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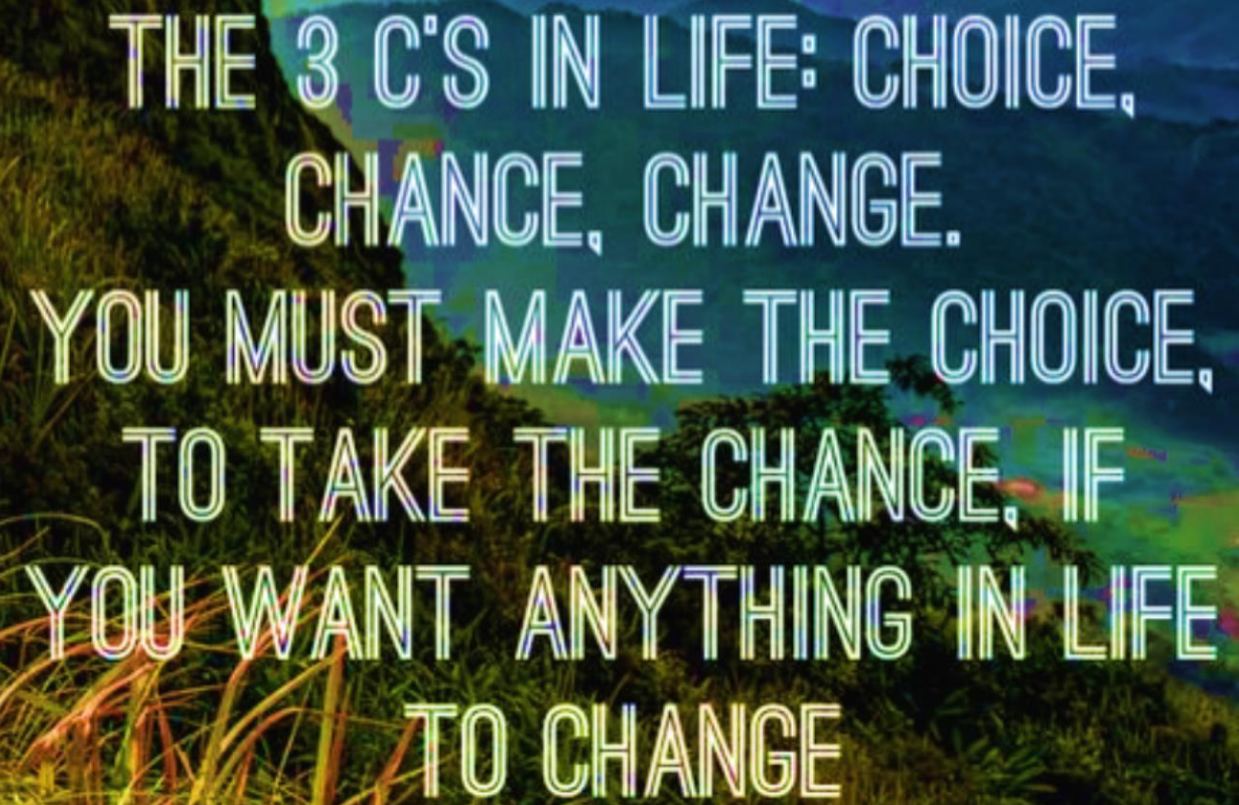
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THE 3 C'S IN LIFE: CHOICE,  
CHANCE, CHANGE.  
YOU MUST MAKE THE CHOICE,  
TO TAKE THE CHANCE, IF  
YOU WANT ANYTHING IN LIFE  
TO CHANGE



**The Shield TLC** 🔥 19 hours ago

**Sordid**

Synonyms:- squalid, vile

Antonyms:- nice, clean

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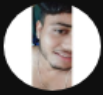


**Surbhi Sinha** 6 hours ago

Sordid= very dirty and unpleasant 🤢 billigerent= unfriendly or aggressive 😊 t



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**PHILOMATH** 12 hours ago (edited)

Belligerent=[SYNO]pugnacious,quarrelsome,Cantenkerous.

BELL[FIGHT AND WAR]=ROOT

[ANTO]=Amiable,Amicable,Gregarious

● Shyam is a person who always belligerent with his friends as well as his far

SORDID=[SYNO]Narrow minded,corrupted

ANTO=Generous,Good hearted

● SANJU is a man who always sordid with generous people.



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**yash kumar** 18 hours ago

Sordid- dirty and squalid.

Synonym- filthy, dirty, slummy.

Antonym- immaculate.

Sentence- the overcrowded housing condition were sordid and degrading. ...

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**SSC Aspirant \_AM** IN 17 hours ago

(Belligerent)

SYNONYMS :- Pugnacious, Contentious, Quarrelsome, Peevish

ANTONYM :- Affable, Amiable, Courteous, Harmonious

SENTENCE :- Sameer& Raj do not work together because both are belligerent nat



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**Vandana Chhatri** 20 hours ago

SORDID= very dirty and unpleasant

Synonymous=sleazy ,seedy, seamy

Antonym=immaculate

BELLIGERENT =unfriendly and aggressive...

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**Khushboo Mandal** 🔍 🔍 20 hours ago

Sordid - unpleasant,not honest or moral ,very dirty and unpleasant

Synonym- mean, abject, ignoble,sleazy, sugary

Antonym- respectable,high - minded, immaculate

2. Belligerent- unfriendly and aggressive ,fighting a war...

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**Chandrika Gore** 20 hours ago

1. Sordid: (adj) dirty and unpleasant

Synonyms: dirty, bad, low, disreputable, nasty, shameful, sleazy, squalid, vile

Antonyms: clean, decent, good, kind, nice, reputable, respectable

Sentence: I do not intend to go fully into the many sordid incidents about which w

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**Mini Chaubey** 12 hours ago

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VOCABULARY



Mahendra's



Oil leak stops as sinking ship stabilises off Mumbai

SALEM UNIT ON STREAM



RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS



Come to the dialogue Mamata tells Maoists

Games: 'guilty will be punished'

1. Divisive (Adjective): विभाजक

Meaning: **tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people**

— Synonyms: **discordant, disharmonious**

+ Antonyms: **unifying, accordant**

Sentence: **The divisive proposal split the committee into two opposing sides.**

# 2. Abrogate (Verb) : रद्द करना

Meaning: **the act of formally ending a law, agreement, or custom**

Synonyms: **abolish, cancel, nullify, overturn**

Antonyms: **enact, establish, legislate**

Sentence: **He filed for bankruptcy, which permitted the abrogation of all contracts.**

### 3. Out of the blocks (Idiom)

Meaning: **At the very beginning**

Synonyms: **start, commencement, onset**

*Beginning*

Sentence: **Out of the blocks, the company's latest video game console has proven wildly popular.**



4. Consensus (Noun) : आम सहम

**Meaning: a generally accepted opinion or decision among a group of people or a general agreement**

**Synonyms: agreement, unanimity, accord, acceptance**

**Antonyms: disagreement, conflict, dissensus, denial**

**Sentence: I want to get a new bike but I am not getting consensus from my family members.**

5. Evanescent (Adjective) : क्षणभंगुर

Meaning: soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing.

Synonyms: vanishing, fading, fleeting

Antonyms: endless, eternal, everlasting

Sentence: Talk is evanescent but writing leaves footprints.

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6. Unambiguous (Adjective) : स्पष्ट

clear

Meaning: **expressed in a way that makes it completely clear what is meant; not open to more than one interpretation.**

Synonyms: **obvious, plain, apparent**

Antonyms: **ambiguous, indefinite, vague, unclear**

Sentence: **Reading the unambiguous article, the editor was glad to have found an author that is clear and concise.**

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### 7. Bizarre (Adjective): विचित्र

Meaning: very strange and unusual

Synonyms: absurd, insane, odd, crazy

Antonyms: reasonable, realistic, normal, usual

Sentence: Everyone stared at the student who wore the bizarre outfit to school.

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### 8. Belie (Verb) : झुठलाना

Meaning: to show something to be false, or to hide something such as an emotion

deny

Synonyms: misrepresent, obscure, conceal, contradict, hide

Antonyms: confirm, validate, prove

Sentence: The latest information belies the old theory.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **PACIFY**

1. Slander
2. Irritate
3. Savage
4. Agree

Meaning: pacify is to quell the anger, agitation or calm down ; Irritate is its opposite

**Solution: 2. Irritate**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **ORACULAR**

1. Simple
2. Lucid
3. Indifferent
4. Opinionated

Meaning: oracular means hard to interpret while lucid is to express clearly; easy to understand

**Solution: 2. Lucid**



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **COARSE**

1. Ancestor
2. Fine
3. Timid
4. destroy

Coarse  
Course

Meaning: coarse means composed of large parts or particles, whereas fine means of superior quality

**Solution: 2. Fine**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **BUSTLE**

1. Friendship
2. Distress
3. Fast
4. Slowness

Meaning: bustle is to do things in a hurried and busy way so slowness is its opposite

**Solution: 4. Slowness**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **CONVERSANT**

1. Merciless
2. Detest
3. Familiar
4. Inadequate

Meaning: Conversant is to be familiar with, and have knowledge or experience of the facts or rules of something.

Solution: 3. Familiar

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of IMMATERIAL

1. Unimportant
2. Useless
3. Celebrate
4. Condemn

Material  
Substantiate  
Content

Meaning: immaterial means unimportant, or not relating to the subject you are thinking about

Solution: 1. Unimportant

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **QUARANTINE**

1. Separate
2. click
3. organised
4. cheat

Meaning: Quarantine is to remain apart from others for a period of time in order to prevent the transmission of an infectious disease or separate

Solution: 1. Separate

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **PILLAGE**

1. Accidental
2. Answer
3. Plunder
4. Admit

— Rob

— Loot

Meaning: Pillage is to rob a (place) using violence, especially in wartime or Plunder.

**Solution: 3. Plunder**



## Be in the red

1. Be the top performer
2. To be in a loss or debt
3. Be in the list of people who are never invited
4. To think deeply and carefully

Solution: 2. To be in a loss or debt



## Spill the beans

1. To tell people about someone's secrets
2. As a low priority
3. Everyone gets a chance eventually
4. Once in a lifetime

Solution: 1. To tell people about someone's secrets





## To feel blue

1. To work hard and stay up very late at night
2. To feel very sad
3. To have faith in god
4. Brought to life

low, dull

Solution: 2. To feel very sad



## A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

1. Something is better than nothing
2. To give credit to a disagreeable person
3. To keep people at a distance
4. To say something wrong



Solution : 1. Something is better than nothing

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. A speech or a presentation made without previous preparation.-

**Extempore**

2. Something that cannot be taken away.-

**Unalienable**

3. Something kept as a reminder of an event.-

**Souvenir**

4. A general pardon of offenders.

**Amnesty**

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Suspect moves: On changes to reservation policy in Karnataka

*↑ improve - adjust*

Tinkering with reservation quota in run-up to elections appears political

*before an event*

Skillfully  
manage  
State

Statecraft involves management of competing demands for accommodation and inclusion, without unduly affecting the interests of any section of society. However, some rulers, such as those in Karnataka, want to be seen as discriminating against a minority group in the hope of garnering the support of the majority. The Karnataka government's decision to <sup>remove</sup> scrap the 4% quota for Muslims within the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category and earmark an additional 2% each to the dominant Vokkaliga and Veerashaiva-Lingayat communities is a divisive gamble in the expectation of electoral dividends.

The BJP regime has also created four sub-categories to introduce internal reservation for different Dalit communities under the Scheduled Caste (SC) category. The scrapping of reservation for Muslims, whose poorer members will now have to compete with the general category for the 10% 'Economically Weaker Sections' quota, is reminiscent of the abrogation of the 5% quota for Muslims in Maharashtra in 2015. While reservation on the basis of religion alone is untenable, it appears that there has been no recommendation from the Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission for the withdrawal of reservation benefits for Muslims. The BJP has sought to portray the introduction of reservation for Muslims in 1995 as an instance of minority appeasement.

**It is indeed true that the Constitution does not allow reservation on the basis of religion alone, and that there have been judicial verdicts striking down quotas for Muslims for not being backed by a proper study on the extent of backwardness in the community. However, it is possible to extend reservation benefits to the backward sections among religious minorities identified on the basis of relevant criteria. Some States have been implementing reservation in educational institutions as well as public employment for Muslims by including them in the Backward Classes (BC) list.**

It is futile to argue that large sections of Muslims have reached a level of social and educational advancement that will justify their exclusion from the BC category, or that they are not under-represented in the services. While Muslim leaders and organisations have opposed the scrapping of the reservation, the categorisation of the SC communities is also controversial. Sections of Dalits are up in arms against the reordering of the 17% SC quota among different groups. Major decisions, such as changing the reservation policy, in the run-up to elections are not merely suspect, but may end up stoking unwanted fires.





**1. CAPRICE**

**2. RECONCILE**

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