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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

Spoken English

BANK / SSC / UPSC / STATE EXAMS

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if you
keep following
the crowd,
one day you will
get lost in it.

- Nitin Namdeo

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

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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Generally, 'A large number of' is followed by a plural verb while 'The large number of' is followed by a singular verb.



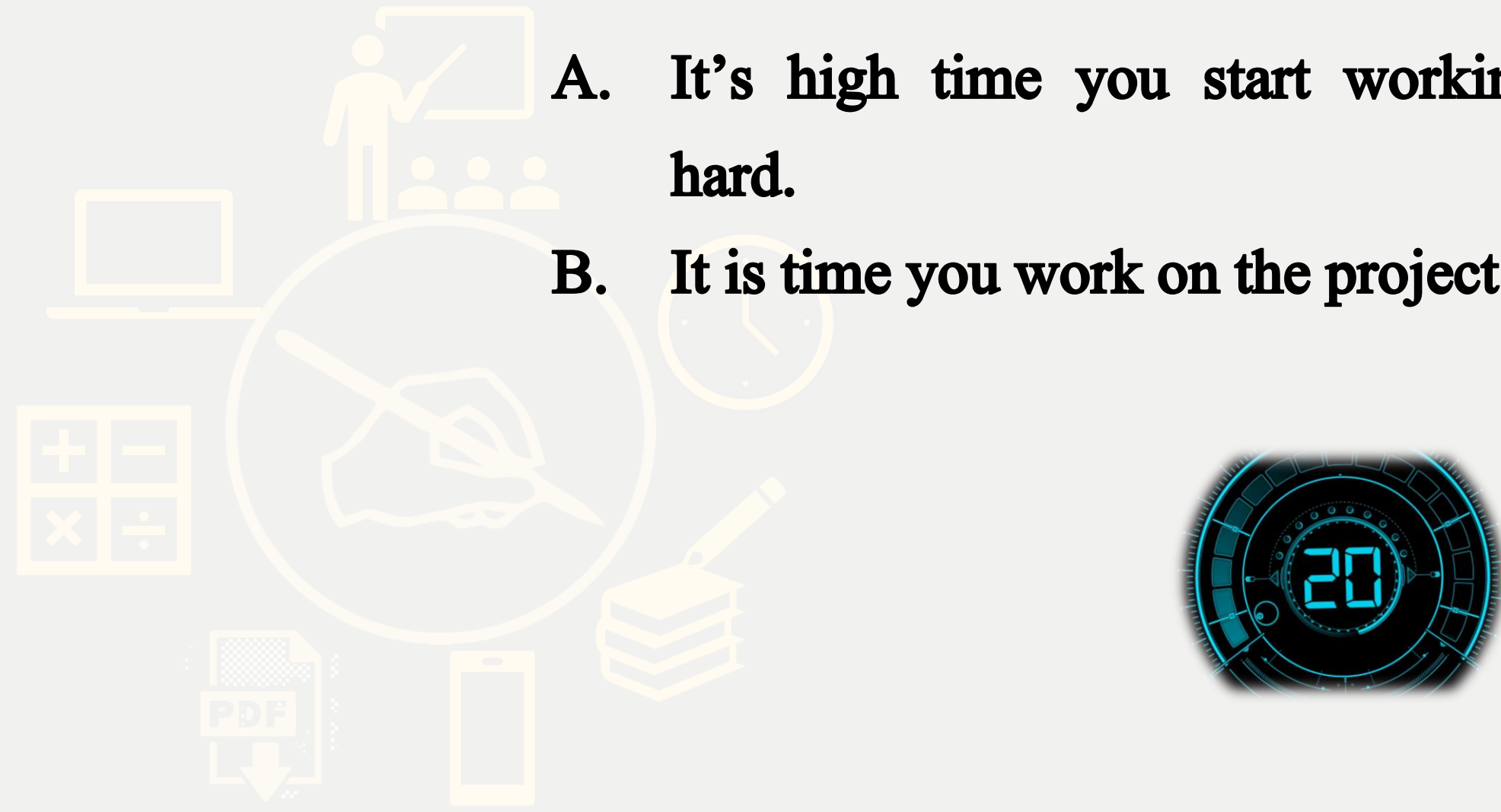
(a) A large number of students was absent.

(b) The number of tourists have gradually fallen off.



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

If 'it's high time / it's about time / it's time is used in a sentence, v2 comes in the sentence.



A. It's high time you start working hard.

B. It is time you work on the project.

SO IT'S TIME

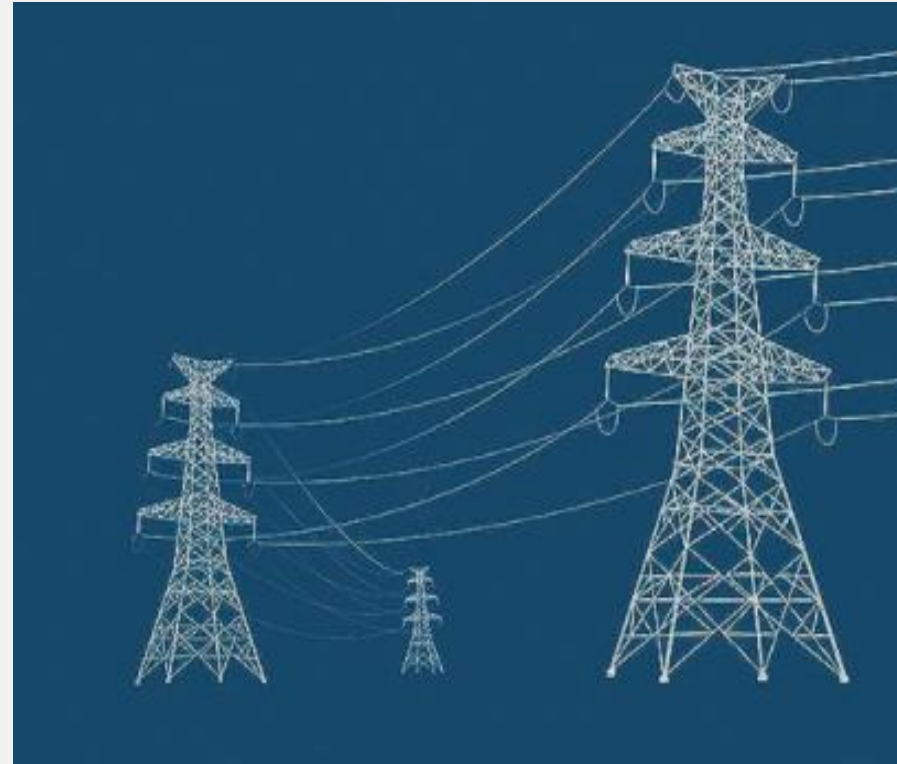
Let's start



ARTICLE

The Budget lacks the 'power' to transform services

While clean energy is a priority, providing power has not been linked with policy making in the development sector



ARTICLE

India's Union Budget 2022-23 **demonstrates** a clear **intent** to **prioritise** investments in clean energy and **sustainable** development, in line with the country's promises made at COP26 in Glasgow last year. The Budget is also an opportunity **to turn the spotlight** on policy conversations — since it **sets the tone** for **reflecting** on policies, schemes, and how they are **implemented** on the ground. Electricity and development sectors need a more **integrated approach** to achieve the vision **set forth** in instruments such as the Union Budget that guide policy implementation at other administrative levels. While the health sector witnessed a 16% increase in **estimated** Budget allocations from last year, medical and public health spending was reduced by 45% for 2022-23.

ARTICLE



The education sector also witnessed an 11.86% increase in **allocations**. Interestingly, despite the push for digital education, which now includes the e-Vidya programme (to boost online learning), last year's revised allocation saw a reduction of 35%. And despite these increases in estimates, health and education continue to share only about 2% each of budgetary allocations annually. Budget estimates demonstrate intent, but the **proof of the pudding** lies in the actual **expenditure** which **reiterates** the need for greater attention to be paid to our health and education sectors.

ARTICLE

While the health sector was allocated ₹74,602 crore in 2021-22, the Government exceeded its spending by over ₹5,000 crore more (₹80,026 crore) on health, **signalling** a **spike in** demand, likely **propelled** by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Greater allocation of funds is welcome, even if **marginally**, but as our research on health and education policy documents at the national and State levels indicate, the aim of providing better health care **gets stymied**, in the absence of electricity and when power **provisioning** is not linked to desired outcomes.



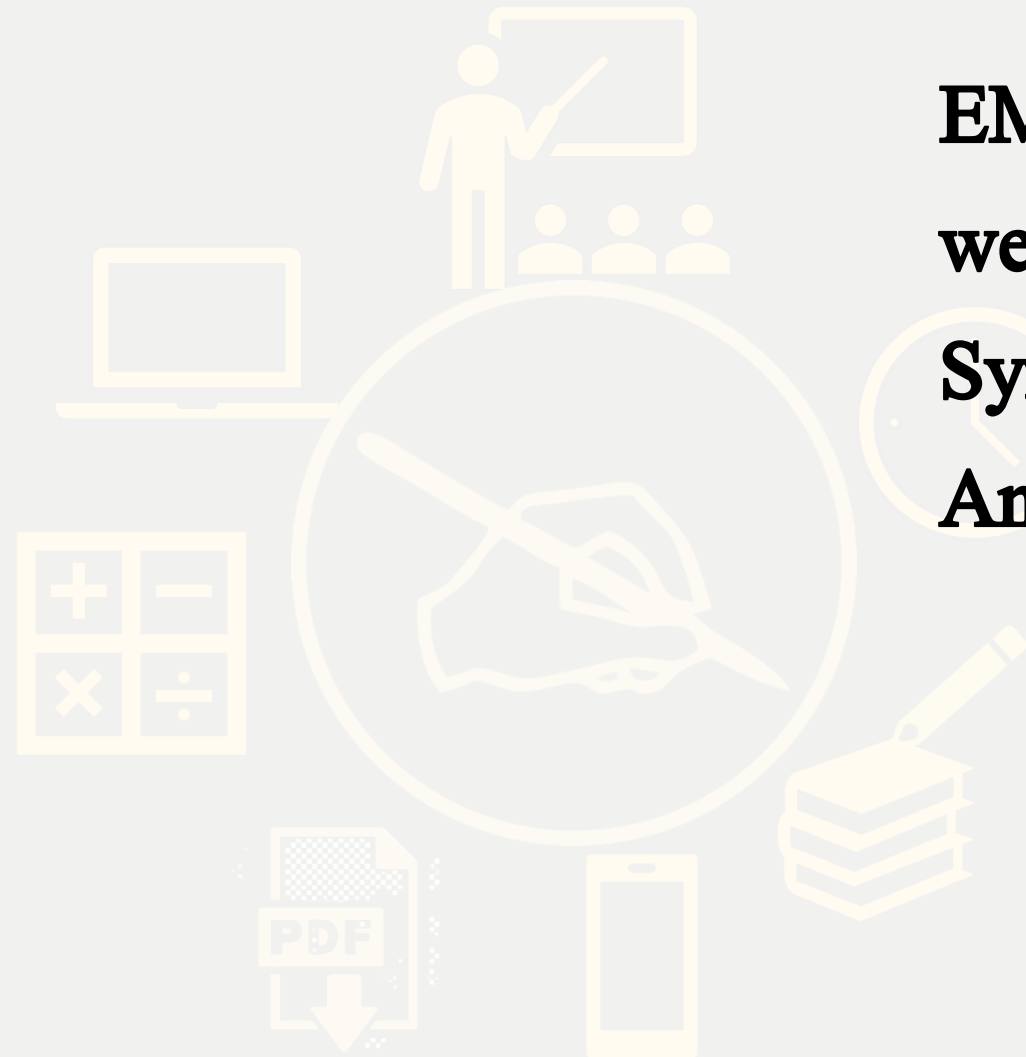
THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

EMBRACE (VERB): (स्वीकार करना):

welcome

Synonyms: accept, take up

Antonyms: reject



RAMPANT (ADJECTIVE): (अनियंत्रित):

uncontrolled

Synonyms: unrestrained, unchecked

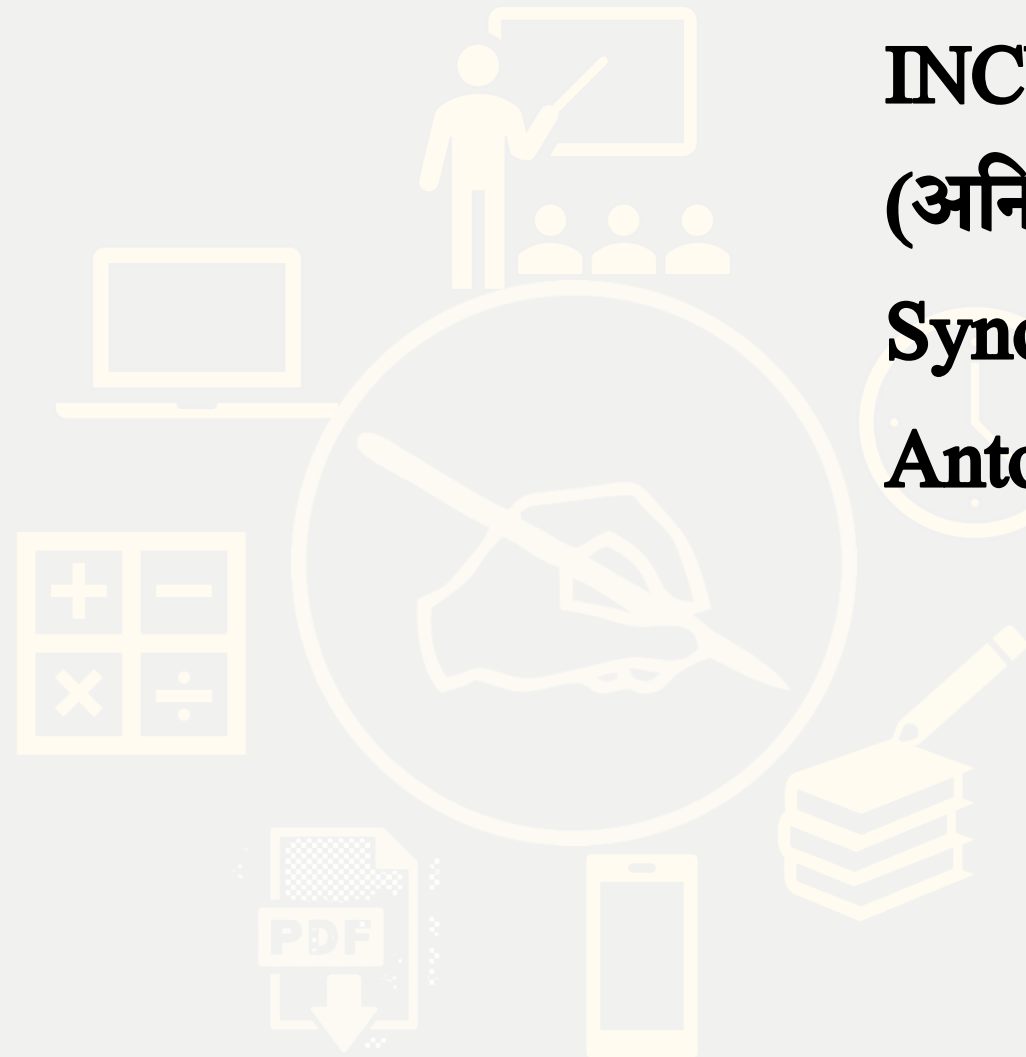
Antonyms: controlled

INCUMBENT (ADJECTIVE):

(अनिवार्य): binding

Synonyms: obligatory, mandatory

Antonyms: optional

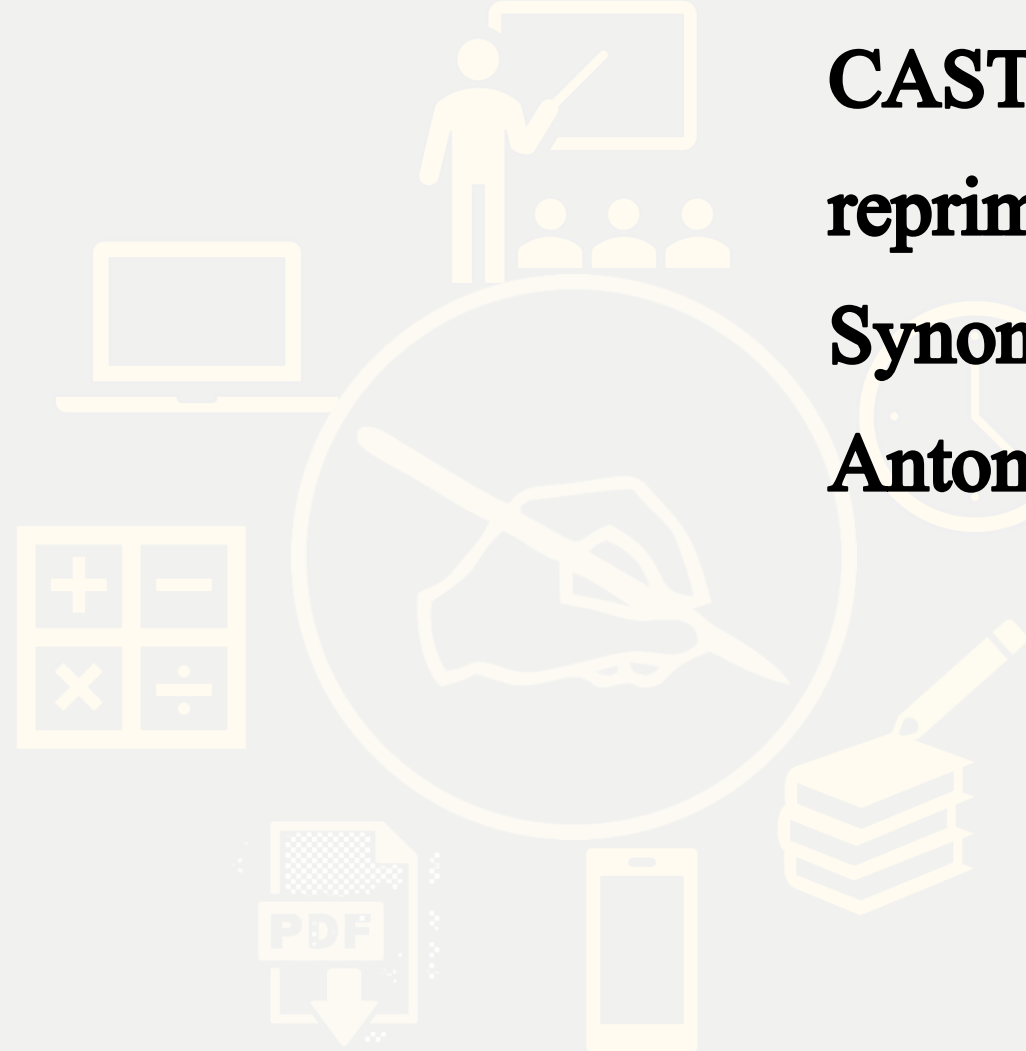


CASTIGATE (VERB): (आलोचना करना):

reprimand

Synonyms: rebuke, admonish

Antonyms: praise



LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

Q1. No strings attached

A. An agreement without conditions

B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time

C. To be judged as acceptable

D. Worried for frivolous things

Correct Option: A



Q2. A doubting Thomas

- A. An skeptical person
- B. To keep people at a distance
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. To regret in vain that can't be undone.



Correct Option: A

Meaning: A skeptic who needs physical or personal evidence in order to believe something.

Q3. Put a brave face

A. To work hard and stay up very late night

B. To feel very sad

C. To act confident in a difficult situation

D. To commit a fraud

Correct Option: C



Q4. Take a back seat

A. An agreement without conditions

B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time

C. Take a subordinate position

D. Worried for frivolous things

Solution : C. Take a subordinate position



Q5. To lose ground to somebody/something

A. An skeptical person

B. To keep people at a distance

C. To interfere in someone's affairs

D. To lose a sustained share/position



Solution : D. To lose a sustained share/position

Q6. Pass the buck

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- B. To pass the blame
- C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- D. Once in a life-time



Solution : B. To pass the blame



Time for
MIS-SPELT
WORDS

Q7. **Fishermen** have been warned not to **vanture** out to sea from **Saturday** and those out on deep sea fishing expeditions advised to return to the **coast**.

1. **Fishermen**
2. **Vanture**
3. **Saturday**
4. **Coast**
5. **All Correct**

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Solution:
Venture

Q8. **Teenager** Prithvi Shaw became the **seventh** youngest test **centurion** on day one of the series-**opener** against the West Indies at Rajkot after he took 99 balls to score his century.

1. Teenager
2. Centurion
3. Opener
4. Seventh
5. All Correct

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Solution:
Seventh

Q9. Following the resurgence of the **controversy**, she also accused Mr. Agnihotri of **behaving inappropriately** with her during the making of 2005 film Chocolate.

1. **Following**
2. **Behaving**
3. **Controversy**
4. **Inappropriately**
5. **All Correct**

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Solution:
Controversy

10. Find the correctly spelt word.

A Abreviate

B Abbrreviate

C Abbreviate

D Abrrreviate

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Correct Option: C

Abbreviate (verb):

If you abbreviate something, especially a word or a piece of writing, you make it shorter.

Ex. The U.S.A. is abbreviated form of the United States of America.

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

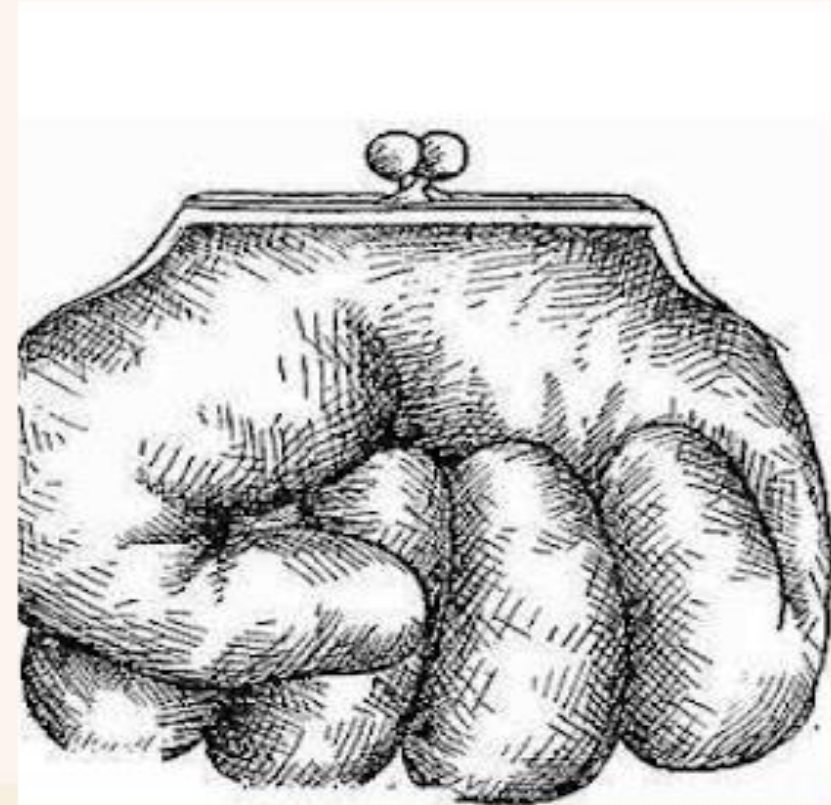
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2. Blasphemy



Definition: Behavior or language that insults or shows a lack of respect for God or religion.

4. Parsimonious



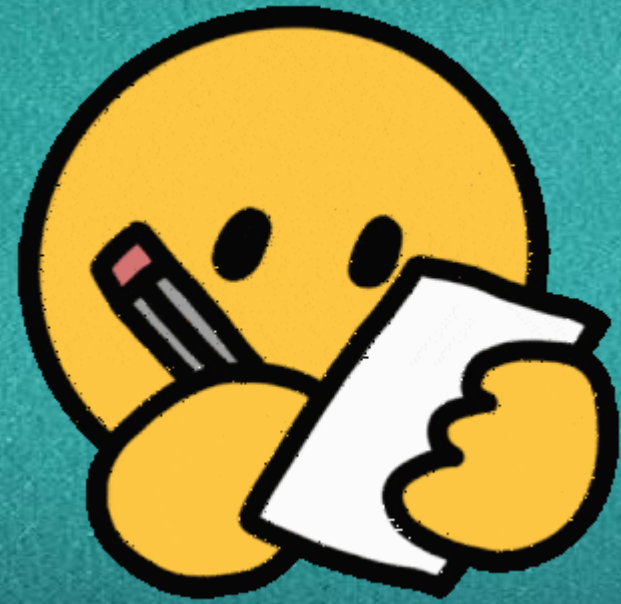
Definition: Extremely unwilling to spend money.

5. Frivolous



Definition: Characterized by lack of seriousness or sense.

Homework



Home Work

Answer

I first met Santosh five years ago
and have recalled him.....

(1) since

(2) ever

(3) ever since

(4) then

(5) New

Home Work

Find the correctly spelt word.

A Accessery

B Accessory

C Accessory

D Accesory



