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# **THE HINDU**

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## **Editorial Analysis**

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**Grammar**

**Reading Skills**

**Vocab**

**Spoken English**

**BANK / SSC / UPSC / STATE EXAMS**

**LIVE**  **8:00 AM**

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Alphabet '**O**' stands for  
**'OPPORTUNITY'**,  
which is absent in  
**YESTERDAY**,  
available in **T**O**DAY** and  
thrice in **T**O**M**O**R**O**W**  
Never lose **HOPE..**



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# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

# GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE  
YOU  
READY??

## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

**We generally get confused while using the following nouns:**

**(a) Floor (the flat surface of a room)**      **(a) Ground (surface of the earth)**

**(b) Skill (we acquire it by learning)**      **(b) Talent (A natural ability)**

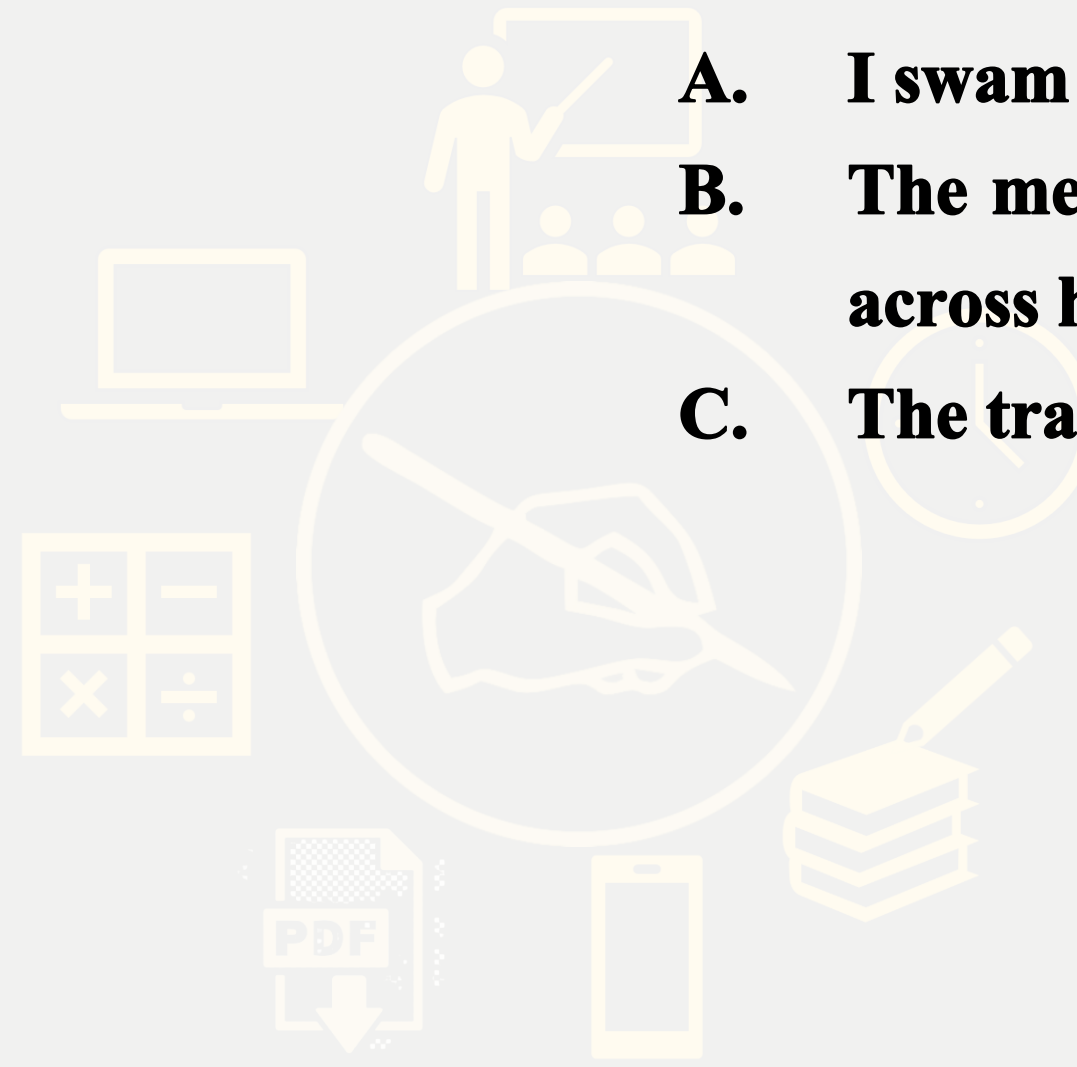
**(c) Envy (a wish to possess that arises out the other person has.)**      **(c) Jealousy (a feeling that of fear of losing that you have.)**

## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**Across - from one to the other side.**

**Through - Via (medium)/Indicates movement from one end to the other end.**



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- A. I swam through the river.**
- B. The message was conveyed to me by her across her sister.**
- C. The train passed through the tunnel.**



# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**





# ARTICLE

## Why is Sri Lanka under a state of Emergency?



# ARTICLE

**The story so far:** On Friday night, a day after angry citizens **converged** in front of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Colombo residence, demanding he **step down** immediately, he declared a state of Emergency in Sri Lanka. An **extraordinary gazette notification** said the Emergency, coming into immediate effect, was "in the interests of public security, the protection of public order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community." On Saturday, the government imposed an all-island curfew, **restricting movement** until Monday morning. Sri Lanka is in the midst of a **sharp economic downturn** that has led to severe food shortages and growing **public resentment**.

# ARTICLE

## What triggered the crisis?

■ Sri Lanka's economic crisis can be **traced** to two key developments in the immediate past — the Easter Sunday bombings of 2019 that **deterred** tourists, and the pandemic since early 2020 that **stalled** recovery and further **drained** the economy. As it **grappled** with an **unprecedented** challenge, the Rajapaksa **regime** made **policy choices** that are now **proving to be costly**. It cut the government's tax **revenue** substantially and **rushed into** an '**organic** only' agricultural policy that will likely slash this year's harvest by half. The weak and **debt-ridden** economy with the **lingering strain** of the pandemic, and **ill-advised** policies **accelerated** the **downward spiral**.

# ARTICLE

## What were the economic indicators?

■ COVID-19 hit Sri Lanka's key foreign revenue earning sectors hard. Earnings from tourism, exports, and worker **remittances** fell sharply in the last two years. But the country could not stop importing essentials, and its dollar account began **dwindling**. Colombo's huge foreign loan **obligations** and the drop in domestic production **compounded** the economic **strain**.

The value of the Sri Lankan rupee has dropped to 300 against a U.S. dollar (and even more than 400 in the black market), putting importers in a difficult spot.



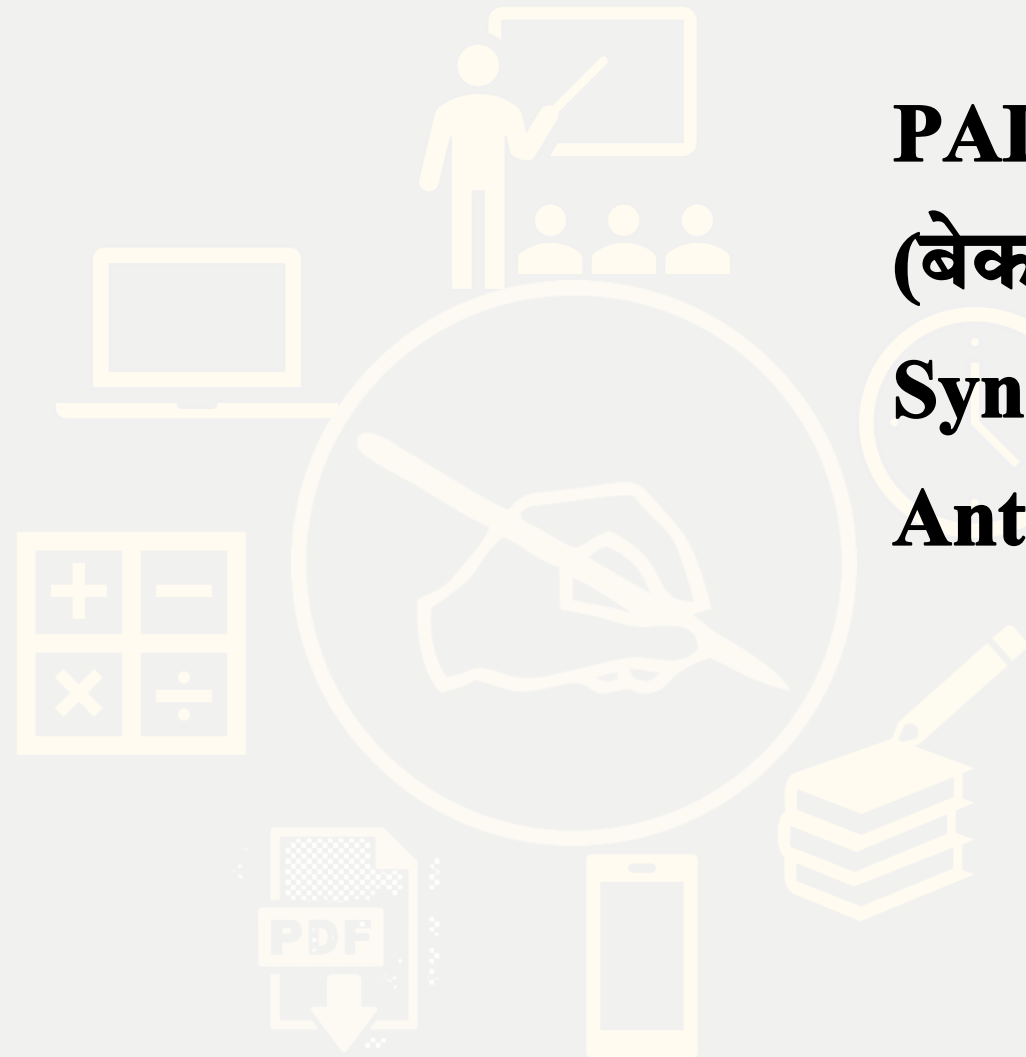
**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**

**PALTRY (ADJECTIVE):**

**(बेकार): worthless**

**Synonyms: petty, trivial**

**Antonyms: important**



**DIRE (ADJECTIVE):**

**(भयानक): Terrible**

**Synonyms: Dreadful,**

**Appalling**

**Antonyms: good**



**DISENGAGE (VERB): (वापस**

**लेना): Withdraw**

**Synonyms: Leave, Pull out of**

**Antonyms: Enter**

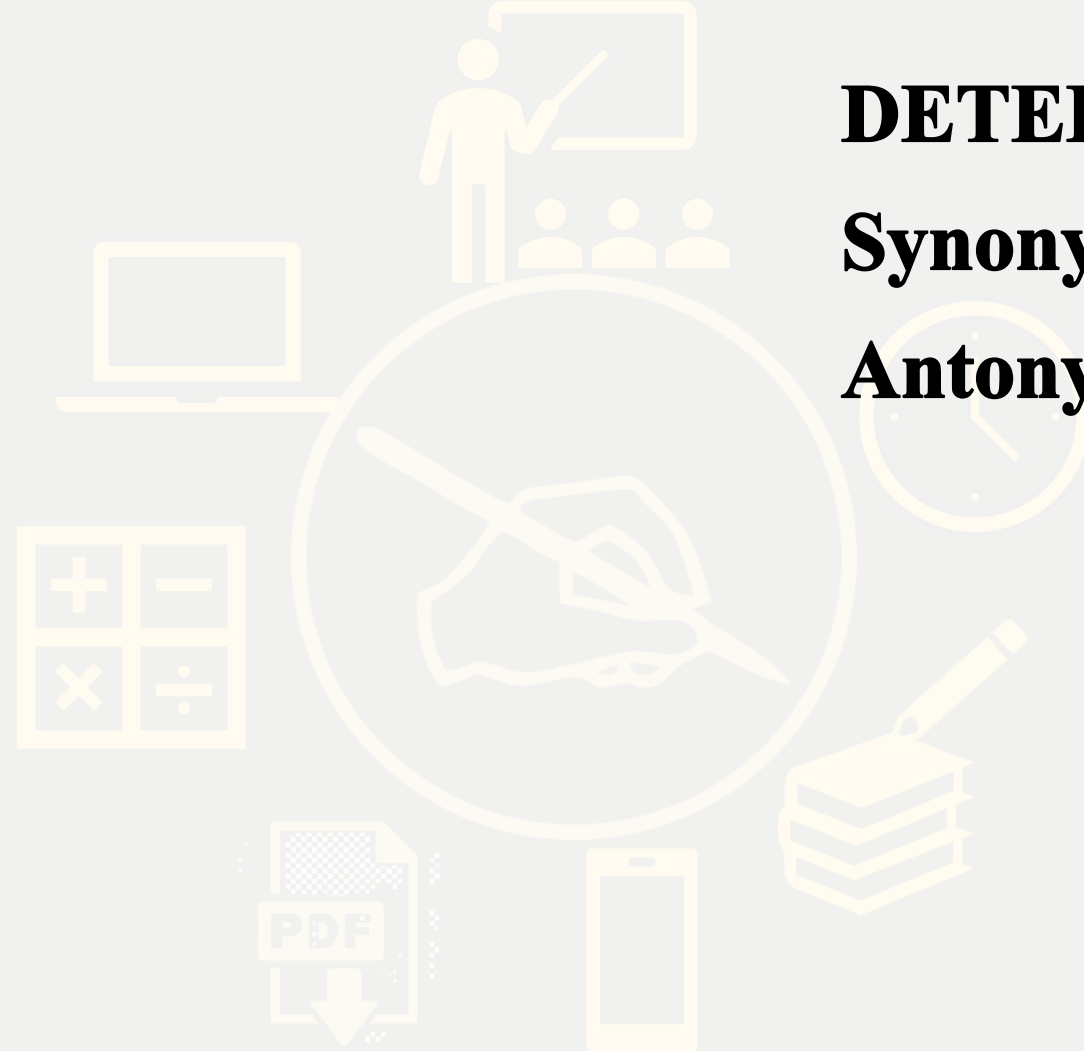




**DETER (VERB): (रोकना): prevent**

**Synonyms: stop, put a stop to**

**Antonyms: encourage**



# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

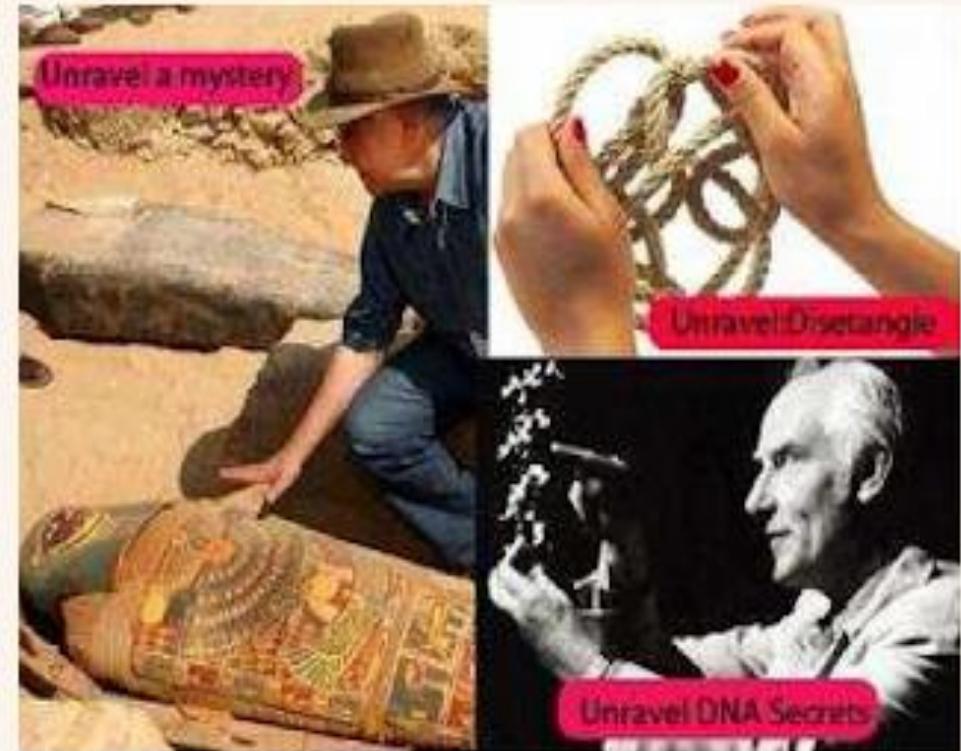
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#### 4. Erratic



**Definition:** Not happening at regular times; not following any plan or regular pattern; that you cannot rely on.

## 5. Unravel



**Definition:** Separate and clarify the elements of something.

## 12. Foil



**Definition:** To stop something from happening, especially something illegal.

# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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# Time for SYNONYMS

**1. Select the Synonym of the given word.**

**ABJURE**

**A. Trail**

**B. Admit**

**C. Placate**

**D. Renounce**



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**D. Renounce**



**2. Select the Synonym of the given word.**

**SUPPLE**

- A. Round**
- B. Rigid**
- C. Flexible**
- D. Hard**

**C. Flexible**



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# Time for IDIOMS

### **3. AT ONE'S BECK AND CALL**

**A. Be ready to obey someone**

**B. At rest**

**C. At one's desks**

**D. Maiden speech**

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**A. Be ready to obey someone**

## 4. **IN THE LONG RUN**

**A. Gainly**

**B. Finally**

**C. Resolutely**

**D. Perceptively**



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**B. Finally**

## 5. Kick the bucket

A) To conclude

B) To kill

C) To die

D) To absolve



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C) To die

# Time for Fillers



**6. You... .....sad to hear about the death of his beloved leader.**

- (1) was**
- (2) were**
- (3) and**
- (4) Have**
- (5) No error**

**Ans-(2)**



**7. If he.....himself from school he  
will be punished.**

- (1) will absent**
- (2) absents**
- (3) are absent**
- (4) has absenting**
- (5) will be absent**

**Ans-2**





**8. Our teacher.....and we.....**

**English test tomorrow**

- (1) will take, shall give**
- (2) will give, shall take**
- (3) take, give**
- (4) give, take**
- (5) give, will give**

**Ans-(2)**



**9. This box is..... heavy for  
you to lift.**

- (1) very**
- (2) much**
- (3) very much**
- (4) too**
- (5) No word**

**Ans. 4**



10. ....work will tell  
upon your health.

- (1) Much Too
- (2) Too much
- (3) Much of
- (4) Too
- (5) No word

**Ans- (2)**



# Homework



# Home Work

**One who hates war and  
loves peace**

**A. Optimist**

**B. Pessimist**

**C. Pacifist**

**D. Conservative**

# Home Work

## Answer

Select the Synonym of the given word.

**Aboriginal**

**(1) primitive**

**(2) new**

**(3) unoriginal**

**(4) Irrational**

