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GRAMMAR SKILLS

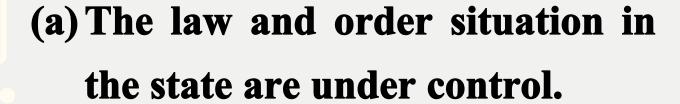




GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

When two singular subjects are practically synonymous, the verb should be in the singular form.





- (b) His power and influence are on the decline.
- (c) Power and position have no charm for my friend.

GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Use of None

"None can take either a singular or a plural verb depending on the noun which follows it."

Structure [None + of the + (non-count noun) + singular verb]

Structure [None + of the + (plural count. noun) + plural verb]





B. None of the students has finished the exam yet.











No short circuits

Safety is an imperative and should be built into the cost and utility of electric vehicles







A spate of incidents related to the burning of electric vehicles (EV) has resulted in the Union government announcing an expert panel to investigate the battery explosions causing them and a few manufacturers recalling batches of electric scooters after some caught fire. EVs have increasingly become a viable transportation device, with more than 11 lakh electric/battery-operated vehicles registered in India (Vahan database, April 2022). The increase in the utilisation of EVs has also been largely helped by the significant reduction in costs of lithium-ion batteries that have fallen by an estimated 89% since 2010. With climate change concerns driving governments, including India's, to incentivise the shift to EVs, their manufacture for commercial use has undergone an acceleration with an increase in indigenous companies in the Indian market as well.



ARTICLE

The enhanced use of EVs and utilization of the underlying technology is welcome as despite the institution of fuel emission norms and building these into fossil fuel-driven vehicles, the shift to EVs from petrol and diesel ones is expected to gain significant net environmental benefits. But it must also be remembered that the Li-ion battery packs that form the core of the technology, are sophisticated devices and there should be no compromise on the inbuilt safeguards. As an energy storage scientist explained battery fires occur due to the convergence of heat, oxygen and fuel, and the controlled manufacturing of devices is specifically required to prevent these. Engineering higher safety into Evs can result in higher costs but the smooth functioning of Li-ion batteries without accidents is reliant on the absence of "shoddy engineering" and "cutting corner approaches".





THE HINDU VOCABULARY





(ADJECTIVE):

(छिटपुट): occasional

Synonyms: infrequent, irregular

Antonyms: frequent



PURSUE (VERB): (संचालित करना):

conduct

Synonyms: undertake, follow

Antonyms: give up





डालना): threaten

Synonyms: jeopardize, imperil

Antonyms: friendly





(ADJECTIVE):

(भयानक): terrible

Synonyms: frightful, horrible

Antonyms: mild



LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS









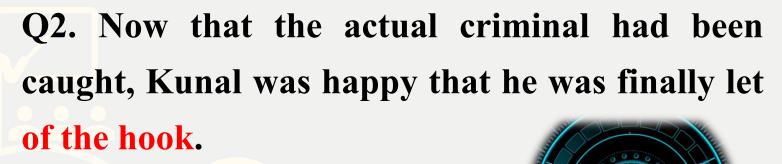
Q1. The little boy appeared all of a sudden out of nowhere and take everyone by surprise.

A took everyone as surprised
B take everyone with surprise
C took everyone by surprises
D took everyone by surprise



Correct Option: D The underlined part must be replaced with 'took everyone by surprise' to match the tense in the sentence. The idiom 'to take someone by surprise' means to do something not expected





A. off the hook

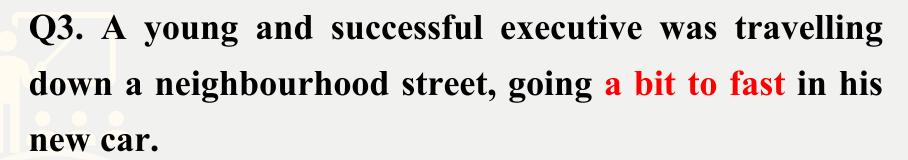
B. of the hookings

C. off the hooks

D. of the hooks Correct Option: A

The idiom 'off the hook' means 'having avoided a difficult situation'.





A. a bit too fastly

B. a bit as fast

C. a bit to fastly

D. a bit too fast





The underlined part must be replaced with 'a bit too fast''Too' is an adverb, one of the meanings of which is 'more than enough'





Q4. He told his employer of his plans to leave the business to lead a more leisure life.

- A. more leisurely life
- B. many leisurely
- C. many leisured life
- D. more leisurely live



Correct Option: A The underlined part must be replaced with 'more leisurely life' to make it a grammatically correct sentence.

'Life' is a noun and 'leisurely' is an adjective





Q5. Being as I am a realist, I could not accept his statement that supernatural beings have caused the disturbance.

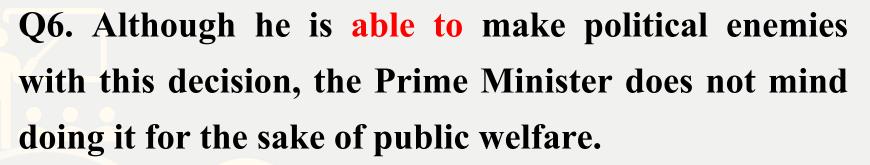
- A. That I am a realist
- B. Being a realist
- C. Being that I am a realist
- D. Realist that I am

Correct Option: B

The underlined part must be replaced with 'Being a realist'







- A. liable form
- B. of a mind to
- C. acknowledging his liability to
- D. liable to





The adjective 'liable' means 'at risk of or subject to experiencing or suffering something unpleasant.' and the word is used with 'to'.



- A. Anyone of those two
- B. Either two of these
- C. Two of any of these
- D. Either of these two





The underlined part must be replaced with 'either of these two' to make it a grammatically correct sentence.



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1 collect

2 horde

3 heap

4 distribute



Solution: 4

Amass - to collect, heap, to horde



Q9.

VIRULENT

1 dangerous

2 amicable

3 lethal

4 powerful



Solution: 2

Virulent - highly poisonous

,lethal

Amicable- friendly





1.adhere

2.credit

3.surplus

4.remove





Deficit - deficiency in amount or quality

Adhere -to be attached or devoted.

Surplus - excess

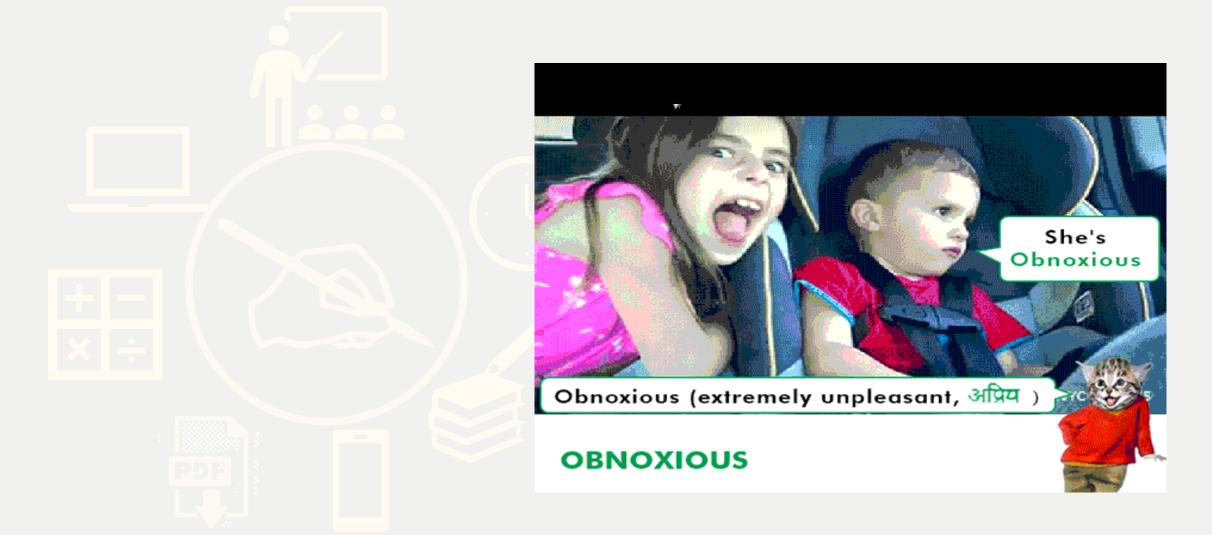




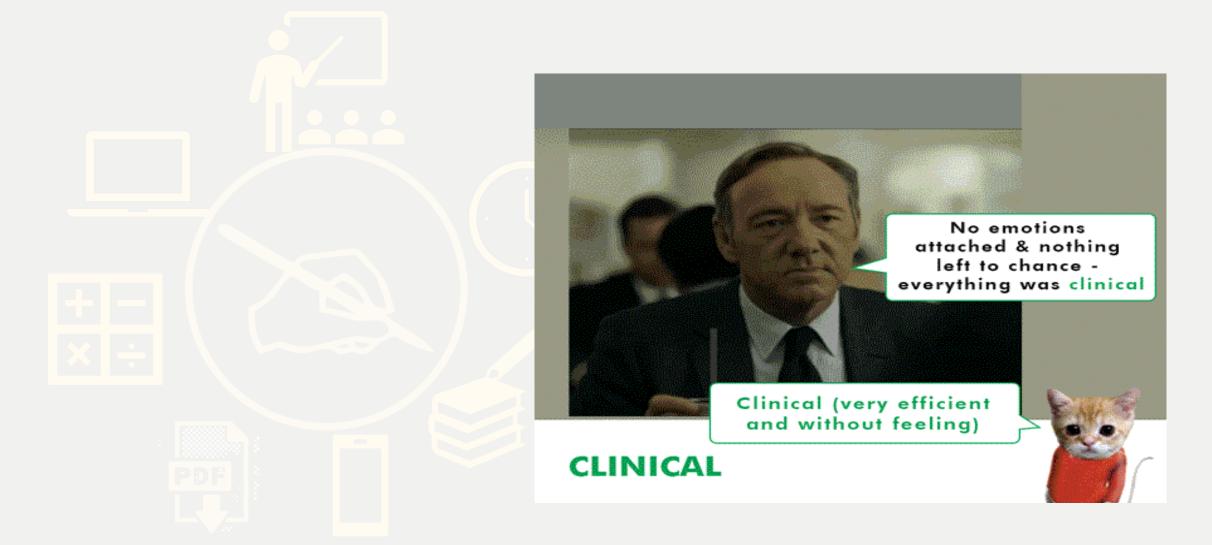
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Antonym

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PROLONG

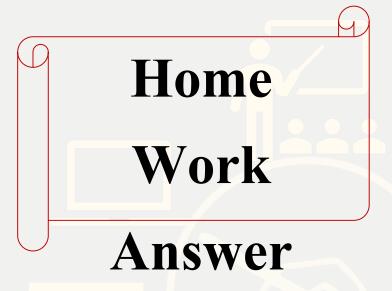
1.prevent

2.shorten

3.allow

4.increase





a) For the past one week, / b) people had stop working / c) out of their houses, / d) fearing a sudden attack. / e) No error

