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**"Don't take rest after  
your first  
victory because if  
you fail in the second,  
more lips are waiting to  
say that your first  
victory was just luck."**



**Surbhi Sinha** 5 hours ago

PROSTYLE VENDETTA ETOLOGIST OPTHALMOLOGIST 😊

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**Riya Mandaokar** 6 hours ago (edited)

Thank you ma'am for the session ans is  
proselytism  
Vendetta  
Entomologists...

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**Chandrika Gore** 19 hours ago

1. One who is covered from one religion to another - Proselyte
2. Committing murder in revenge - Vendetta
3. Experts who scientifically study insects - Etomologists
4. A doctor who specialises in eye diseases - Ophthalmologist

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**Anshi Chaturvedi** 16 hours ago

1= proselytism

2= revenge homicide

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**yash kumar** 17 hours ago (edited)

- 1- proselyte.
- 2- vendetta.
- 3- Entomologist.
- 4- ophthalmologist.

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**Muskan Rai** 19 hours ago

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VOCABULARY



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SALEM UNIT ON STREAM



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. Endorse (Verb): समर्थन करना

Meaning: declare one's public approval or support of

Synonyms: advocate, support, embrace, back

Antonyms: oppose, interfere, thwart

Sentence: The singer is being paid to endorse the soft drink in a series of commercials.

Support  
Promote

## (+) 2. Tweak (Verb)

Meaning: **to change something slightly, especially in order to make it more correct, effective, or suitable**

Synonyms: **adjustment, correction, revise, modification,**

Sentence: **You just need to tweak the last paragraph and then it's done.**

### 3. Read the tea leaves (Idiom)

Meaning: : **Predict the future from small signs**

Sentence: **Everyone says things are going great for our company, but if you read the tea leaves you'll see trouble ahead.**



4. Dilemma (Noun) : दुविधा

**Meaning:** a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives.

**Synonyms:** problem, quandary, difficulty, confusion

**Sentence:** Marty's dilemma was that he couldn't decide what college to attend.

5. Taciturn (Adjective) : अल्पभाषी

Meaning: reserved or uncommunicative in speech;  
tending not to speak much

Synonyms: untalkative, uncommunicative, reticent

Antonyms: blabby, chatty, talkative, garwobous

Sentence: My shy brother is taciturn and rarely speaks in public.



## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 6. Proscribe (Verb) : बहिष्कार

Meaning: **the action of forbidding something; banning, restrict**

Synonyms: prohibition, forbid, outlaw

Antonyms: allow, permit, authorize

Sentence: **In our country, there are laws that proscribe discrimination based on race and gender.**

(→) 7. Altercate (Verb) : विवाद करना

Meaning: **dispute or argue noisily and publicly.**

(→) Synonyms: **bicker, argue, quarrel, clash**

(↵) Antonyms: **accord, agreement, calm, concord, harmony,**

Sentence: **Don't altercate over such trivia.**



## 8. Susceptible (Verb)

Meaning: easily influenced or harmed by something

Synonyms: vulnerable, exposed, sensitive, prone

Antonyms: immune, resistant

Sentence: Many young children get the flu vaccine so they will be less susceptible to the virus.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **CIVILIZED**

1. Distressing
2. Alive
3. Savage
4. Brief

Uncivilized, ill-mannered

Meaning: civilized is polite and well-mannered; savage is someone primitive and uncivilized

**Solution: 3. Savage**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **RATIFY**

- Apk

1. Proportionate
2. Deny
3. Validate
4. Desert

Meaning: RATIFY is to approve and sanction formally or confirm so deny is its opposite.

Solution: 2. Deny



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **MURKY**

- Dull

1. **Bright** - pleasant
2. hide
3. query
4. uphold

Meaning: murky means dark and gloomy or used to describe a situation that is complicated and unpleasant, bright is clear and shiny.

Solution: 1. Bright

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **BOISTEROUS**

1. Flatter
2. Silly
3. Abridge
4. Placid

Meaning: boisterous means noisy, energetic, and cheerful, placid is calm and peaceful, with little movement or activity

Solution: 4. Placid

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **DISPERSE**

1. Pleasure
2. Scatter
3. Ferocious
4. impious

Meaning: disperse distribute or spread over a wide area or scatter.

Solution: 2. Scatter



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of REEL

1. whirl
2. fish
3. hit
4. mistake



Meaning: one meaning of reel is to move round and round, or to whirl

Solution: 1. whirl

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **GENERIC**

1. general

2. cheap

3. fresh

4. elderly

Meaning: generic means having the characteristic of a whole group, or general

Solution: 1. general

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of QUIESCENT

1. lackadaisical
2. active
3. dull
4. prescient

Meaning: quiescent means marked by inactivity or repose, therefore active is the opposite

Solution: 2. active

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



She felt like **a fish out of water** at her new job.

(a) uncomfortable and restless

(b) angry and hurt

(c) comfortable and relaxed

(d) happy and free

Solution : **(a) Uncomfortable and restless.**



# IDIOMS & PHRASES



She tried **to make light** of the situation, but I could tell that she was worried.

1. React angrily
2. Ignore
3. Treated it lightly
4. Emphasize the topic

Solution: 3. Treated it lightly



Information and technology has developed  
by leaps and bounds.

(a) in far-off places

(b) through unfair means

(c) at a rapid pace

(d) very gradually

← slowly

Solution : (c) At a rapid pace.



We'll only convince our senators to change the laws if we all stand together and speak **with one voice**.

1. By one community
2. In disharmony
3. By one man
4. Unanimously

Solution : **4. Unanimously**

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. Equally skillful with each hand –  
**Ambidextrous**
2. Large-scale destruction by fire –  
**Holocaust**
3. A place where dead bodies are kept –  
**Mortuary**
4. Just punishment for wrongdoing –  
**Nemesis**



# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

No cause for alarm: On the Omicron  
recombinant XBB.1.16 in India

But people of vulnerable groups must take all  
precautions against COVID-19

More than three years after the pandemic began, newer variants, an uptick in cases, hospitalisations, and even deaths are being reported from across the world, though a far cry from the earlier alarming levels. After Kappa, Delta, BA.2.75, and BA.2.76, the latest variant (first detected in India) is the Omicron recombinant XBB.1.16. There has been a very small rise in cases in about a dozen States but no concomitant increase in hospitalisations even among vulnerable groups, suggesting that clinical severity in infected people might not be a concern. This variant accounts for over 30% of all sequenced genomes this month, and its proportion has been increasing, clearly marking the variant's spread and dominance in the community in the last couple of weeks.

**With daily fresh infections at a record low in India for months on end, testing and genome sequencing had dropped sharply; the weekly test positivity rate has been below 1%. Hence, the true picture of the variant's spread is not clear. It is against this backdrop that Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed officials to increase whole genome sequencing to help track the new variant and others that might emerge, so that the country is poised to act on time. With the pandemic far from over, the compulsion to continue genome sequencing cannot be overemphasised, lest India flies blind into a pandemic storm.**

**With the majority of adults and even adolescents having taken their second dose at least a year ago, and with extremely small numbers opting for a booster, India is fully relying on hybrid immunity arising from vaccination and natural infection for extended protection. Fortunately, the estimated 95% of India's population above 12 years possessing hybrid immunity has been shielding people from serious COVID-19 disease even when a few Omicron variants caused a spike last year. In fact, reinfection with any of the variants that emerged after BA.2 might have increased immune protection.**



A small percentage of people getting reinfected periodically has potentially translated to varying levels of immunity at the population level, leaving only a subset of the susceptible population vulnerable. But with people, especially from the vulnerable groups, running the risk of suffering from long-COVID, it is prudent to follow basic precautions such as wearing a mask in closed space settings when newer variants emerge. Universal masking even in poorly ventilated places might not be a health priority at this point in time in India, but that should not stop individuals belonging to vulnerable groups from being proactive and guarded.



- 1. Policy of racial discrimination**
- 2. Send or bring somebody back to his own country**
- 3. Parts of a country behind the coast or a river bank**
- 4. The absence of government in a country**

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