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Grammar

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One's Best Success
Comes After Their
Greatest
Disappointments.

Henry Ward

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**

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

When there are two Subjects in a sentence and they are not in the same Number, then we must have to use separate Auxiliaries (is, are, am, was, were, have, has) for both of them.

(a) Three killed and one were injured.

**(b) I am seventeen years old and my
sister fourteen.**



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Two auxiliaries can be used with one principal Verb, only when the form of the principal Verb is appropriate to both the auxiliaries. ‘

A. He never has, and will never take such strong measures.



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

A solution in search of a problem: on 10% reservations

Instead of addressing inequality, the 10% quota for economically weaker sections creates huge anxieties



ARTICLE

As the Supreme Court hears the **petitions** challenging the **validity** of the criteria of ₹8 lakhs annual income limit as the upper limit for seeking EWS reservation in the All India Quota for NEET admissions. If the number of demands for implementing reforms is any guide, India's reservation system is clearly in **disarray**. However, it is unlikely that the recently passed Constitution (124th Amendment) Bill, 2019, creating a 10% quota for the economically weaker sections (EWS), will serve as anything more than **a band-aid**. Given the deep **inequalities** prevalent in access to education and jobs based on caste and socio-economic status, affirmative action makes a lot of sense.

ARTICLE

The Bill promises 10% reservation to individuals **classified** as economically backward. However, while a number of **criteria** were discussed in the parliamentary debate, the Bill is quite silent on this. Assuming that among the criteria discussed in Parliament, those that are currently applied to the definition of the Other Backward Classes (OBC) creamy layer are the ones to be used, it is not clear how useful they would be. While the OBC creamy layer has been created to **exclude** people who are clearly **well off**, the EWS quota, in contrast, is expected to focus on the poor. One of the criteria the income **threshold** of ₹8 lakh per annum has been mentioned. The National Sample Survey (NSS) of 2011-12 shows that the annual **per capita expenditure** for 99% of households falls under this threshold, even when we take inflation into account.

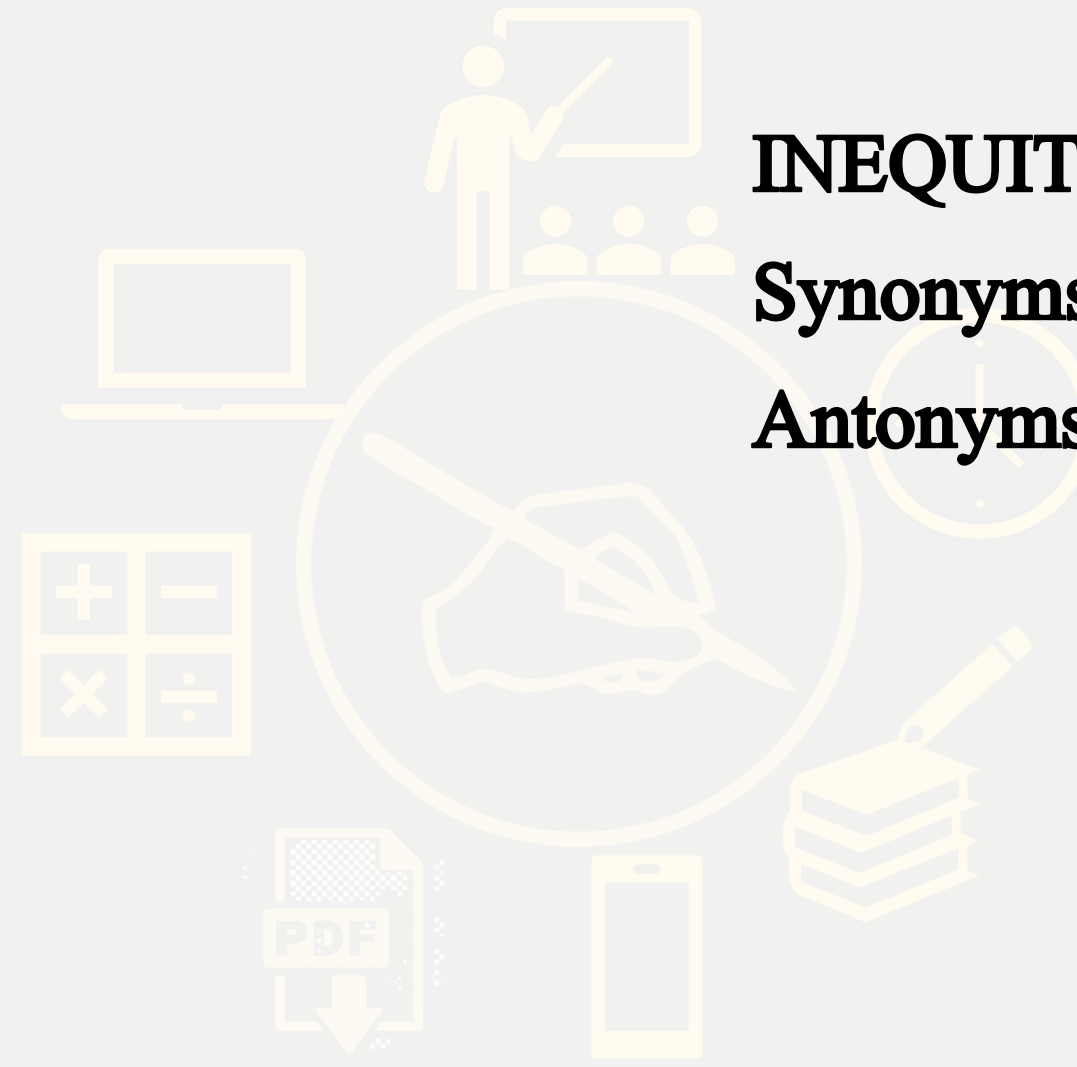
ARTICLE

Similarly, as per the India Human Development Survey (IHDS), the annual household incomes of 98% of households are less than ₹8 lakh. Even if we apply all the other criteria for exclusion (e.g. amount of land owned and size of home), the Bill would still cover over 95% of the households. So, who are we excluding?

While the benefits of the EWS quota are likely to be **minimal**, the cost may be higher than one **anticipates**. First, it is important to remember that general category jobs are open to everyone, including Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and OBC individuals. Thus, by removing 10% jobs from the “open” category, it reduces the opportunities for currently reserved groups.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY



INEQUITY (NOUN): (अन्याय): unfairness

Synonyms: injustice, partisanship

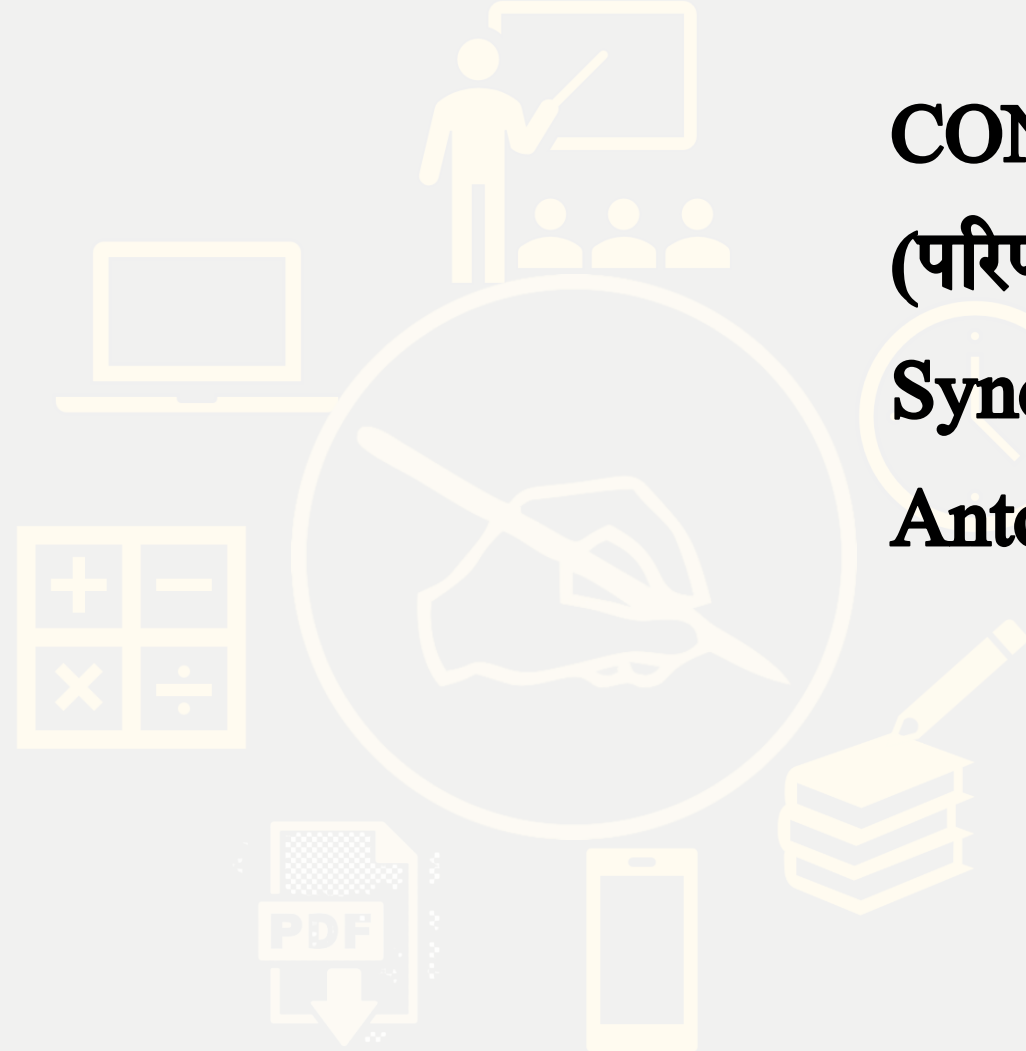
Antonyms: fairness

CONSEQUENTIAL (ADJECTIVE):

(परिणामी): resulting

Synonyms: resultant, ensuing

Antonyms: casual





INTENDED (ADJECTIVE): (जानबूझकर):

deliberate

Synonyms: intentional, calculated

Antonyms: accidental



CONVICT (VERB): (अपराधी घोषित करना):

sentence

Synonyms: find guilty, send down for

Antonyms: acquit

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

1. **On the hours of a dilemma**

A. in nervous condition

B. in terrible mood

C. in difficult situation

D. in suspense



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C. in difficult situation

2. To strike a bargain

A. to finalize a deal

B. to negotiate a deal

C. to negotiate

D. to deal



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A. to finalize a deal

3. **To give a hand with**

A. **keep a watch on**

B. **handle**

C. **to provide with**

D. **to help**



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D. **to help**

4. **To take to heels**

A. put on the shoes

B. put off the shoes

C. run away

D. move back



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C. run away

5. **To be up in arms**

A. help

B. pained

C. angry

D. supporting

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C. angry



Time for SYNONYMS

6. Find the synonym of Concealed

A. clear

B. told

C. sealed

D. hidden



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D. hidden

7. Find the synonym of Relish

A. realise

B. taste

C. enjoy

D. reveal



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C. enjoy

8. Find the synonym of Acute

A. dull

B. drowsy

C. unpleasant

D. sharp



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D. sharp

9. Find the synonym of Solicit

A. command

B. request

C. sympathise

D. agree

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B. request

10. Find the synonym of **Surmount**

- A. discount
- B. surround
- C. overcome
- D. capture

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C. overcome

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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Pallid



Definition: pale, especially because of illness
2) not strong or bright, and therefore not attractive

Kinship



Definition: the fact of being related in a family

2) a feeling of being close to someone because you have similar origins or attitudes

Indigenous



Definition: belonging to a particular place rather than coming to it from somewhere else

Usage : The kangaroo is indigenous to Australia

Homework



Home Work

To give a rap on the knuckles.

A) To eulogise

B) To chastise

C) To condemn

D) To rebuke

E) None of these

Home Work Answer

“Please don’t go away” she said

- A. She said to please her and not go away.**
- B. She told me not to go away.**
- C. She begged that I not go away.**
- D. She begged me not to go away.**

