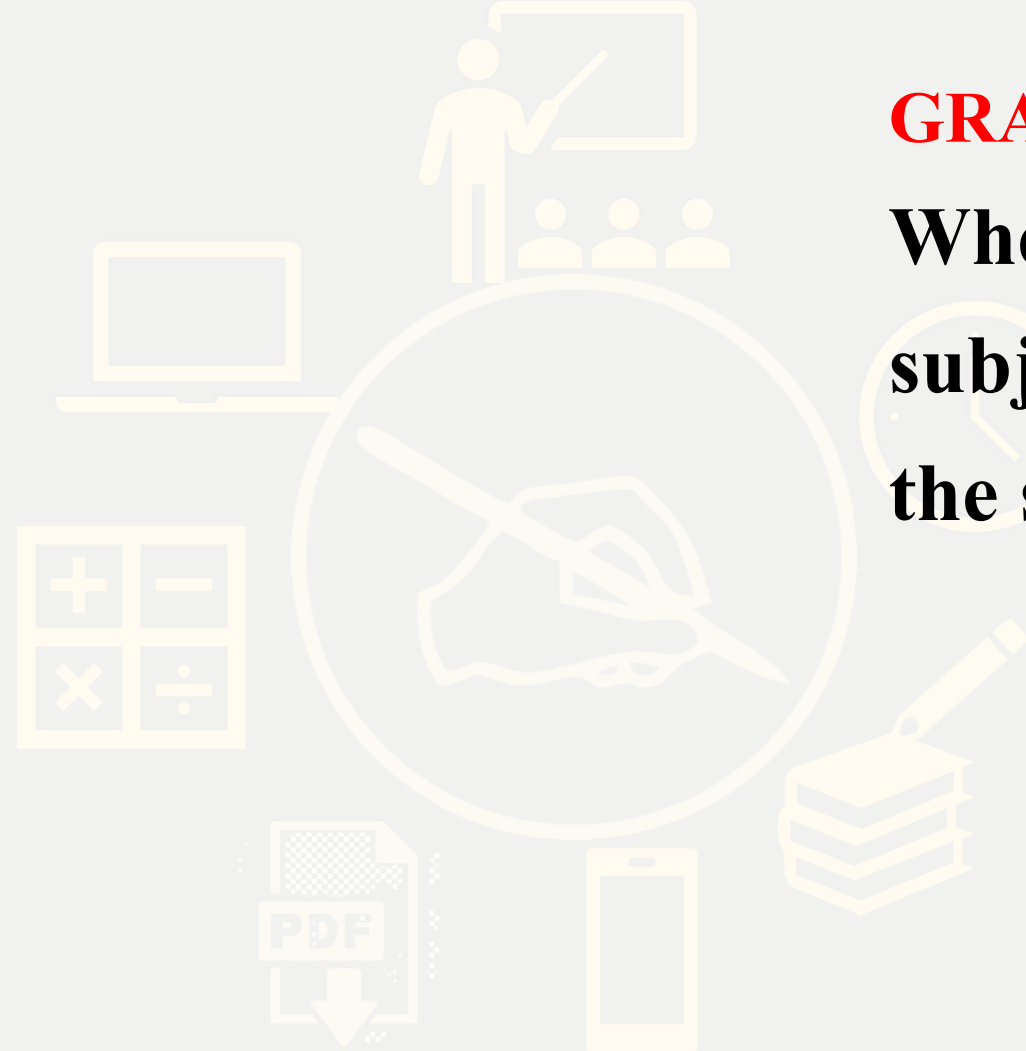
# GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE  
YOU  
READY??



## **GRAMMAR SKILL - 1**

**When there is comparison of subject with any pronoun we use the subjective case of that pronoun**



**a) I'm not so old as HIM**

**b) He has more time than ME.**

**c) Sohan walks slowly than HER.**



## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

After the verb **Be(is, am, are ,was, were)** we use **subjective case of pronoun.**



**a) It was me who stood first.**

**b) Where is Ram? – That is him over there  
in the park.**





# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**



# ARTICLE

## What's fuelling inflation in rural India?

Why are food, clothing and fuel prices higher in the hinterland? Will a good monsoon help ease the crisis?



# ARTICLE

The story so far: The **retail** inflation rate **surged** to 6.95% this March — its highest level in nearly one and a half years, **capping off** six **successive** months of accelerating prices for consumers. With incremental fuel price hikes only kicking in during the latter half of March, the full **impact** of higher global oil prices being passed on to consumers will only begin **reflecting** in April. Economists expect inflation to go past 7% and **hover** around that level till as far as September. However, across large parts of the country, the experienced price rise has already crossed 7.5% and even 8%. Official data **pegs** rural inflation in March at 7.66%, with several States reporting even higher inflation, including West Bengal (8.85%), Uttar Pradesh and Assam (8.19%) as well as Madhya Pradesh (7.89%).

# ARTICLE

How have urban and rural inflation trends differed over the past year?

■ Urban inflation has usually **tended to be higher** than rural inflation by an average of about 0.8 percentage points through most of 2021 — the only **exceptions** being August when both stood at 5.3% and May when rural inflation was 6.6% and urban inflation was 5.9%. In December 2021, urban inflation was 5.9%, while rural inflation was 5.4%. In contrast, March 2022 marked the third **consecutive** month that the pace of price rise in the **hinterland outstripped** urban India, and the gap has been **widening** rapidly. From a minor 0.2 percentage points higher inflation rate over urban India in January, rural inflation hit a nine-month high of 6.38% in February even as urban inflation **declined** to 5.75%. In March, the gap between the two has **surpassed** 1.5% with urban inflation at 6.12% and rural areas clocking 7.66%.

# ARTICLE

## What are the key drivers of higher inflation in the hinterland?

■ While food inflation was the key driver for the headline inflation rate jump in March, with the overall consumer food price **index racing to** 7.68% from 5.85% in February, the **spike** was far more pronounced in rural India where food inflation hit 8.04%. Food inflation in urban India was a full percentage point lower. Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda, **reckoned** that the higher inflation in food, which has a higher weight in the Consumer Price Index, along with inflation in fuel and light and clothing, were the key factors driving up rural prices.



**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**

## **Diplomacy (Noun) - कूटनीति**

**Meaning:** the art of dealing with people in a sensitive and tactful way.

**Synonyms:** tact, tactfulness, sensitivity, discretion

**Antonyms:** tactlessness

**Manoeuvre (Noun) — पैतरेबाजी**

**Meaning: a movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.**

**Synonyms: operation, exercise, activity, move**

**Antonyms: decline, decrease, halt**



**Coalition (Noun)** — गठबंधन

**Meaning:** a temporary alliance for combined action, especially of political parties forming a government.

**Synonyms:** alliance, union, partnership, affiliation, bloc

**Antonyms:** detachment, disassociation

# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

ARE  
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1. Affable



Definition: Easily approachable, friendly

**Usage:** His warm and affable nature ensured that he was never short of friends.

2. Pertinent



**Definition:** Appropriate to a particular situation

**Usage:** Billy submitted a list of articles pertinent to his report.



### 3. Conceal



**Definition:** To hide someone or something | prevent (something) from being known

**Usage:** Diana couldn't conceal her envy of Dev's success.



# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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# Time for SYNONYMS

**Q1. QUELL**

**A. Abet**

**B. Suppress**

**C. Support**

**D. Provoke**



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**Answer: B**



## Q2. **ABRIDGE**

**A. Abort**

**B. Shorten**

**C. Rare**

**D. Urge**



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**Answer: B**

### Q3. **DEBILITATE**

**A. Accept**

**B. Pioneer**

**C. Weaken**

**D. Challenge**



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**Answer: C**



# Time for IDIOMS

**Q4. To go overboard**

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets**
- B. To encourage someone in his bad times**
- C. To do too much of something**
- D. Once in a life-time**

**00:20****Answer: Option (C)**

**5Q. On the rocks**

**A. likely to fail**

**B. To feel very sad**

**C. To act confident in a difficult situation**

**D. To commit a fraud**



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**Answer: Option (C)**

**6Q. From the horse's mouth**

- A. To make to bear the sins for others**
- B. From an authoritative or dependable source**
- C. Take a subordinate position**
- D. Worried for frivolous things**

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**Answer: Option (B)**

**7Q. To cut corners**

**A. Something is better than nothing**

**B. To look disappointed for something**

**C. To take short-cuts**

**D. To sniff something wrong**

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**Answer: Option (C)**



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**8Q. Take something with a pinch of salt**

- A. Believing something with a doubt**
- B. To keep people at a distance**
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs**
- D. To lose a sustained share/position**

**Answer: Option A Meaning: to listen to a story or an explanation with considerable doubt.**



**9Q. Every dog has its day**

**A. Almost too late**

**B. As a low priority**

**C. Everyone gets a chance eventually**

**D. Once in a life-time**

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**Answer: Option C**

**10Q. To burn the mid night oil**

**A. To work hard and stay up very late night**

**B. To contribute money for a party**

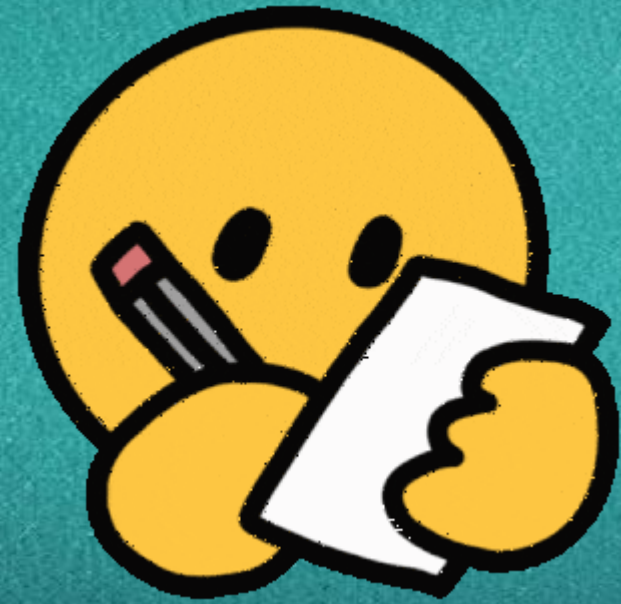
**C. To have faith in god**

**D. To commit a blunder**

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**Answer: Option A**

# Homework



## Home Work

**No sooner did the sun rise (1)/ when we resumed the journey (2)/ after having a hasty breakfast. (3)/ No Error (4).**

# Home Work ANSWER

My brother has (1)/ a good many  
(2)/friend who often keep (3)/ calling  
him at odd hours. (4)

A) 1

B) 2

C) 3

D) 4

E) No Error

