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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

Spoken English

BANK / SSC / UPSC / STATE EXAMS

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A person wearing a red jacket and dark pants stands on the edge of a dark, rocky mountain peak. The person is looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows the rugged texture of the rock and some sparse, dry vegetation. The background features a wide valley with green fields, a winding road, and a small town or village in the distance. The overall scene is one of solitude and natural beauty.


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*“Keep your eyes on
the stars, and your
feet on the ground.”*

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THEODORE
ROOSEVELT

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

The noun fruit is usually considered as an uncountable noun.

When referring to a single piece of fruit, you would say, a piece of fruit

However, when referring to different kinds of fruit, you may use fruit as a countable noun.

(a) Fruits are good for your health.

(b) She had only a piece of fruit for lunch.

**(c) I love to shop at that supermarket – it has
a wide variety of fruit.**



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Whom is used only as the object of a verb.

Both who and whom can be the object of a preposition but if the preposition comes before the pronoun, you must use whom.

A. Whom/who did you speak to about this matter?

B. To who did you speak about this matter?



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start

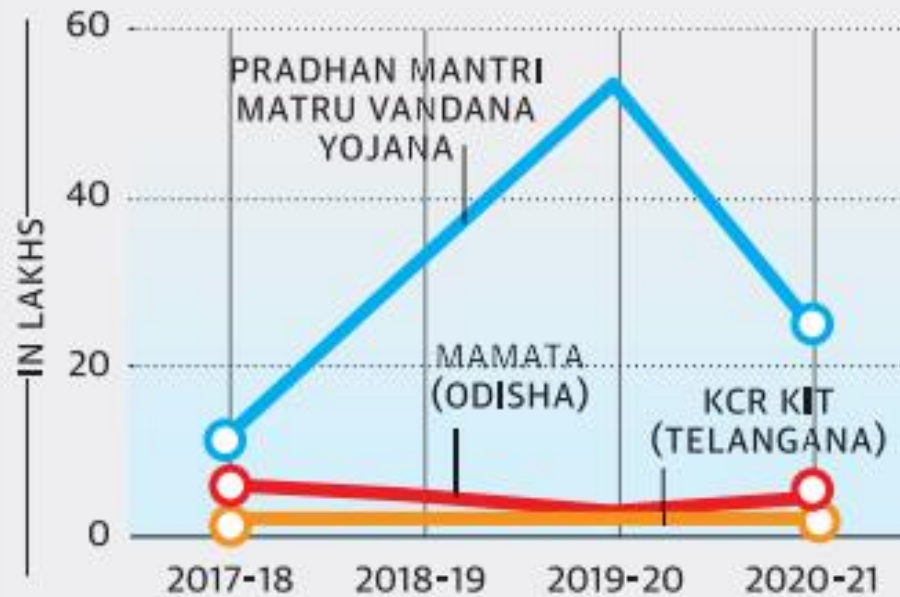


ARTICLE

State schemes can cast a lifeline to this welfare plan

Not measuring up

In 2020-21, the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana saw a 52% drop in the number of beneficiaries covered



SOURCE: INDUS ACTION



ARTICLE

India accounts for a fifth of the total childbirths in the world, with a **maternal mortality rate** of 113 per 1,00,000 live births. On January 1, 2017, the Government **rolled out** the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), where a 'cash incentive of ₹5,000 is provided directly to the bank/post office account of pregnant women and **lactating mothers** for the first living child of the family (subject to fulfilling specific conditions relating to maternal and child health)'. It is **aimed at** improving health seeking behaviour and to **compensate** for wage loss for pregnant women, particularly in the **unorganized sectors**. However, the performance of the scheme has been **deficient, necessitating** urgent need for improvement especially when the novel coronavirus pandemic has resulted in economic shocks for 260 lakh women who deliver on an average a child each year in India.

ARTICLE

Since its **inception**, the PMMVY has covered 2.01 crore women nationally, disbursing a total amount of ₹8,722 crore. But the annual estimate of the targeted **beneficiaries** by the Government of India has remained the same over the years. While the estimated eligible population of pregnant and lactating mothers in India was 128.7 lakh for 2017-18 (as in a report by the Centre for Policy Research 2019-20), the target set by the Government was 51.70 lakh beneficiaries, which is only 40% of the eligible population. This means that we have an **exclusion error** of at least 60% since 2017, as the target has remained unchanged over the years. Further, the enrolment and disbursements under the scheme have witnessed a **downward fall** in the last two years, as in the data provided by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD).

ARTICLE

In 2020-21, more than 50% of registered beneficiaries did not receive all three instalments and there was a 9% drop in enrolment under the scheme

To fulfill India's commitment towards the **Sustainable** Development Goal of improving maternal health, an ambitious Prime Minister's **Overarching** Scheme for **Holistic Nourishment** (POSHAN) Abhiyan and a national maternity benefit scheme are promising initiatives by the Centre.

However, targets can be achieved only if we revisit the design and implementation of this scheme, drawing lessons from States such as Odisha which are successfully prioritizing maternal health and nutrition in a **pragmatic manner**.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

SCRUTINISE (VERB): (जाँचना): inspect

Synonyms: survey scan

Antonyms: glance at

Example Sentence:

Customers were warned to scrutinize the small print.

INTRUSION (NOUN): (अतिक्रमण):

encroachment on

Synonyms: trespass on, obtrusion into

Antonyms: withdrawal

Example Sentence:

He was furious about this intrusion into his private life.

ABDICATE (VERB): (मना करना): disown

Synonyms: turn down, spurn

Antonyms: accept

Example Sentence:

He has always abdicated whenever given a responsibility.

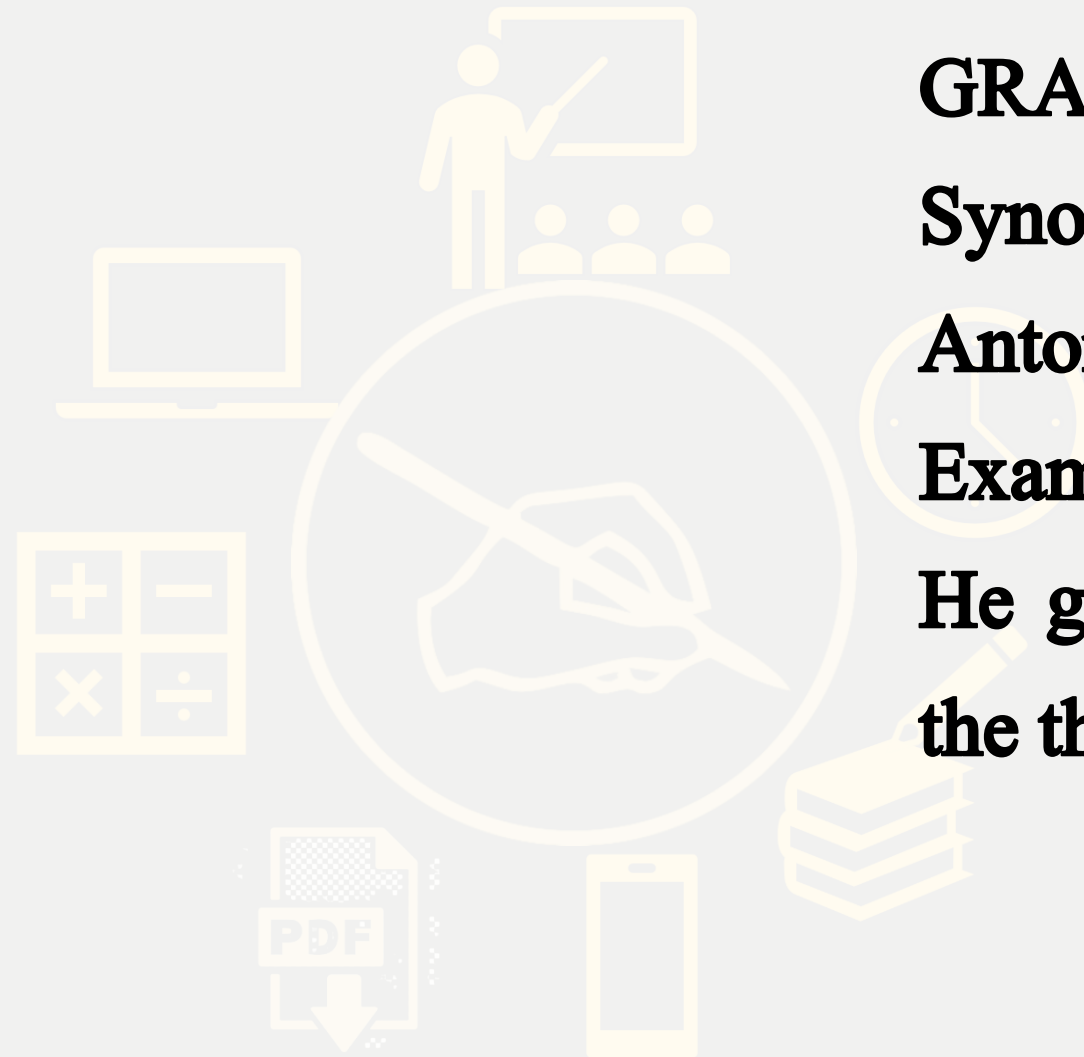
GRAPPLE (VERB): (पकड़ना): seize

Synonyms: grab, lay hold of

Antonyms: let go of

Example Sentence:

He grappled the young man around the throat.



LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

Q1. Dig the grave

A. to make space to rest

B. to destroy

C. to make space for planning

D. to build something



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Answer: Option B

Q2. Down and out

- A. poor and ruined**
- B. defeated**
- C. begging**
- D. out of style**



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Answer: Option A

Q3. Flog the dead horse

- A. to weep for something lost**
- B. to enjoy even if something lost**
- C. to revive interest in old matters**
- D. to forget old matters**

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Answer: Option C

Q4. Giddy goat

A. to act bravely

B. to act slowly

C. to act foolishly

D. to act as advised



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Answer: c to act foolishly

Q5. Hard nosed attitude

A. quality to forgive

B. protective

C. calm

D. aggressive



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Answer: Option D

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Q6. All in all

A. Every person

B. Particular thing same in all

C. Call all at once

D. Most important

Answer: Option D

Q7. At one's fingertips

- A. To take revenge**
- B. Matter of shame**
- C. Complete knowledge**
- D. None of above**

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Answer: C. Complete knowledge



Time for
One word

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Q8. **Blasphemy**

- A. An act of speaking for ruler.
- B. An act of speaking against ruler.
- C. An act of speaking for religion.
- D. An act of speaking against religion.

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Blasphemy meaning in Hindi ईश्वर निन्दा

Q9. Ephemeral

- A. Lasting for a very short time.
- B. Everlasting.
- C. Lasting till we wish.
- D. Lasting till certain event.

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Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Ephemeral meaning in Hindi क्षणभंगुर

**00:20****Q10. Extempore**

- A. Spoken or done with proper preparation.**
- B. Spoken or done without preparation.**
- C. Spoken or done in alone.**
- D. Spoken or done in front of public.**

Answer: Option B**Explanation:****Extempore meaning in Hindi : बिना तैयारी का**

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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EMINA LOOKED SLIGHTLY ABASHED



Abash (embarrass, शर्मिंदा करना)

ABASH



TEMPESTUOUS – strong and turbulent or conflicting emotion.



ENGLISH SPEAKING

TIPS

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USE OF GERUND

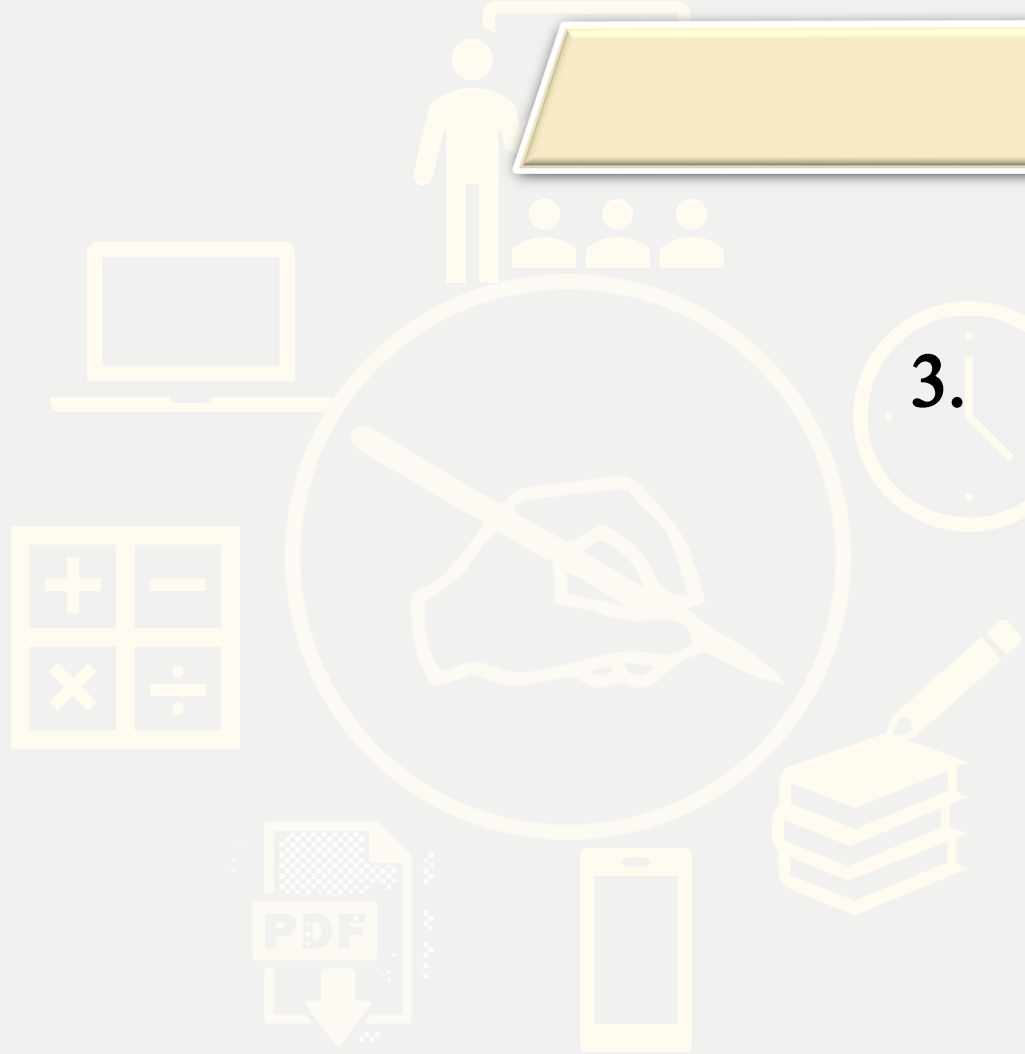
1. मैंने पढ़ना बंद किया और लिखना शुरू किया.
I stopped reading and started writing.

USE OF GERUND

2. झगड़ना बंद करो तुम दोनों.
Stop quarrelling, you two!

USE OF GERUND

3. चिंता करना बंद करो.
Stop worrying.



Homework



Home Work

Indelible

- A. A mark that can be erased.
- B. A mark that cannot be erased.
- C. A mark which we can see from long distance.
- D. None of above.

Home Work Answer

Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

It is for the government,

P-especially one with such a

Q-significant majority, to have the

R-intelligence and leadership to think

long term

- 1) QRP 2) **PQR** 3) RPQ 4) QPR

