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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

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**“Good works
done now
will give
good results
in future**



TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

GRAMMAR SKILLS

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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

'That' should not be used before a sentence in Direct Speech and before Interrogative Adverbs and Pronouns in the Indirect Speech.



(a) He said that, "I shall go there."

(b) He asked me that who I was.



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

If a Principal Verb is used after about, after, at, before. for, from, in, on. to, that Verb must be in ing (V4) form.

A. You prevented me from do it.

B. Thanks a lot for help me.



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

What Vladimir Putin really wants



ARTICLE

Catherine the Great, the 18th century **Empress** Regnant of Russia, once famously said, “I have no way to **defend** my borders but to **extend** them.” Under her reign, the empire continued to grow, **encompassing** New Russia (the region north of the Black Sea, now part of Ukraine), Crimea, the Caucasus, Belarus and the Baltic region. Empress Catherine, like many of her **predecessors**, saw a Russia, surrounded by **ambitious** powers, that was **vulnerable to external threats**. And her **axiom** continued to be a guiding principle for several of her famed **successors**, from Joseph Stalin, who defeated the Nazis and expanded the Soviet boundaries, to Vladimir Putin, who **annexed** Crimea in 2014 and has now **mobilised** some 100,000 troops on the Ukraine border.

ARTICLE

Russia, the world's largest country by land mass, lacks **natural borders** except the Arctic Ocean in the north and the Pacific in the far east. Its vast land borders **stretch** from northern Europe to Central and north east Asia. The country's **heartland** that runs from St. Petersburg through Moscow to the Volga **region** lies on plains and is vulnerable to attacks. There are practically no natural barriers that stop an invading army from its western borders (Europe) reaching the Russian heartland. In the last two centuries, Russia saw two **devastating invasions** from the west — the 1812 attack by Napoleonic France and the 1941 attack by Nazi Germany. Russia defeated them both, but after suffering huge material and human losses.

ARTICLE

After the Second World War, Russia re-established its control over the **rim land** in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, which it hoped would protect its heartland. But the **disintegration** of the Soviet Union threw its security calculations into **disarray**, deepening its historical insecurity. This insecurity is the source of what historian Stephen Kotkin calls the “**defensive aggressiveness**” of Russian President Putin.

When the Soviet Union **collapsed**, which Mr. Putin termed “the greatest **geopolitical catastrophe** of the 20th century”, Russia lost over three million square kilometres of **sovereign territory**.

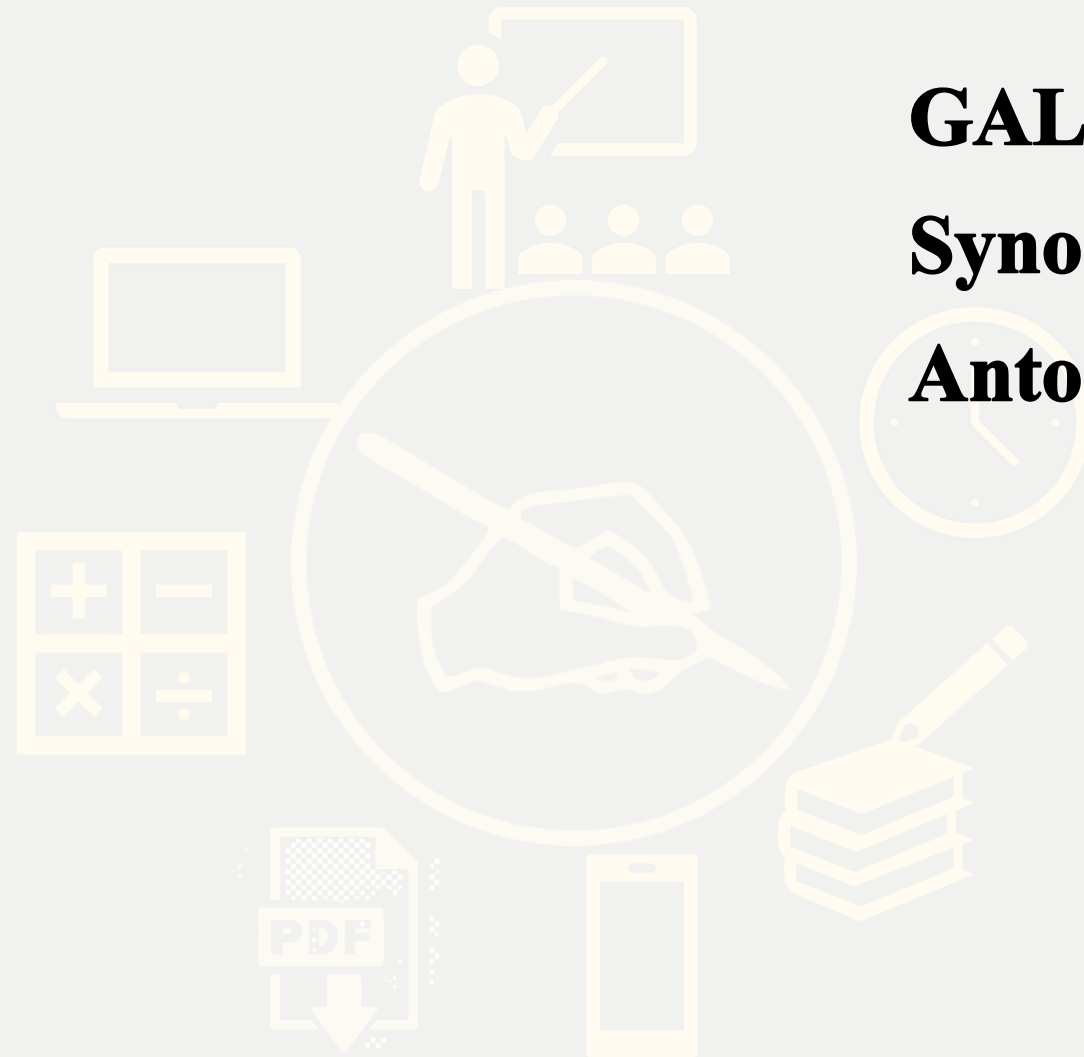


THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

GALL (VERB): (खिजाना): irritate

Synonyms: annoy, vex

Antonyms: mollify

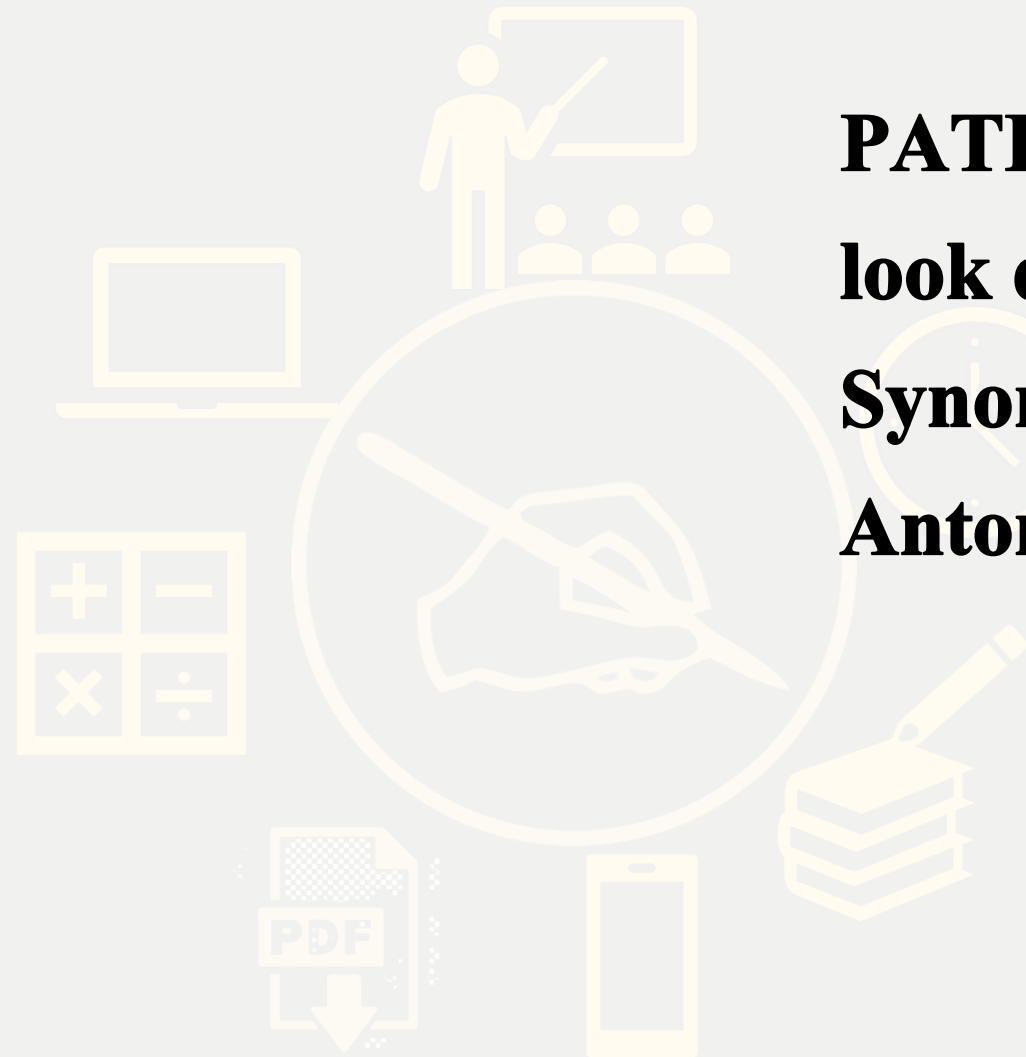


PATRONIZE (VERB): (नीचा करना):

look down on

Synonyms: talk down to, put down

Antonyms: friendly

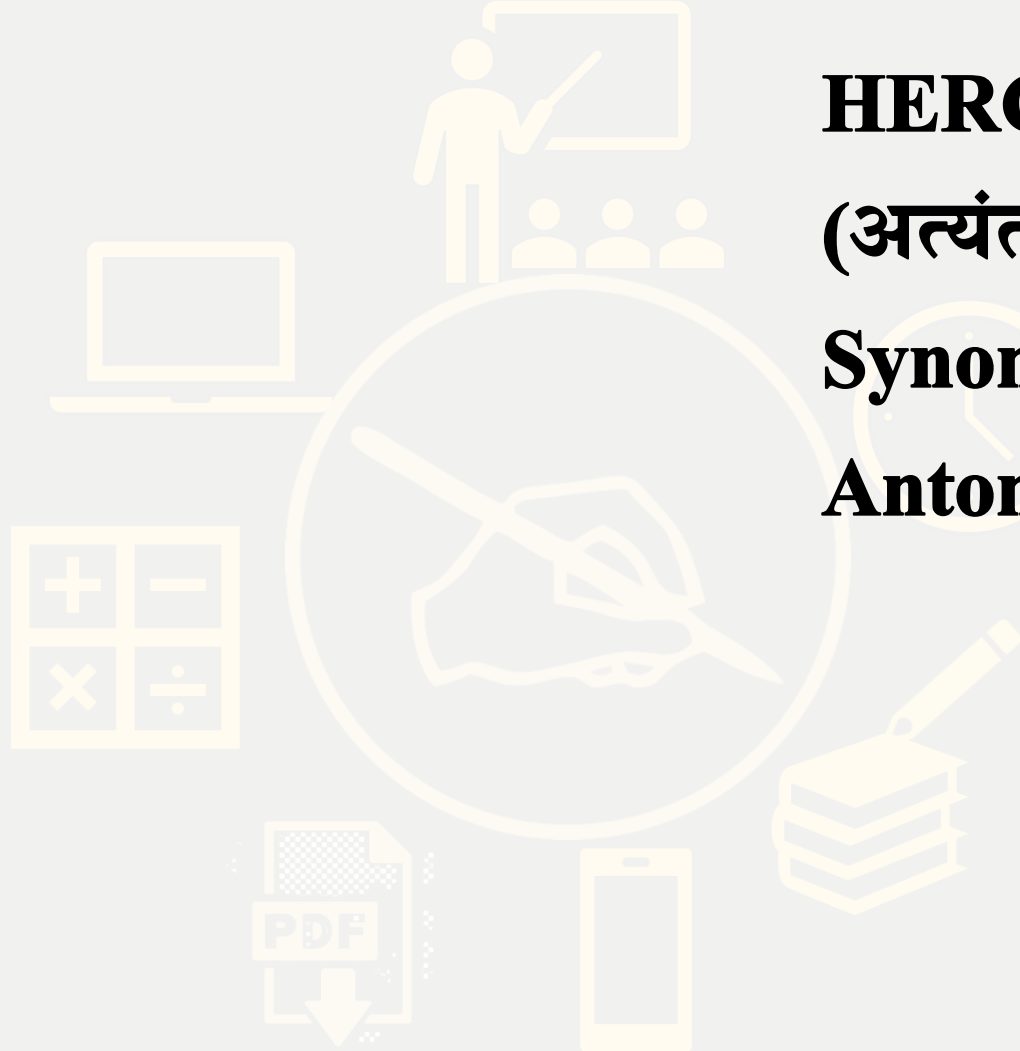


HERCULEAN (ADJECTIVE):

(अत्यंत कठिन): arduous

Synonyms: grueling , laborious

Antonyms: easy



FIERY (ADJECTIVE): (उत्साही):

passionate

Synonyms: impassioned, ardent

Antonyms: bland

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

1. I have a bone to pick with you in this matter.

A. Am in agreement

B. Am angry

C. Am indebted

D. Will join hands

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Answer: Option B

2. The new C.M stuck his neck out today and promised 10kgs. free wheat a month for all rural families.

- A. took an oath
- B. took a risk
- C. extended help
- D. caused embarrassment



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Answer: Option B

3. Harassed by repeated acts of injustice.

he decided to put his foot down.

A. not to yield

B. resign

C. to accept the proposal

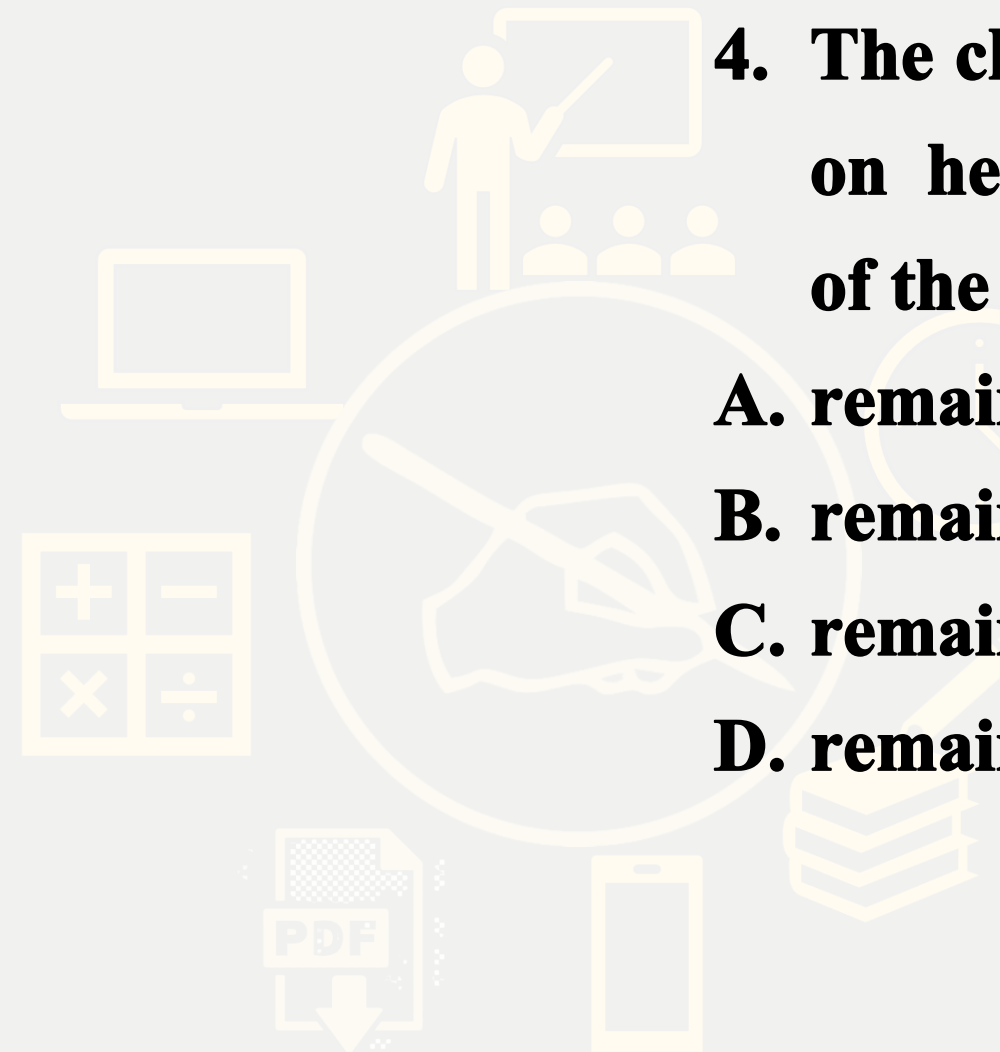
unconditionally

D. withdraw

Answer: Option A



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4. The class could not **keep a straight face** on hearing the strange pronunciation of the new teacher.

- A. remain silent
- B. remain serious
- C. remain mute
- D. remain disturbed



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Answer: Option B

5. It did not **bring to light** any facts.

- A. Prove
- B. Probe
- C. Highlight
- D. Disclose



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Answer: Option D

6. His speech went down well with the majority of the audience.

A. found acceptance with

B. was attentively listened to by

C. was appreciated by

D. was criticized by



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Answer: Option C

7. Rohit has **bitten off more than he chew.**

A. Is trying to do much

B. Is very greedy

C. Is always hungry

D. Has little regard for others



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Answer: Option A



Time for SYNONYMS

**8. Find the synonym of
ABUNDANT**

- A. Ripe**
- B. Cheap**
- C. Plenty**
- D. Absent**



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Answer: Option C

9. Find the synonym of **ENTIRE**

- A. **Part**
- B. **Quarter**
- C. **Whole**
- D. **Half**



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Answer: Option C

**10. Find the synonym of
DESTITUTION**

- A. Humility**
- B. Moderation**
- C. Poverty**
- D. Beggary**

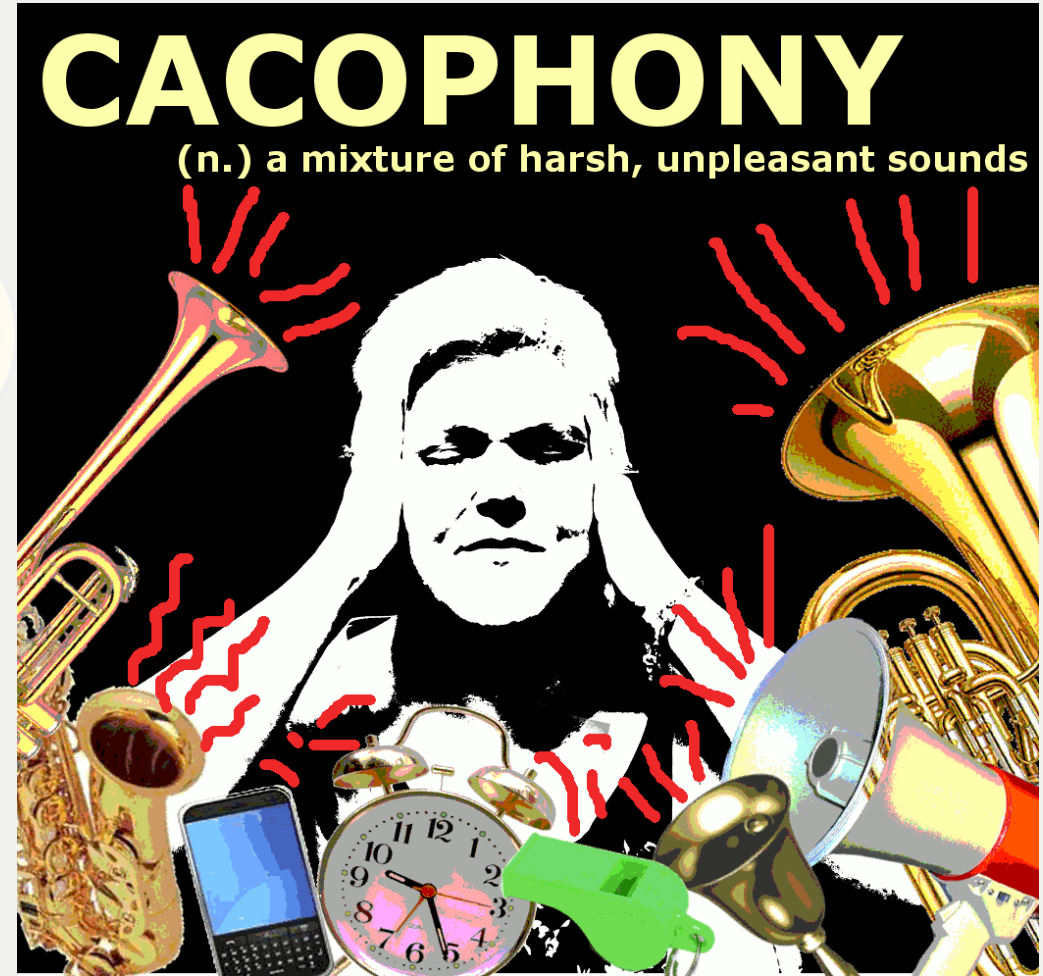


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Answer: Option C

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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Fetid



(adj.) smelling extremely unpleasant



ENGLISH SPEAKING

TIPS

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Talking about Fear and Anxiety in English (Useful Responses)

- 1. Don't be afraid.**
- 2. It's not a big deal.**
- 3. It is nothing.**
- 4. There is nothing to be afraid of.**
- 5. Take is easy.**
- 6. Calm down.**

Homework





Home Work

Find the synonym of WRETCHED

- A. Poor**
- B. Foolish**
- C. Insane**
- D. Strained**



Home Work Answer

**Find the synonym of
CANDID**

- A. Apparent**
- B. Explicit**
- C. Frank**
- D. Bright**

