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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**

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*Life is like  
riding a bicycle.  
To keep your  
balance, you  
must keep  
moving*



# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
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  - iv. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
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# GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE  
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## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

**Come Across - means meet  
accidentally / suddenly**

**During - denotes duration.**

**(a) I suddenly came across to him.**

**(b) During the war, many people suffered hardship.**





## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**Wait for - Await.**

**Despite - inspite of.**



- A. He is awaiting for the reply.**
- B. Despite of his hard work, he failed in the Examination.**





# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for  
**FILLERS**



**1. When he..... that his life was in danger he called  
out for help.**

**(1) Feels**

**(2) decided**

**(3) Forecasted**

**(4) narrated**

**(5) realised**

**(5) realised**

**forecasted (V.) : projected**

**realised (V.): be/become**

**aware**





**2. Our country is committed to.....peace all over the world.**

**(1) starting**

**(2) establishment**

**(3) maintain**

**(4) encompassing**

**(5) settle**

**(3) maintain**

**encompassing (V.): to include a large number/range of things : to surround/cover something completely**

**3. Although he is a balanced son, he occasionally loses his.....**

- (1) power**
- (2) grief**
- (3) temper**
- (4) anxiety**
- (5) wealth**

**(3) temper**

**temper (N.) : a state of mind/ emotion**



**4. The tunnel was so..... and congested that we became frightened.**

- (1) Long**
- (2) broad**
- (3) dark**
- (4) quiet**
- (5) grief**



**87. (3) dark**



# Time for Phrase Replacement



5) Look at this video clip in which **I, my friend and you** are enjoying a boat ride.

- 1) you, my friend and I
- 2) I, you and my friend
- 3) my friend, you and I
- 4) no improvement



**Solution : 1, you, my friend and I**

**Explanation – The order ‘231’ should be followed for the good sense and for the bad sense the order should be – ‘123’**

6) Any bad habit must be nipped **on** the bud.

1) on

2) in

3) off

4) no improvement



**Solution : 2, in**

**Explanation – ‘Nip in the bud’ – to stop, cease, or prevent something at the beginning.**

7) The patient died **of a wound and not of cancer.**

1) from a wound and not of

2) of a wound and not from

3) from a wound and not from

4) no improvement



**Solution : 1, from a wound and not of**

**Explanation – ‘die from’ – death caused by external factors.(earthquake, disaster, wound, etc.) ‘die of ‘ – death caused by internal factors (disease, illness, etc.)**

8) When I last saw Ravi, he **had been running** to catch his bus.

- 1) ran
- 2) was running
- 3) had run
- 4) no improvement

**Solution : 2, was running**

**Explanation – The past continuous merely shows continuity whereas past perfect continuous tense puts an emphasis on the idea of duration.**



9) She has not been well **for the past** few months

1) since the past

2) for past

3) since the last

4) no improvement



**Solution : 4, no improvement**

**Explanation – ‘the past few months’ indicate the period of time and we use ‘for’ for period of time and ‘since’ for point of time.**



10) If I **have had** money, I would have bought this car.

1) had

2) did have

3) had had

4) no improvement



**Solution : 3, had had**

**Explanation –It is a third conditional sentence.**

# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**



# ARTICLE

## Cyber Crime Wing unearths fraudulent gaming portals



# ARTICLE

The Cyber Crime Wing of the Tamil Nadu police **unearthed** a network of **fraudulent** online gaming portals run by a group of engineers who are **suspected** to have **bilked** people **out** of ₹10 crore. Russian operators had paid the group in cryptocurrency.

In October, the Kallakurichi police arrested Manikandan, 26, considered to be one of the operators of these portals. Then the police arrested eight more engineering graduates. The arrests followed the detection of high-volume bank transactions.

Amresh Pujari, Additional Director-General of Police, Cyber Crime Wing, ordered a special team, led by Superintendent of Police M.R.Sibi Chakravarthy, to conduct a thorough investigation.

# ARTICLE

The team conducted raids at Pammal, Sankar Nagar and Ambattur and arrested Sasikumar, Saikumar, Raj Kumar, Rajesh Kumar and Mohammed Asif, all engineering graduates aged 24-26. Laptops, desktops, mobile phones, ATM cards, pen drives, SIM cards and a car were **seized** from them.

Mr. Sibi Chakravarthy told The Hindu, “The accused are suspected to be the agents of Russian operators and they were communicating through e-mail. They used the software supplied by them. The gang had programmed the application so that even the winner/loser could be decided by them; after bets were placed and payments were made, the accused made sure the customers lost all the money. The gang was making huge profits.”



# ARTICLE

They engaged some persons for a few thousand rupees to get SIM cards and deposited the money in **fictitious** bank accounts. The **initial** investigation showed they had transacted with the foreign operators through cryptocurrency, Mr. Sibi Chakravarthy said.

The police will alert the Enforcement Directorate and the Income Tax Department to this network. Steps are being taken to **freeze** the online websites used for gaming.

The Cyber Crime Wing has requested people to avoid online gaming and asked the victims to report through cyber crime helpline 155260.



**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**

**INFURIATE (VERB): (क्रुद्ध करना):**

**enrage**

**Synonyms: incense, anger**

**Antonyms: please**

**Example Sentence:**

**I was infuriated by your article.**

**PAROCHIAL (ADJECTIVE): (संकीर्ण):**

**narrow-minded**

**Synonyms: small-minded, provincial**

**Antonyms: cosmopolitan**

**Example Sentence:**

**Parochial attitudes seldom lead to distress.**

**EXQUISITE (ADJECTIVE): (अति सुंदर):**

**beautiful**

**Synonyms: lovely, elegant**

**Antonyms: crude**





**EXTRAVAGANT (ADJECTIVE):**

**(फ़िज़ूल खर्च): spendthrift**

**Synonyms: profligate, unthrifty**

**Antonyms: thrifty**

**Example Sentence:**

**It was rather extravagant to buy both.**

# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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## Vile



**Definition:** 1) extremely unpleasant or bad  
2) morally bad; completely unacceptable

## Preface

### PREFACE

UNLIKE most collections of Negro Spirituals, this volume presents no elaborate and lengthy discussion of the why, wherefore and significance of this priceless heritage of song. These have well been covered through extensive and minute research.

Neither is this a story of the quaint folk among whom I was born and the melody that poured from their untutored lips. It is simply a recording of some songs I grew up with.

I was born and reared in a little country town in the Southern part of "True Kansas," Coffeyville—which is also shared with the colorful state of Oklahoma.

Those who are unfamiliar with the Negro citizenry of Southern Kansas may question the authenticity of Spirituals gathered from so Northern a source. On second thought they will realize that Kansas, and especially the Southern section, was the nearest refuge of the runaway slave. It was the state which reached out protecting hands to the fugitives and escorted them via the "underground railroad" to a land of freedom and brotherhood.

Coffeyville was settled some seventy years ago, mostly by migrants from Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Georgia, Arkansas and Alabama, many of them being former slaves. Their possessions consisted largely of hope, unshakable faith and a heart of song. To these must be added the usual family of eight, ten or twelve, and often, sixteen children.

**Definition:** an introduction to a book, especially one that explains the author's aims

## Vicarious



**Definition** (experience) derived through putting oneself in the position of the one being imagined

# ENGLISH SPEAKING

## TIPS

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## HELP YOURSELF TO...

**Help yourself (to something) to take some of what you want, without asking permission – used especially when offering food to someone. Please help yourself to some cake.**

## HELP YOURSELF TO...

### I. EXAMPLES:

**Make yourself at home. Help yourself to some fish.**

**Help yourself to the refrigerator.**

**Help yourself to some steak. I made it especially for you**



# Homework





# Home Work

I Cannot help but had to cry at his sad story.

- 1) cry
- 2) cried
- 3) was crying
- 4) no improvement

# Home Work Answer

Politicians and actors (1)/**are shining**  
**on the Indian** (2)/ electoral  
firmament (3)/ for a long time. (4)/  
No error (5)



# UPCOMING ONLINE BATCHES

## December 2021

01 Dec 2021

08:00 AM to 10:00 AM

LIVE PREMIUM GREEN CARD  
(BANK-PO & CLERK)

05:30 PM to 07:30 PM

LIVE PREMIUM GREEN CARD  
(BANK-PO & CLERK)

01:00 PM to 03:00 PM

LIVE PREMIUM SILVER CARD  
(SSC CGL & CHSL)

07:30 PM to 09:30 PM

SSC CGL MAINS LIVE COURSE  
(SSC CGL)

BILINGUAL

08 Dec 2021

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

LIVE PREMIUM GREEN CARD  
(BANK-PO & CLERK)

03:00 PM to 05:00 PM

LIVE PREMIUM GREEN CARD  
(BANK-PO & CLERK)

08:00 AM to 10:00 AM

LIVE PREMIUM SILVER CARD  
(SSC CGL & CHSL)

BILINGUAL

15 Dec 2021

01:00 PM to 03:00 PM

LIVE PREMIUM GREEN CARD  
(BANK-PO & CLERK)

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

LIVE PREMIUM SILVER CARD  
(SSC CGL & CHSL)

08:00 AM to 10:00 AM  
CCC NIELIT LIVE COURSE

BILINGUAL

22 Dec 2021

08:00 AM to 10:00 AM

LIVE PREMIUM GREEN CARD  
(BANK-PO & CLERK)

07:30 PM to 09:30 PM

LIVE PREMIUM SILVER CARD  
(SSC CGL & CHSL)

BILINGUAL

29 Dec 2021

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

LIVE PREMIUM GREEN CARD  
(BANK-PO & CLERK)

07:30 PM to 09:30 PM

LIVE PREMIUM GREEN CARD  
(BANK-PO & CLERK)

03:00 PM to 05:00 PM

LIVE PREMIUM SILVER CARD  
(SSC CGL & CHSL)

BILINGUAL



