



 *Mahendra's*

THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

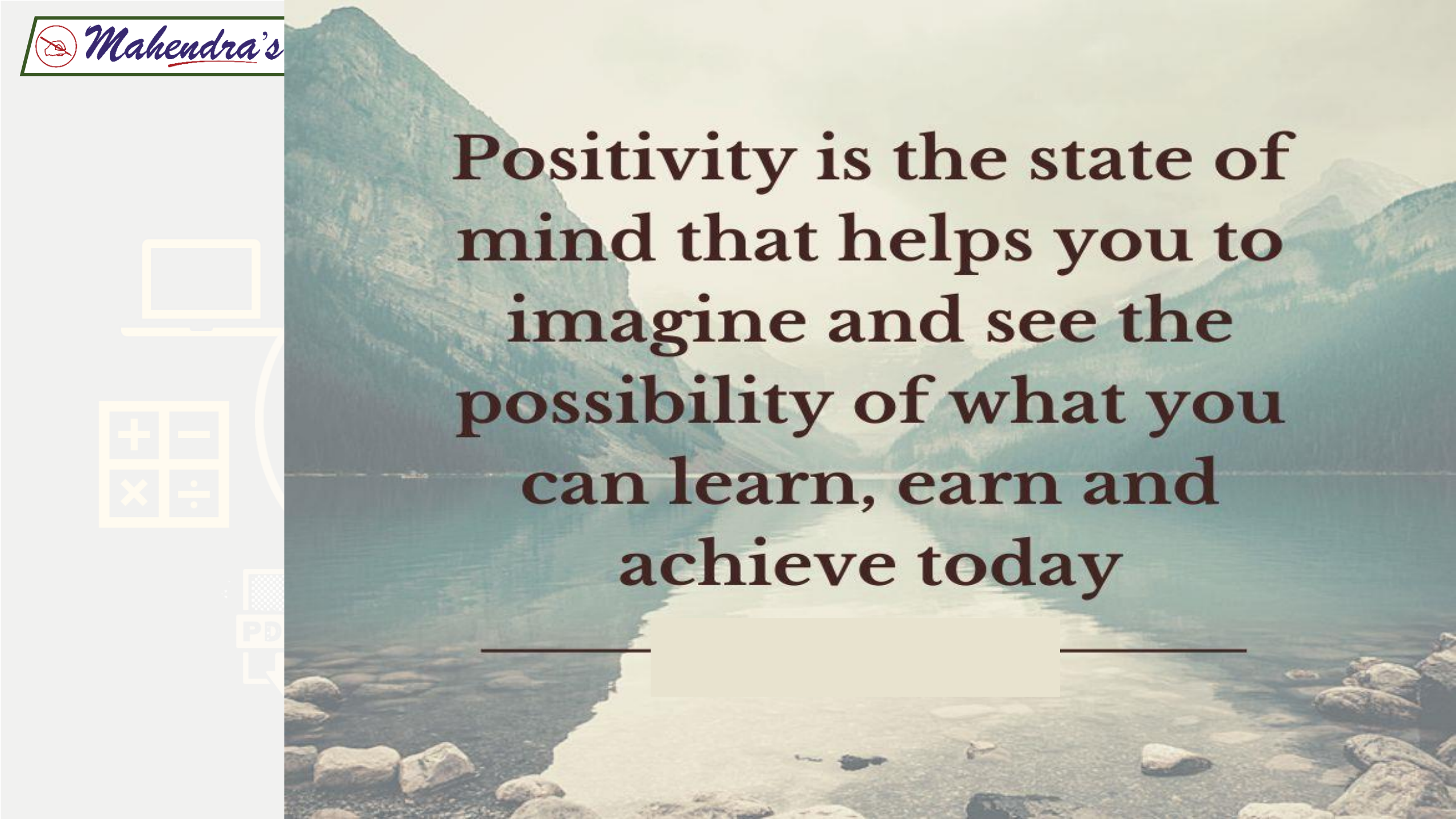
Spoken English

BANK / SSC / UPSC / STATE EXAMS

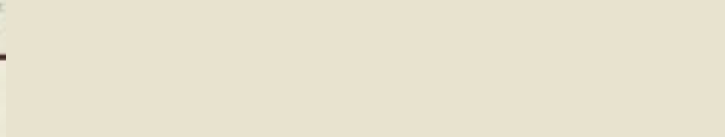
LIVE  **8:00 AM**

20 MAY 2022






Positivity is the state of mind that helps you to imagine and see the possibility of what you can learn, earn and achieve today



TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
YOU
READY??

GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Never use why after 'CAUSE'; we should use 'of' after it while we can use why after 'REASON'-



(a) This is the reason why he does not like his brother.

(b) What was the cause of his anger.



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**'Singular Noun + Preposition +
same Singular Noun' + Singular
Verb**

A. Village after village have been swept away.



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

India's vulnerability to drought

What does the recent Drought in Numbers report tell us? How is the United Nations planning to combat the effects of such dry spells?



ARTICLE

The story so far: A United Nations report has revealed that many parts of India fall under the list of regions that are **vulnerable to drought globally**. The report also stated that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) **reduced** by 2 to 5% between 1998 and 2017 due to **severe** droughts in the country. Globally, droughts in the same period caused economic losses of **approximately** \$124 billion. These and other global **findings** centred on drought were collated in the Drought in Numbers, 2022 report presented by the United Nations **Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**.

What is the Drought in Numbers report?

The Drought in Numbers report is a collection of data on the effects of droughts on our **ecosystem** and how they can be **mitigated** through **efficient** planning for the future.

ARTICLE

The number and duration of droughts around the world has increased by an **alarming** 29% since 2000. UNCCD Executive Secretary Ibrahim Thiaw said that there has been “an **upward trajectory** in the duration of droughts and the **severity** of impacts, not only affecting human societies but also the **ecological systems** upon which the **survival** of all life depends, including that of our own species.”

What is COP15?

UNCCD's COP15 focuses on desertification, land **degradation**, and drought, with the theme for the conference being “Land. Life. **Legacy**: From scarcity to prosperity.” The conference has brought together government representatives, private sector members, and civil society **stakeholders** to ensure that land continues to benefit present and future generations.

ARTICLE

What are the environmental aspects?

According to the report, if **predictions** are correct and global warming reaches 3°C by 2100, drought **losses** could be five times higher than today's levels. The largest increase in drought losses is projected in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic regions of Europe. About three billion animals were killed or displaced in the Australian wildfires. On a related note, 84% of all **terrestrial** ecosystems are **threatened** by changing and **intensifying** wildfires. According to a 2017 report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation, the percentage of plants affected by drought has more than doubled in the last 40 years. Around 12 million hectares of land are lost each year due to drought and desertification.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

The Hindu Vocabulary

REVITALIZE (VERB): (पुनः जीवित

करना): reinvigorate

Synonyms: re-energize, brace

Antonyms: depress

The Hindu Vocabulary

DISSENSION (NOUN): (कलह):

disagreement

Synonyms: difference of opinion, dispute

Antonyms: agreement

The Hindu Vocabulary

HEDONISTIC (ADJECTIVE):

(सुखवादी): self-indulgent

Synonyms: indulgent, pleasure-seeking

Antonyms: ascetic

The Hindu Vocabulary

EPITOMIZE (VERB): (संक्षिप्त

करना): **summarize**

Synonyms: abstract, precis

Antonyms: elaborate

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

ARE
YOU
READY??





Time for IDIOMS

1. Late in the day

1 too old to work

2 too ripe to eat

3 too dark to see anything

4 too delayed to be of any use



00:20

Solution : 4

2. Put your best foot forward

1 take care to dress well

2 walk very cautiously

3 try as hard as one can

4 check every step



00:20

Solution: 3

3. In a pickle

1 in great pain

2 in jubilation

3 in trouble

4 in deep sorrow



00:20

Solution: 3

4. Pass the hat

1 to sell something

2 to collect money

3 to play a game

4 to avoid work



00:20

Solution: 2

5. To grease the palm

1 to give support

2 to bribe someone

3 to cheat someone

4 to give a massage



00:20

Solution: 2

6. **Head in the clouds**

1 to daydream

2 to be very tall

3 to be very lazy

4 to feel giddy



00:20

Solution : 1

7. Be an old hat

1 an superstitious

2 be outdated

3 be crazy

4 be foolish



00:20

Solution : 2

8. Go down in flames**1. crash land an aeroplane****2. get hit by a burning
cracker****3. fail completely****4. get completely burnt****00:20****Solution : 3**



9. To make castles in the air

1. to be very ambitious

2. to create impossible dreams or hopes

3. to accomplish difficult tasks

4. to show signs of cowardice

00:20

Solution : 2

10. A dark horse

- 1. an unknown genius**
- 2. a horse of a fine breed**
- 3. a well kept secret**
- 4. an expected outcome**



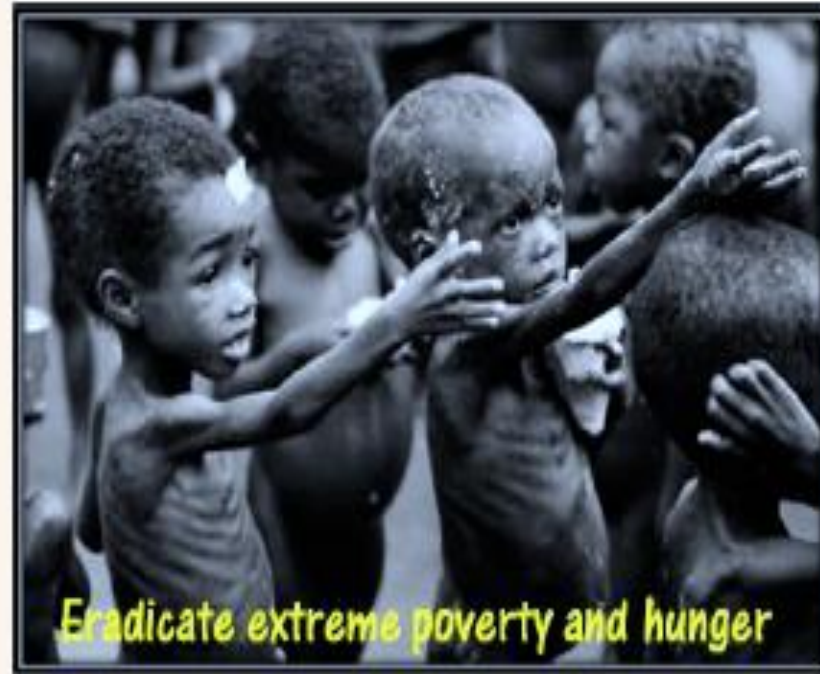
00:20

Solution : 1

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

ARE
YOU
READY??

Eradicate



Definition: to destroy or get rid of something completely, especially something bad

Imbibe



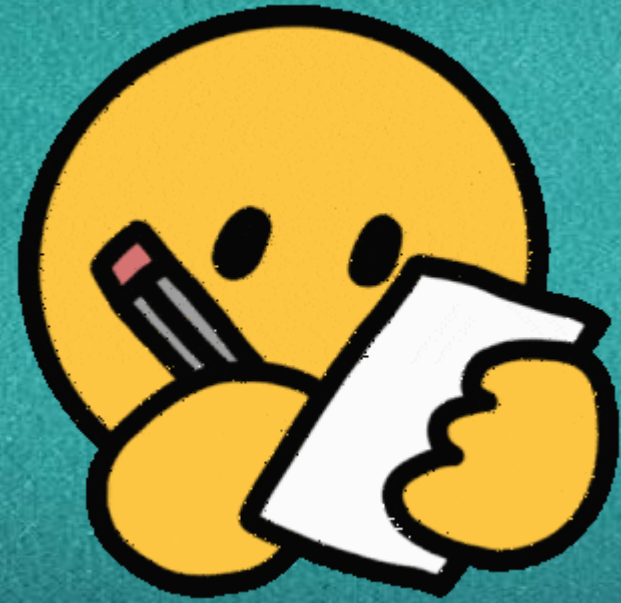
Definition: 1) to drink something, especially alcohol
2) to absorb something, especially information

Laborious



Definition: taking a lot of time and effort

Homework



Home Work Answer

Find the correctly spelt word

- A. Puerrile**
- B. Puerrille**
- C. Purrile**
- D. Puerile**

Home Work

Find the correctly spelt words.

- A. Inoculation**
- B. Innoculation**
- C. Inoculation**
- D. Inocullation**

