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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

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**In teaching
others
we teach
ourselves.**






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GRAMMAR SKILLS

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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Much too is followed by
Unpleasant Adjective,
whereas too much is
followed by Noun.

Much too + Unpleasant
Adjective.

Too much + Noun.



A. His failure is too much painful for me.

B. His wife's rude behavior gives him much too pain.





GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Both since and from are used before time denoting some point of time. However, while since is preceded by a verb in the perfect tense, from is used with the non-perfect tense.



- (a) India has been playing
Test cricket from 1932.**
- (b) I am going to start my
job since tomorrow.**





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SO IT'S TIME

Let's start





ARTICLE

Scientists remain sceptical about how nano urea benefits crops

While the inventor says farmers are benefiting from it, several experts have questioned the science underlying its efficacy





ARTICLE

Nano urea, a **fertilizer** patented and sold by the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO), has been approved by the government for commercial use because of its **potential** to **substantially reduce** the import bill, but several experts have questioned the science **underlying** its **efficacy**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while **inaugurating** a nano urea production plant at Kalol in Gujarat on May 28, said, "... A small bottle (500 ml) of nano urea is equivalent to one 50kg bag of **granular** urea currently used by farmers." IFFCO's nano urea contains nitrogen, an element critical for plant development, in the form of granules that are a hundred thousand times finer than a sheet of paper. At this nano scale, which is about a **billionth** of a metre, materials behave differently than in the **visible realm**.

ARTICLE

Ramesh Raliya, 34, who is **credited** as the inventor of nano urea and is now a consultant with IFFCO, told The Hindu that his process used “organic polymers” that kept the nano **particles** of nitrogen **stable** and in a form that could be sprayed on plants. Chemically packaged urea is 46% nitrogen, which means a 45kg sack contains about 20 kg of nitrogen. **Contrastingly**, nano urea sold in 500ml bottles has only 4% nitrogen (or around 20 g). How this can **compensate** for the kilograms of nitrogen normally required **puzzles** scientists. Plants need nitrogen to make protein and they source almost all of it from soil bacteria which live in a plant’s roots and have them ability to break down atmospheric nitrogen, or that from chemicals such as urea into a form usable by plants.



ARTICLE

To produce one tonne of wheat grain, a plant needs 25 kg of nitrogen. For rice, it is 20 kg of nitrogen, and for **maize**, it is 30 kg of nitrogen. Not all the urea cast on the soil, or sprayed on leaves in the case of nano urea, can be **utilised** by the plant. If 60% of the available nitrogen was used, it would **yield** 496 kg of wheat grain. Even if 100% of 20 g of nano urea, which is what is effectively available, is utilised by the plant, it will yield only 368 g of grain, said N.K. Tomar, retired Professor of Soil Science at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar, Haryana.



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THE HINDU VOCABULARY



The Hindu Vocabulary

MALAISE

(NOUN):

unhappiness

Synonyms:

uneasiness

Antonyms: comfort

(अप्रसन्नता):

restlessness,





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The Hindu Vocabulary

VAUNT

(VERB): (प्रशंसा करना): acclaim

Synonyms: esteem, revere

Antonyms: criticize





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The Hindu Vocabulary

AMELIORATE

(VERB): (सुधरना): improve

Synonyms: better, enhance

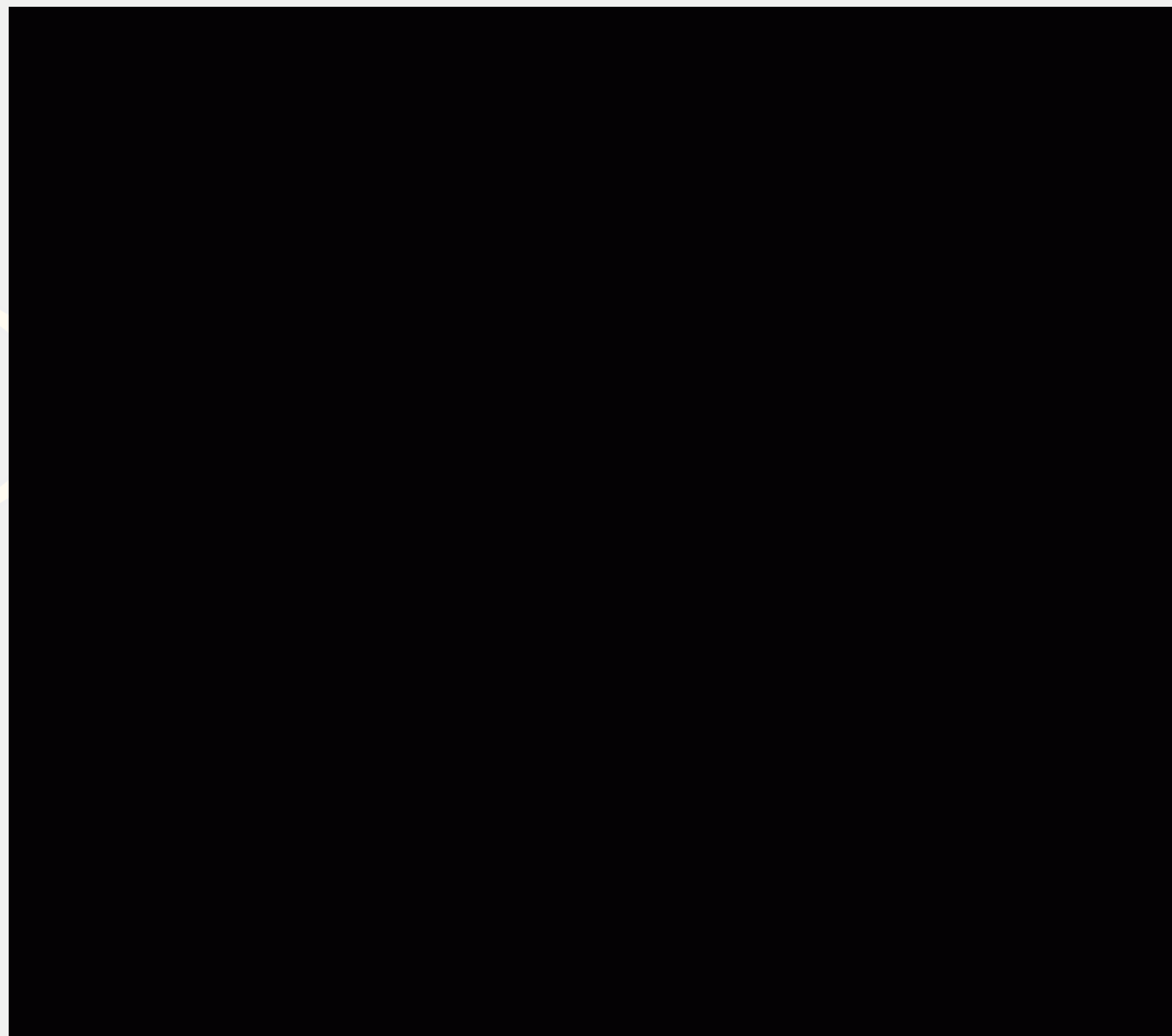
Antonyms: worsen





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The Hindu Vocabulary

BOUNTY

(NOUN): (उदारता): generosity

Synonyms: magnanimity,
munificence

Antonyms: meanness





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Time for SYNONYMS



1. Find the synonym of
INTIMIDATE

- A. To hint
- B. Frighten
- C. Bluff
- D. Harass

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Answer: Option B



2. Find the synonym of
CANTANKEROUS

A. Quarrelsome

B. Rash

C. Disrespectful

D. Noisy

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Answer: Option A



3. Find the synonym of ZANY

A. Clown

B. Pet

C. Thief

D. Magician

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Answer: Option A



**4. Find the synonym of
KEN**

A. Ignorance

B. Witness

C. Trial

D. Knowledge

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Answer: Option D



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Time for IDIOMS



5. The detective left no stone
unturned to trace the culprit.

A. took no pains

B. did very irrelevant things

C. resorted to illegitimate
practices

D. used all available means

Answer: Option D

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6. The authorities took him to task for his negligence.

A. gave him additional work

B. suspended his assignment

C. reprimanded him

D. forced him to resign

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Answer: Option C



7. Their business is now on
its last legs.

A. About to fructify

B. About to perish

C. About to produce results

D. About to take off

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Answer: Option B



8. He **went back on** his promise
to vote for me.

- A. withdrew
- B. forgot
- C. reinforced
- D. supported

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Answer: Option A



9. The old beggar **ran amuck** and began to throw stones at the passerby.

- A. became desperate
- B. ran about wildly
- C. become annoyed
- D. felt disgusted

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Answer: Option B



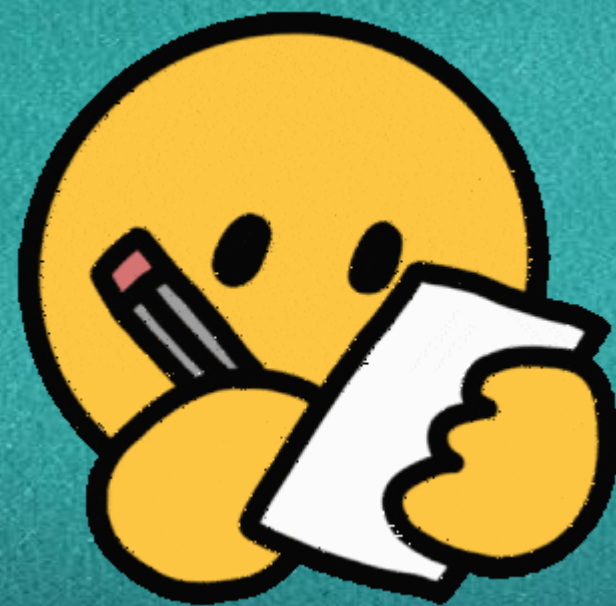
10. I cannot **conceive** of a time when I was without a refrigerator

- A. Imagine
- B. Give birth
- C. Understand
- D. Depend

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Answer: Option A

Homework





Home Work Answer

Find the synonym of
WRETCHED

- A. Poor**
- B. Foolish**
- C. Insane**
- D. Strained**



Home Work

**Find the synonym of
WARY**

- A. Sad**
- B. vigilant**
- C. Distorted**
- D. Tired**

