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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

Spoken English

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success is no accident it is hard
work perseverance learning
studying sacrifice. most of all love
of what you are doing or learning
to do



TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
- ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS**
- iii. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
- iv. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**
- v. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
YOU
READY??

GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

'Either ... or', 'neither ... nor:

**'bothand', 'not onlybut
also'**

**should be followed by the same parts
of speech.**

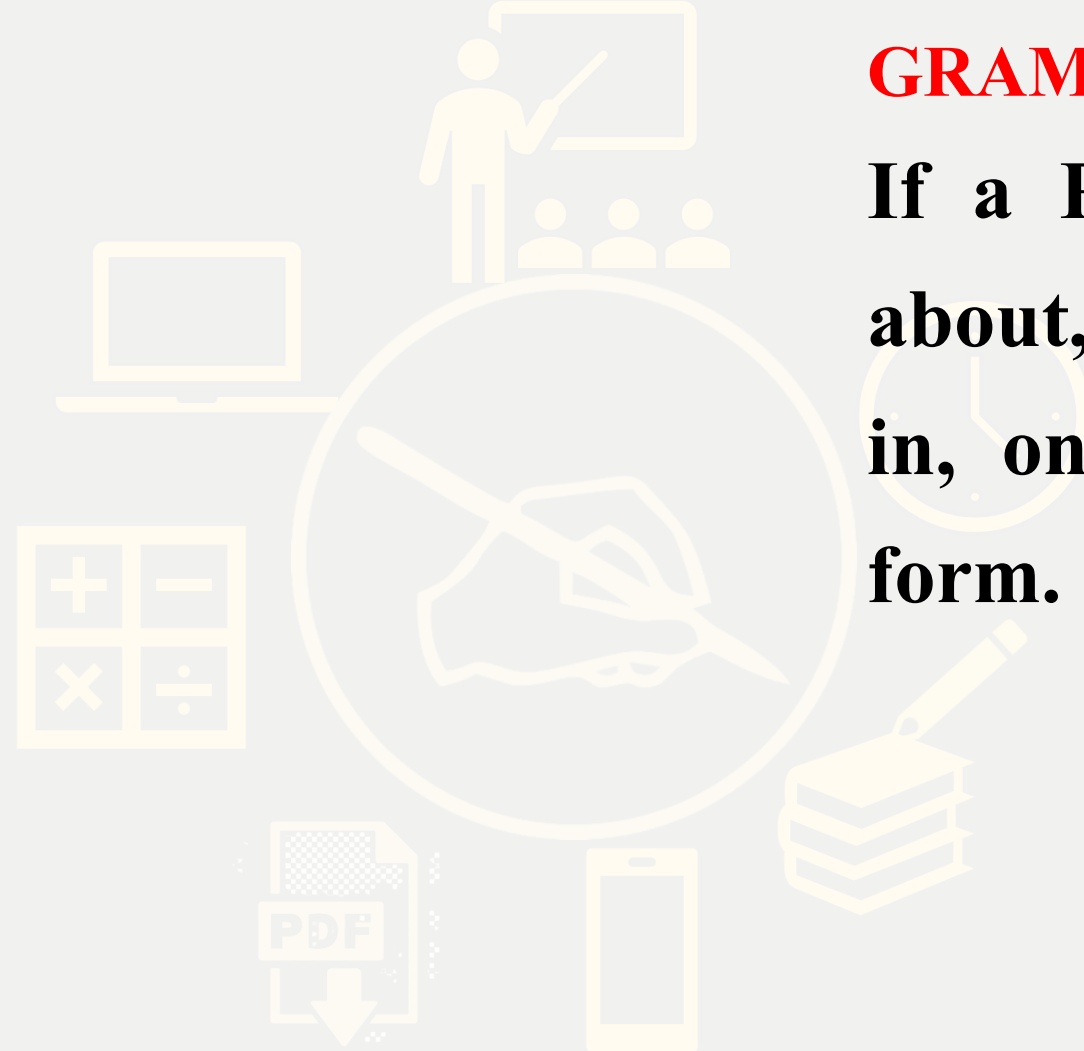
A. He not only lost his ticket, but also his luggage.

B. Not only dams save water but also produce electricity.



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

If a Principal Verb is used after about, after, at, before. for, from, in, on Verb must be in ing (V4) form.



- a) **You prevented me from do it.**
- b) **Ramesh abused you for help them.**



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

Afghan universities reopen six months after Taliban takeover

Men and women are now segregated in classrooms



ARTICLE

Kabul University, among Afghanistan's oldest and most **revered** institutions of higher education, reopened for the first time since the Taliban takeover six months ago. Men and women attended, but now were **segregated**, with women required to wear Islamic dress. Dozens of woman students, all wearing the hijab **lined up** outside the university gate. They were **eager** to resume classes cut **abruptly** short in the wake of the Taliban's August takeover. Taliban **stood guard** at the campus's three entrances. Previously the university was co-educational, with men and women taking classes together. Most of the students said they didn't know what to expect but were surprised to discover they could resume regular coursework and **advance** in their chosen fields of study. The university largely follows the U.S. **liberal** arts model.

ARTICLE

“After much **delay**, fortunately, all universities and educational institutions started today” Taliban spokesman for the Higher Education Ministry Ahmad Taqqi said in a video clip . “The education will continue based on the plans and policies of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.” The music department was the only discipline cancelled for both men and women, returning students said. “There have been no changes made to the syllabus,” said Bahija Aman, 21, a third-year **anthropology** major. “The **instructors** are the same in my classes.”

“I am happy they have finally let us return to university,” she added. Ms. Aman has spent the last six months at home. Her text books are neatly **piled** on her desk, where she has spent most of her time keeping up with her studies.

ARTICLE

As a top student, she was **determined** to keep her rank when universities reopened, she said. She hopes to graduate and **eventually** earn a doctorate, all in Afghanistan. Once attended by 22,000 students, the much-**anticipated** opening was a quiet affair. Media requests to enter the premises were denied by the Taliban. Like most public universities, Kabul University had closed in the immediate **aftermath** of the Taliban takeover. The issue of whether women would be able to return without **restrictions** has been a key **concern** of the international community. Many feared the Taliban would **bar** females as happened during the group's previous rule from 1996-2001.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

ZEALOUS

(ADJECTIVE): (उत्साही):

Fervent

Synonyms: Ardent, Fervid

Antonyms: Apathetic



GLORIFY(VERB):

(महिमामंडन करना):

Ennoble

Synonyms: Exalt,

Elevate

Antonyms: Dishonor



MARGINAL

(ADJECTIVE): (थोड़ा):

Slight

Synonyms: Small, Tiny

Antonyms: Vast



ABATE (VERB): (घटना):

Subside

Synonyms: Lessen, Let up

Antonyms: Intensify



LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

ARE
YOU
READY??

Castle in the sky



A daydream, a hope, especially for one's life, that's unlikely to come true. "World traveling used to be a castle in the sky for most people a few decades ago, but with cheap flight tickets and the global use of English, many youngsters are living that dream."

Down to earth



To be practical and sensible.

“It’s a stereotype, but Dutch people are known for being down to earth.”

The tip of the iceberg



Just a small part of something much bigger.

“Exceptionally long drought periods are just the tip of the ice berg when it comes to the global impact of climate change.”

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

ARE
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Time for IDIOMS



1. **With one voice**

A. by one community

B. unanimously

C. in disharmony

D. by one man

B. unanimously



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2. To give the devil his due

A. To give credit to even a notorious person

B. To stand in the way of the devil

C. To punish the wrong person

**D. To let the enemy learn the lesson on his
own**

Answer: (a)

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3. Leave no stone unturned



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A. Do a futile task

B. Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something

C. Search for the hidden treasure

D. Be known for achieving a tremendous feat

Answer: (b)



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4. **Learn by heart**

A. Love something terribly

B. Learn to control or hide your true feelings

C. To memorize something

D. Learn a lesson by making a mistake

Answer: (c)

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5. dressing-down

- A. wear an expensive gown
- B. give a scolding
- C. pretend
- D. apply bandage

Answer: (b) dressing-down (N.) : an occasion when somebody speaks angrily to a person because they have done something wrong.

6. straw in the wind

A. a lucky charm

B. a game that kids play

C. an indication of what might happen

D. a light-weight object



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**Answer: (c) straw in the wind : a small sign
of what might happen in the near future.**

7. **every inch a gentleman**

A. partly

B. entirely

C. calculatively

D. somewhat



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Answer: (b)

**every inch a gentleman : completely;
entirely.**

8. for keeps

A. away

B. forever

C. hide

D. himself



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Answer: (b) for keeps : for ever

Look at the sentence : Is it yours for keeps or does he want it back ?

9. Smell a rat

- A. Smell a burned rat**
- B. Smell a rotten rat**
- C. Smell something right**
- D. Suspect something wrong**

**00:20****Answer: (d) Suspect something wrong****Smell a rat = begin to suspect trickery or deception.**

10. pull a long face

A. to look sad

B. to irritate someone

C. to pull someone's face

D. to make fun

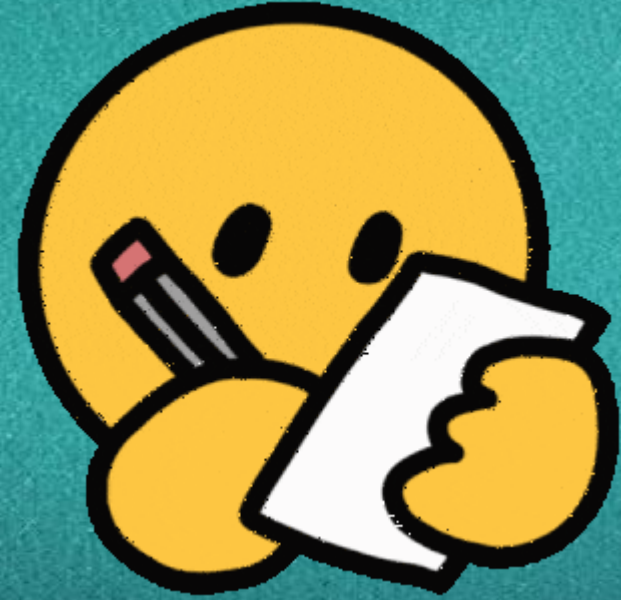


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Answer: (a)

pull a long face : to have an unhappy or disappointed expression.

Homework





Home Work

Choose the mis-spelt word?

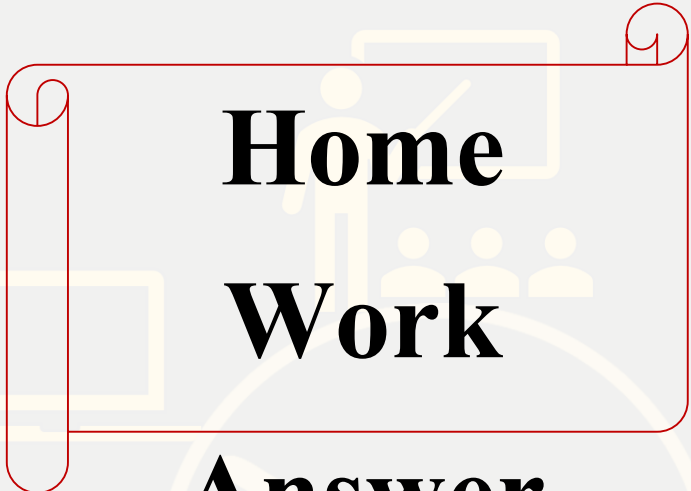
(A) Coupious

(B) Capricious

(C) Captious

(D) Cautious





**Home
Work
Answer**

NONCHALANT

- (A) neutral**
- (B) formal**
- (C) imaginary**
- (D) casual**

