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THE HINDU

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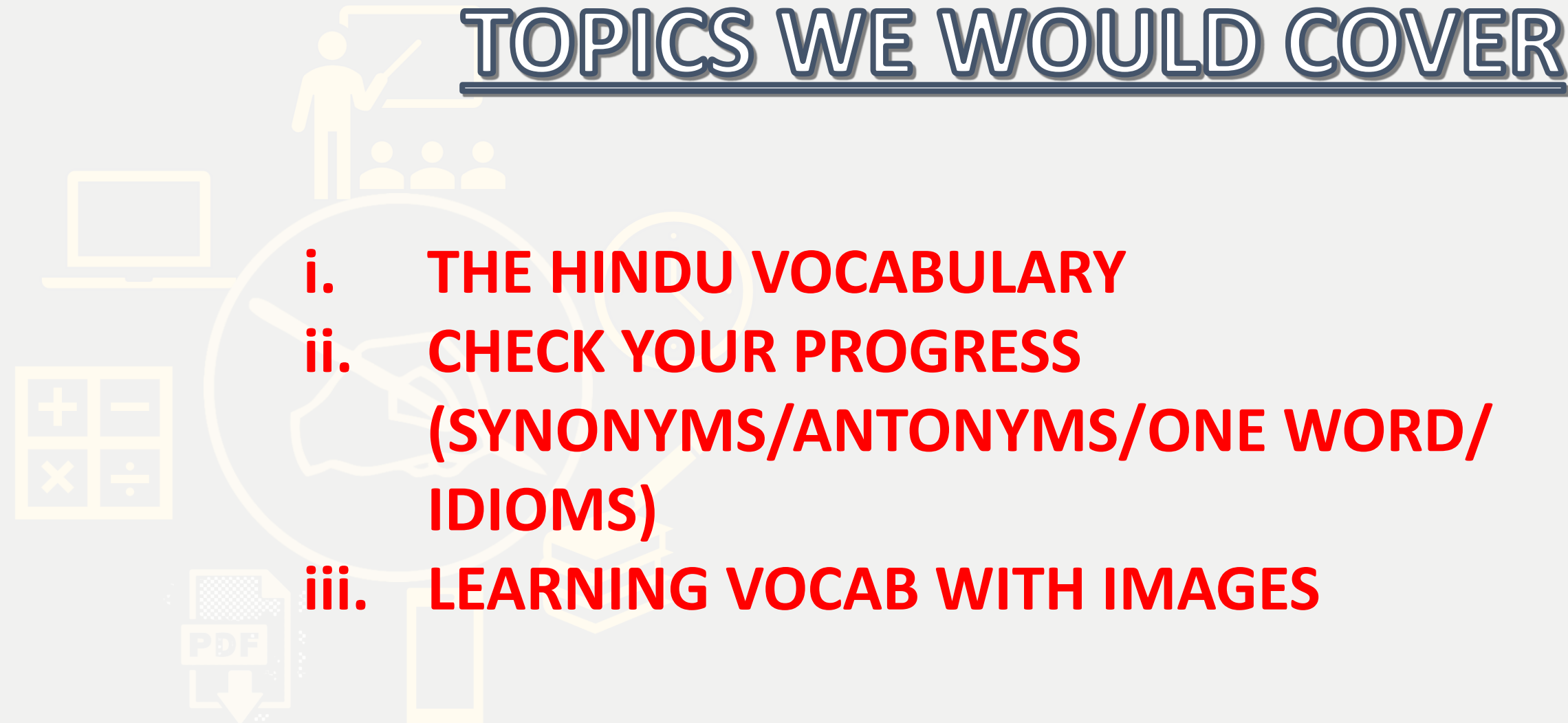


A festive Christmas card with a red background. The background is decorated with numerous white, four-pointed stars of varying sizes. Two large, intricate gold snowflakes are positioned on the left and right sides, hanging from the top. In the bottom left and right corners, there are illustrations of lit candles with yellow flames, surrounded by green pine branches and red ribbons. The text is centered in the upper half of the card.

May your heart and
home be filled with all of
the joys the festive
season brings.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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- i. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
 - ii. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS
(SYNONYMS/ANTONYMS/ONE WORD/
IDIOMS)**
 - iii. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

CONUNDRUM (NOUN): (समस्या):

Problem

Synonyms: Difficult, Quandary

Antonyms: Solution

Example Sentence:

**One of the most difficult
conundrums for the experts.**

CONVINCE (VERB): (विश्वास
दिलाना): **Persuade**

Synonyms: Satisfy, Prove to

Antonyms: Deter

Example Sentence:

**Raj's expression had obviously
convinced her of his innocence.**

DISTRESS (NOUN): (पीड़ा):

Anguish

Synonyms: Suffering, Pain

Antonyms: Happiness

Example Sentence:

To his distress he saw that she was trembling.

COMMOTION (NOUN): (हलचल):

Disturbance

Synonyms: Racket, Uproar

Antonyms: Calm

Example Sentence:

She was distracted by a commotion across the street.

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

ARE
YOU
READY??





Time for SYNONYMS

1. Acquiesce

A. Intrepid

B. Assent

C. Astound

D. Erring



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Answer: (b) Assent

2. Brittle

A. Devitalised

B. Frail

C. Dormant

D. Trickery



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Answer: (b) Frail

3. Remorse

A. Barren

B. Contention

C. Repentance

D. Orphan



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Answer: (c) Repentance

4. Bait

A. Perpetual

B. Snare

C. Possible

D. Fame



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Answer: (b) Snare

5. Fortitude

A. Strength

B. Debar

C. Partner

D. Verge on



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Answer: (a) Strength



Time for ANTONYMS



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6. CONGENIAL

A. accord

B. snug

C. engaging

D. unpleasant

Answer: (d) unpleasant

congenial (Adj.) : pleasant to spend time with; suitable for something; pleasant because it suits your character.

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7. Select the antonym of **demure**.

A. humble

B. bold

C. coy

D. sober

Answer: (b) Bold (Adjective) = confident and courageous; brave

Demure (Adjective) = reserved, meek, modest; mild; shy; quiet and well behaved

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8. choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word.

EXTRANEOUS

- A. Unusual**
- B. Dispirited**
- C. Relevant**
- D. Intrusive**

Answer: (c) Relevant (Adjective) = closely connected with the subject.
Extraneous (Adjective) = not directly connected with the particular situation you are in ; irrelevant.

9. PROFOUND

A. superficial

B. obscure

C. intense

D. hidden



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Answer: (a) superficial (Adj.) : not serious ; shallow.

profound (Adj.) : very great ; very serious ; wise

10. ASSENT

A. confusion

B. dissent

C. self-interest

D. separation



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Answer: (b) dissent (N.) : the fact of expressing opinions that are different from those that are accepted.

assent (N.) : the official agreement to or approval of something.



11. One who does something for the first time

- A. leader**
- B. model**
- C. forerunner**
- D. pioneer**



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Answer: (d) pioneer

pioneer (N.) : a person who is the first to study and develop a particular area of knowledge, culture, etc.

12. A government run by officials

- A. democracy**
- B. anarchy**
- C. oligarchy**
- D. bureaucracy**

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Answer: (d) bureaucracy

13. That which can be drunk

- A. edible
- B. palatable
- C. potable
- D. culpable



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Answer: (c) potable

potable (Adj.) : safe to drink (water)

edible (Adj.) : fit/suitable to be eaten

14. One who is neither intelligent nor dull

- A. ordinary**
- B. average**
- C. fair**
- D. mediocre**



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Answer: (d) mediocre

**mediocre (Adj.) : not very good;
of only average standard**

**average (Adj.) : ordinary ; not
special**

15. Person leading a life of strict self-discipline

- A. hedonist**
- B. disciplinarian**
- C. atheist**
- D. ascetic**



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Answer: (d) ascetic

ascetic (N.) : a person who lives in a simple and strict way



Time for IDIOMS & PHRASES

16. Left out in cold

- 1. to be ignored**
- 2. to be criticised**
- 3. to stand out**
- 4. to be indecisive**

**00:20****Solution : 1****Left out in cold - to be ignored**

17. Work against the clock

- 1. work late in the night**
- 2. work against all problems**
- 3. work in great hurry**
- 4. work with concentration**



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Solution : 3

Work against the clock - to try to do something in a very limited amount of time.

18. Since he secured the first rank Sudhir has become swollen-headed.

1.well-connected

2.unwell

3. conceited

4.famous



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Solution : 3

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19. One must learn to prioritize in life. It never pays to put the cart before the horse.

- 1.perform many task simultaneously**
- 2.postpone till the last moment**
- 3.do things spontaneously**
- 4.do last things first**

Solution : 4

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20. A mountaineer has to walk the tight rope as a small slip can prove to be fatal.

- 1.be very nervous
- 2.be very cautious
- 3.be well trained
- 4.be an expert

Solution: 2

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

ARE
YOU
READY??

Clear as mud



Not clear at all, not easy to understand.

“He’s a great scientist, but I find his explanation of bacteria and microbes as clear as mud.”

Let the dust settle



To allow a situation to become calm or normal again after something exciting or unusual has happened.

“You just had big news yesterday, let the dust settle and don’t make any decisions yet.”

Bury your head in the sand



To (try to) avoid a particular situation by pretending that it doesn't exist.

“Stop burying your head in the sand. You haven't been happy with him for years, why are you staying together?”

