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Life is the most  
difficult exam.  
Many people fail  
because they try to  
copy others -  
Not realizing that  
everyone has a  
different question  
paper.



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Akansha Sharma 1 minute ago

Onslaught: (noun) a very powerful attack

Synonyms: attack, aggression, assault, blitz, incursion, invasion,

Antonyms: retreat, defense

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Surbhi Sinha 7 hours ago

Onslaught.= A very powerful attack' 🎉🎉 treachery 😊😊 a per everyone 🎉

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Anshi Chaturvedi 9 hours ago

Treachery = dishonesty, treason

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Ekta Tiwari 15 hours ago

Onslaught

An especially fierce attack

Syn. Aggression assault nonattack

Ant. Retreat recession...

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आदश मिश्रा (लक्ष्य~सध लोक सेवा आयाग) 18 hours ago

1. Onslaught: (noun) a very powerful attack

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Sentence: Foreign visitors and travellers were especially vul

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yash kumar 19 hours ago

Onslaught- a fierce or destructive attack.

Synonym- assault, charge, sortie.

Antonym- retreat, defense.



Chandrika Gore 21 hours ago

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VOCABULARY



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RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS



Oil leak stops as sinking ship stabilises off Mumbai

Come to the dialogue table Mamata tells Maoists

Games: 'guilty will be punished'

1. Demystify (Verb): स्पष्ट करना

Meaning: **make (a difficult or esoteric subject) clearer and easier to understand.**

Synonyms: **explain, clarify, illustrate**

Antonyms: **obscure, confuse, confound**

Sentence: **This book aims to demystify medical treatments.**

2. Veracious (Adjective) : सत्यनिष्ठ

Meaning: **honest and not telling or containing any lies**

Synonyms: **honest, truthful, genuine**

Antonyms: **mendacious, dishonest, untruthful**

Sentence: **He was a strictly veracious reporter.**

### 3. Receptive (Adjective): ग्रहणशील

Meaning: **willing to consider or accept new suggestions and ideas.**

Synonyms: **open-minded, broad-minded, impartial**

Antonyms: **unreceptive, partial**

Sentence: **Children are more receptive to new experiences if their parents prepare them ahead of time.**



4. Shirker (Noun) : कामचोर

Meaning: **one who deliberately** avoids work or duty

Synonyms: idler, lingerer, sluggard → lazy

Antonyms: doer, hustler

Sentence: **There is no room** in our organization for shirkers.

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## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

5. Skewed (Verb) : तिरछा करना

*N.*

Meaning: suddenly change direction or position;  
not accurate or exact

Synonyms: tilted, uneven, oblique, lopsided, slanted

Antonyms: straight, level, uniform, accurate, even.

Sentence: **The picture on the wall was slightly skewed.**

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### 6. Fiddling (Adjective) : निरर्थक

Meaning: **not important, or of no real interest**

Synonyms: **insignificant, trivial, worthless**

Antonyms: **significant, substantial, major**

Sentence: **You should delegate these fiddling matters to your staff so that you can focus on more important issues.**

7. Stench (Noun) : बदबू

Meaning: a strong and very unpleasant smell.

Synonyms: stink, bad smell, foul smell

Antonyms: fragrance, aroma, sweetness

Sentence: Because the water from the lake has a foul stench, you shouldn't drink it.

Stench smell  
unpleasant smell

8. Haven (Noun) : शरण

Meaning: a place of safety or refuge

Synonyms: refuge, shelter

Sentence: **1. The library is a haven of peace and quiet.**  
**2. The hotel is a haven of peace and tranquillity.**

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **EXPEDITE**

1. Honesty
2. Impede
3. Contemplative
4. Suffer

Meaning: Expedite is to make (an action or process) happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly while impede is to delay or prevent by obstructing them; hinder

Solution: 2. impede

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **TRADUCE**

1. deduce
2. laud
3. presuppose
4. converge

Meaning: . to traduce means to expose to shame or blame; to laud means to praise or extol

Solution: 2. laud



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **BRIDLE**

1. heckle
2. dissuade
3. vent
4. persist

Meaning: to bridle means to restrain or keep under control; to vent means to relieve by means of an outlet

**Solution: 3. vent**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of PROCLIVITY

1. calm
2. antipathy
3. desire
4. dearth

Dislike

Meaning: proclivity means inclination or predisposition;  
antipathy means settled aversion or dislike

Solution: 2. antipathy

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **SURREPTITIOUS**

1. overbearing
2. clandestine
3. indirect
4. impious

Meaning: surreptitious or clandestine means kept secret  
or done secretly, especially because it would not be  
approved of

**Solution: 2. clandestine**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **POMPOUS**

1. arrogant
2. supportive
3. busy
4. gaudy

Meaning: pompous means self-important, or arrogant

Solution: 1. arrogant

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **COTERIE**

1. various
2. flirtation
3. club
4. socialize

Meaning: a coterie is an intimate or exclusive group or people who share a common interest or purpose; a club is an association of people for a common purpose

**Solution: 3. club**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **GAMBIT**

1. frolic
2. ploy
3. testimony
4. sentence

Meaning: one meaning of gambit is a calculated move; a ploy is a tactic

Solution: 2. ploy



## Chicken and egg situation

1. Impossible to decide which of two things caused the other one
2. To have chicken and egg for dinner
3. In a dangerous situation
4. To be in trouble

Solution: 1. Impossible to decide which of two things caused the other one



## Die in harness

1. Die while bound in chains
2. Die while in service
3. Die while trying to escape
4. Die a sudden and mysterious death

Solution: 2. Die while in service





As soon as the police arrived, the bank robbers “**showed the white flag**”.

~~1. surrendered~~

2. ran away

3. were incensed

4. calmly left the scene

Solution: **1. surrendered**



Every time I have a conversation with my friend Sanjay, he seems to be **blowing his own trumpet**

1. Rely on oneself
2. Criticise others
3. Respect others
4. Praise oneself

Solution : 4. Praise oneself

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. A person who helps even a stranger in difficulty-

**Samaritan**

2. A person who is greatly respected because of wisdom —

**Venerable**

3. To die without having made a will —

**Intestate**

4. A word composed of the first letters of the words in a phrase —

**Acronym**

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Cereal solution: on millets and grain  
growing

Dietary shifts are slow processes, and India must let  
all grains grow

Millets, a family of coarse grains and popular staple, are having an unprecedented moment in the sun. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated a global conference on millets, extolling them as the “door to prosperity” for India’s marginal farmers, the “cornerstone of nutrition”, and as a potential ally against “climate change”. The United Nations has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in the Budget speech in February, singled them out as ‘Shree Anna’ — roughly translated as the ‘best among grains’ — adding that the Indian Institute of Millets Research in Hyderabad would be supported as a centre of excellence.

**Millets such as sorghum, bajra and ragi are strongly linked to Indian dietary traditions, which is why the country has for long been the largest producer of millets in the world. It is no surprise that this cereal family is popular because it is energy dense, can be grown with ease in arid soils and, relative to grains such as rice, wheat and maize, is less susceptible to pests. Why such a 'super food' got sidelined by the Green Revolution of the 1960s in favour of rice and wheat has little to do with nutrition and more with the development of high yielding varieties of rice and wheat, that produced twice or thrice per acre. Coupled with guaranteed procurement by the government, the rice-wheat combination enabled India to be food secure even in droughts and climate blights.**

However, this food security came at a cost such as the wanton exploitation of groundwater, a surfeit of pesticide-use, and ossified systems of grain production and procurement that, over the years, is decreasingly remunerative for the average farmer. With average global incomes having risen since the 1960s and rising demand for 'sustainable agriculture', India is looking to market millet as a global panacea. However, competing with the global rice-wheat-maize troika, which according to the Food and Agriculture Organization constitutes 89% of global cereal production, means that millet production must be many times more remunerative than now.

**Hybrid varieties of jowar and bajra exist, and that yields have not dramatically risen in decades despite this means that it would be unrealistic to expect quantum jumps in yield from technological tweaks alone. Dietary shifts are slow processes and promoting certain grains as 'superior' or inferior is self-defeating as it ignores the economics of production and promotes cycles of hype — as seen in cash crops. This can have consequences for marginal farmers. Letting all grains grow and helping a wider base of consumers access the cereal they want is a more sustainable enterprise.**





**1. One who walks in sleep**

**2. One who talks in sleep**

**3. One who grabs somebody's else property or title**

**4. A small piece from something spoken or written**

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