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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

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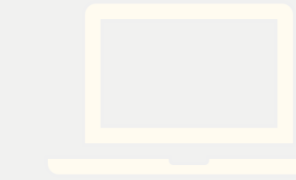
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**Hope,
but never
expect.**

**Look
forward,
but never
wait.**



TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
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 - iii. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
 - iv. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**
 - v. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**
 - vi. ENGLISH SPEAKING TIPS**

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
YOU
READY??



GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

With the following verbs/adjective/phrases,
(V1 +ing) is used after 'to'.

(Verb +used to) , accustomed to, averse to,
with a view to, addicted to, devoted to, in
addition to, look forward to, object to,
owing to etc.

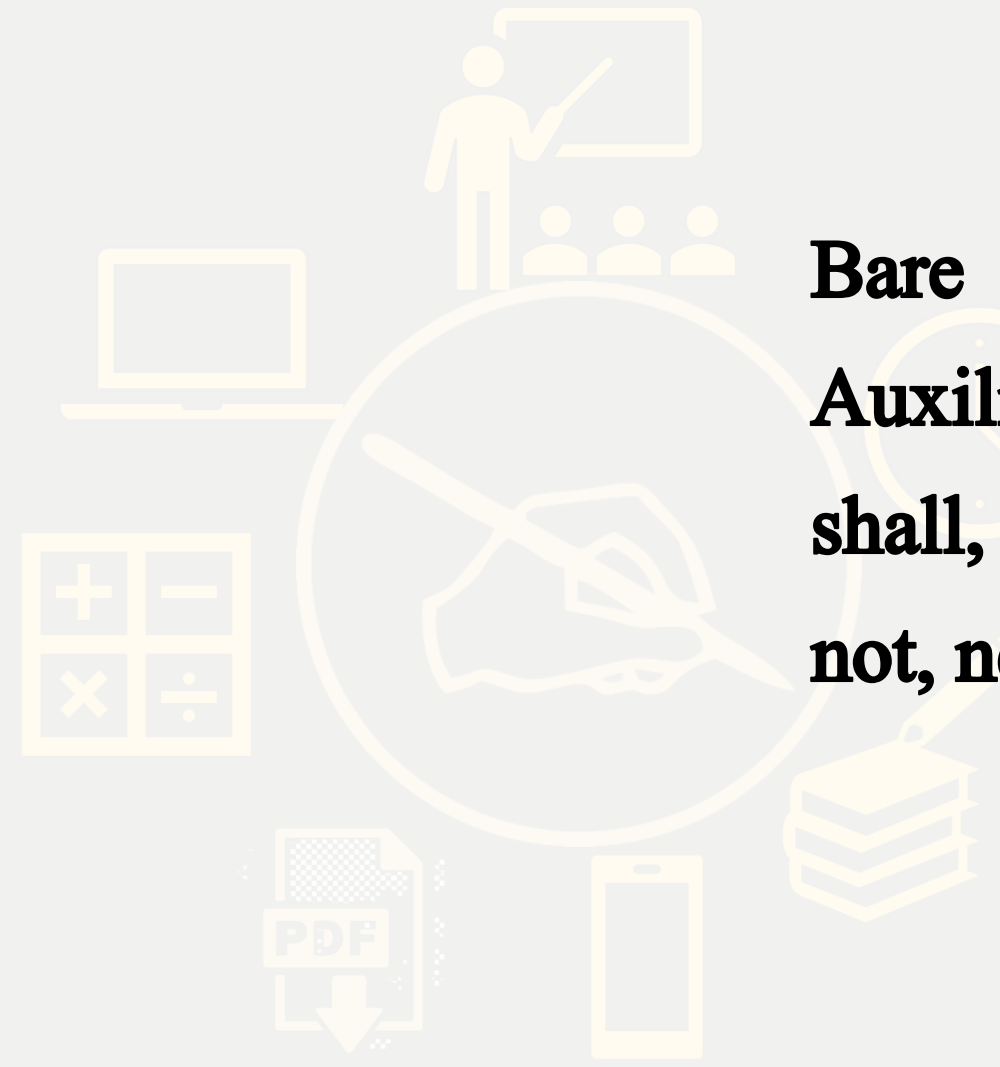
(a) I am looking forward to meet my friend Sara.

(b) Sheetal is used to wake up early morning.



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Bare Infinitive is used after Modal Auxiliaries (can, could, may, might, shall, should, will, would, must, dare not, need not).



- A. You need not to work hard.**
- B. He can qualifying the exam.**



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

The cold truth about India's income inequality



ARTICLE

The latest edition of the World Inequality Report has confirmed that the world continues to **sprint down** the path of **inequality**. “Global multimillionaires have captured a **disproportionate** share of global wealth growth over the past several decades: the top 1% took 38% of all additional wealth **accumulated** since the mid-1990s, whereas the bottom 50% captured just 2% of it.” India’s case is **particularly stark**. The foreword by Nobel **laureate** economists, Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, says, “India is now among the most unequal countries in the world.” This means that the gap between the top 1% and the bottom 50% is widest for India among the major economies in the world. The gap is wider in India than the United States, the United Kingdom, China, Russia and France.

ARTICLE

The journey of this inequality over time reveals that “socialist-inspired Five Year plans contributed” to reducing the share of the top 10% who had 50% of the income under colonial rule, to 35%-40% in the early decades after Independence. However, since the mid-1980s, **deregulation** and **liberalisation** policies have led to “one of the most extreme increases in income and wealth inequality observed in the world”. While the top 1% has majorly profited from economic reforms, growth among low- and middle-income groups has been relatively slow, and poverty has **persisted**. In recent years, on the economic front, India, post-2014, seems to have got into a phase of an even greater reliance on big business and privatisation to fix economics and the result has been to **beget** even more inequality.

ARTICLE

The latest World Inequality Report firmly concludes that the “bottom 50% share has gone down to 13%. India stands out as a poor and very unequal country, with an **affluent elite**”. But beyond all this, what bears **emphasis** is the observation by Aunindyo Chakravarty, in The Tribune, about what was happening to the income of the bottom 50% in India since 1951. This grew at the rate of 2.2% per year between 1951 and 1981, but what is telling is that “the growth rate remained exactly the same over the past 40 years”. This makes it clear that irrespective of the economics or politics at play, the state of the bottom half of India barely changed, with an **abysmal** rate of income growth. That inequality in terms of the **immobility** of those at the bottom (at least one half of India) stood, irrespective of the economic policies adopted, is an **irrefutable** fact. It was because of the social conditions and **constraints** in India.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

ENTANGLE (VERB): (उलझाना):

Intertwine

Synonyms: Entwine, Tangle

Antonyms: Disentangle

Example Sentence:

Fish attempt to swim through the mesh and become entangled.

PREDATORY (ADJECTIVE): (हिंसक):

Predacious

Synonyms: Carnivorous, Hunting

Antonyms: Defensive

Example Sentence:

Species of shark are usually predatory.

EXACERBATE (VERB): (खराब करना):

Worsen

Synonyms: Aggravate, Compound

Antonyms: Improve

Example Sentence:

Her condition exacerbated on the flight.

RETRACT (VERB): (वापस लेना): Pull in

Synonyms: Draw in, Pull back

Antonyms: Extend

Example Sentence:

She retracted her hand as if she'd been burnt.

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

Q1. low hanging fruit

A. Not worthy

B. Very Lucrative

C. Easily achieved

D. Simple but time consuming

E. None of the above



Correct Option: C. Easily achieved

Q2. Not a moment too soon

A. Before needed

B. Just in time

C. Too late

D. Hesitating

E. None of the above



Correct Option: B

Not a moment too soon: in the nick of time, only just in time.

Q3. The National Human Rights Commission is **all bark and no bite** as it lacks the authority to penalize those guilty of human rights violations.

- A. Impressive action
- B. Intimidating action
- C. Low on action
- D. Threatening action
- E. None of the above



Correct Option: C Low on action

Q4. All Greek to me.

- A. Complex
- B. Alienated
- C. Different
- D. Extreme
- E. None of the above



Correct Option: A

All Greek To Me: When something is extremely difficult to understand due to being new and complex.

Q5. Necessary evil

- A. Essential and pleasant
- B. Pleasant but not urgent
- C. Unpleasant but essential
- D. Evil and despicable
- E. None of the above



Correct Option: C

Necessary evil: something unpleasant that must be done in order to achieve a goal or objective.

Q6. Burn his bridges

A. To handover

B. To cross the bridge

C. To eliminate the possibility of conflict

D. To eliminate the possibility of return

E. None of the above



Correct Option: D

Burn one's bridges means to eliminate the possibility of return or retreat.

Time for Synonyms



Q7. TRIVIAL

- (A) vital**
- (B) ordinary**
- (C) crucial**
- (D) significant**

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Q8. FICTIONAL

(A) fanciful

(B) real

(C) genuine

(D) authentic



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Solution: (A) fanciful

Q9. VOCIFEROUS

(A) secret

(B) true

(C) violent

(D) loud



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Correct Answer : D

Q10. FORTITUDE

- (A) safety
- (B) similarity
- (C) courage
- (D) protection

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Correct Answer : C



LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

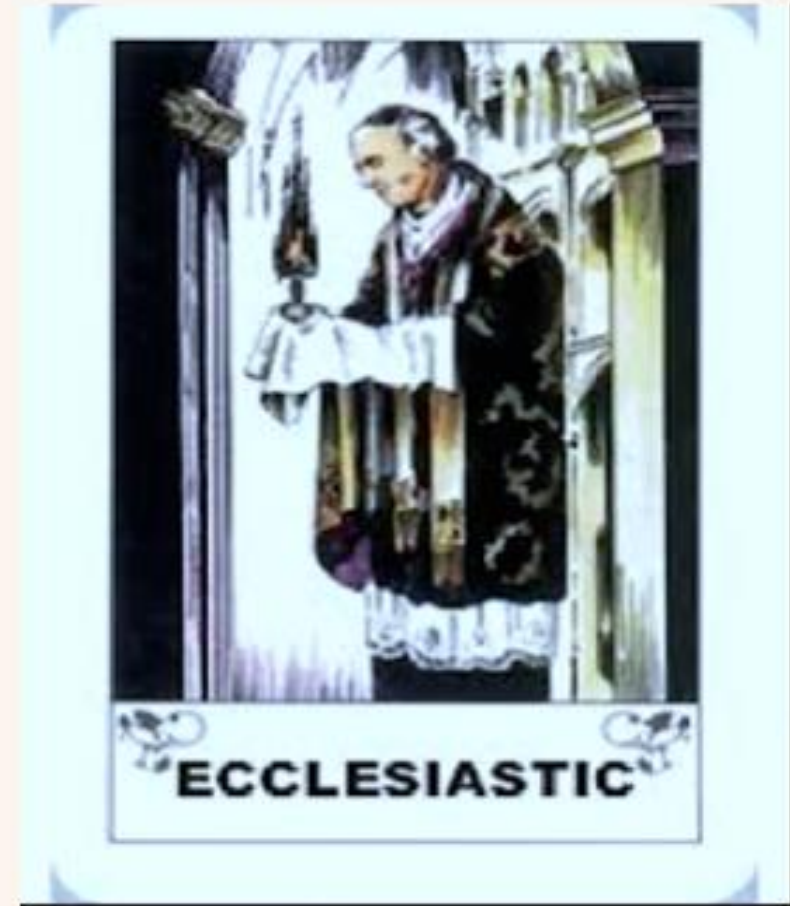
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12. Reprehensible



Definition: Morally wrong and deserving criticism.

14. Ecclesiastic



Definition: A priest or minister in the Christian Church.

1. Apprehension



Definition: Worry or fear that something unpleasant may happen | the act of capturing or arresting someone, usually by the police.

ENGLISH SPEAKING

TIPS

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Receiving compliments:

- **How kind of you to say so.**
- **It's nice of you to say so.**
- **It's very kind of you to say that.**
- **Really? I'm not sure about that, actually.**
- **Thank you.**
- **Thanks a lot.**
- **I'm glad you like it.**
- **It was nothing really.**
- **I'm delighted to hear that.**
- **Thanks for your compliment.**

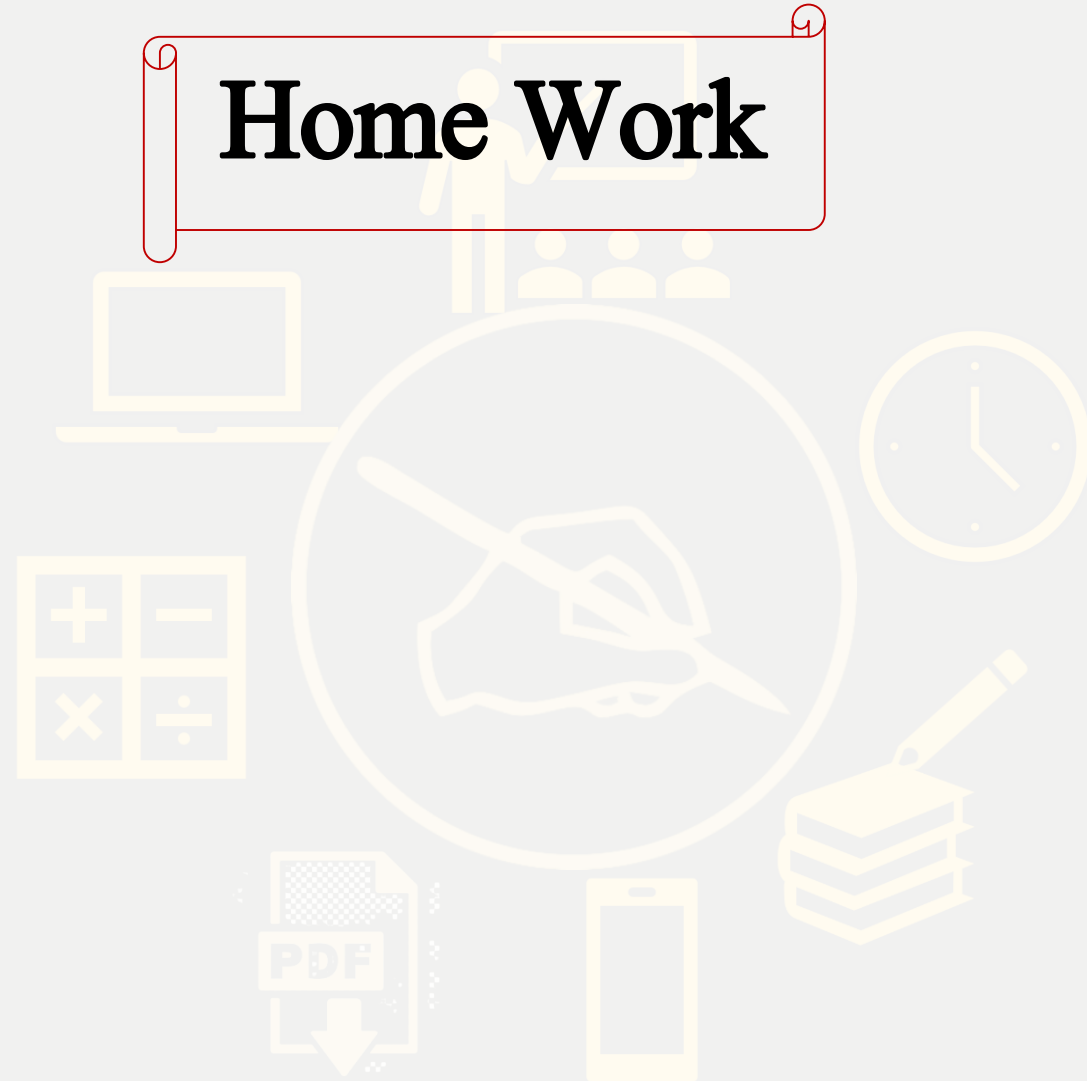
Homework



Home Work

NONCHALANT

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



Home Work Answer

Find the correctly spelt word.

A Accessery

B Accessory

C Accessory

D Accesory



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