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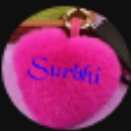
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.



Surbhi Sinha 4 days ago

Trifle= a matter or item of little value or importantan



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shreya patel 4 days ago

1. Trifle: (noun) a matter or item of little value or imp
Synonyms: trivia,

2. Sanguine: (adj) positive and hoping for good thing
Synonyms: happy, optimistic, positive...

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Mini Chaubey 4 days ago

Trifle = triviaa, little particular



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Mini Chaubey 4 days ago

Sanguine = cheerful, happy, hopefull



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yash kumar 4 days ago

Trifle- a thing of little value or importance.

Synonym- trivia

Antonym-save

Senentence-these are pair of trifle shoes....



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Lucky Kumar 4 days ago

1 sanguine hopefull ,optimistic, credulous 2 trifle



Reply



Chandrika Gore 4 days ago

1. Trifle: (noun) a matter or item of little value or i

Synonyms: trivia, technicality

Sentence: We are talking about one million, and c

2. Sanguine: (adj) (of someone or someone's cha

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Tarun Singh 4 days ago

Good morning mam



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EDITORIAL

VOCABULARY



Mahendra's



1. Tweak (Verb)

Meaning: to change something slightly, especially in order to make it more correct, effective, or suitable; twist or pull (something) sharply

Synonyms: pinch, twist, adjustment, correction, modification

Sentence: 1. He gave the boy's ear a painful tweak.
2. Maybe you should tweak a few sentences before you send in the report.

2. Insurmountable (Adjective) : दुर्गम

Meaning: (a problem or a difficulty) so great that it cannot be dealt with successfully

Synonyms: unconquerable, invincible, indomitable, unbeatable

Antonyms: surmountable, superable, vincible, vulnerable, attainable

Sentence: Luckily, when a math problem seems insurmountable, I can call my brother Billy to help.

(→) 3. Coercion (Noun) : ज़ोर-ज़बर्दस्ती

Meaning: the practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats

Synonyms: pressure, compulsion, intimidation, violence

✓ Antonyms: consent, agreement, approval

Sentence: He claimed the police had used coercion, threats, and promises to obtain the statement illegally.

4. Intrusion (Noun) : घुसपैठ

Meaning: an occasion when someone goes into a place or situation where they are not wanted or expected to be

Synonyms: incursion, invasion

Antonyms: withdrawal, retreat, surrender

Sentence: Because it was considered an intrusion of privacy, the hotel owner was arrested for setting up cameras in the rooms.

THE HINDU VOCABULARY

5. Espionage (Noun) : गुप्तचर रखना / जासूसी

Meaning: **the practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information**

Synonyms: **spying, surveillance, reconnaissance,**

Sentence: **Tom Clancy is an American writer focusing on espionage and military science.**

6. Corpus (Noun) : समूह

Meaning: a collection of written texts, especially the entire works of a particular author or a body of writing on a particular subject.

Synonyms: collection, compilation, entity

Sentence: I've got the corpus of Shakespeare's works.

7. Kudos (Noun) : प्रशंसा

Meaning: **praise and honor received for an achievement**

Synonyms: **prestige, cachet, glory**

✓ Antonyms: **criticize, reprimand**

Sentence: **He received kudos from everyone for his performance.**

8. Brevity (Noun) : संक्षिप्तता

Meaning: concise and exact use of words in writing or speech.

Synonyms: **conciseness, concision, succinctness**

~~Antonyms:~~ **lengthiness, extensiveness, extending**

Sentence: **His essays are models of clarity and brevity.**

9. Quaint (Adjective) : विचित्र

Meaning: different from the ordinary in a way that causes curiosity or suspicion

Synonyms: bizarre, strange, weird

✓ Antonyms: normal, ordinary

Sentence: Attractions include scenic journeys by boat and an eight-mile steam railway as well as quaint shops and restaurants.

10. Heft (Adjective) : बलवान

Meaning: large, heavy, and powerful

Synonyms: burly, heavy, sturdy

Antonyms: weakness, helplessness, impotence

Sentence: Some synthetic fabrics are nice and warm, but I prefer wool because it has more heft.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **SUPERNAL**

1. nocturnal
2. special
3. despicable
4. hellish ✓

Meaning: supernal means coming from on high, or heavenly;
infernal is a synonym for hellish,

Solution: 4. hellish

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **REPROBATE**

1. devil
2. virtuous ✓
3. possess
4. dismiss

Meaning: reprobate means morally debased or sinner; virtuous means having or showing high moral standards

Solution: 2. virtuous

Find the correct one?



Antonym of SPECIOUS

1. genuine ✓
2. logical
3. common
4. deliberate

Meaning: specious means having a false look of truth or genuineness, therefore genuine is the opposite

Solution: 1. genuine

Find the correct one?



Antonym of EFFETE — weak

1. conquer
2. powerful ✓
3. prosperous
4. civilized

Meaning: effete means weak or decadent; powerful
will be its antonym

Solution 2. powerful

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **RABBLE**

1. order
2. clear
3. open
4. union ✓

Meaning: a rabble is a disorderly or disorganized crowd of people; a union is a group of individuals joined in an organized manner

Solution: 4. union

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **PROTRACT**

- 1. hire
- 2. fold
- 3. delay ✓
- 4. corner

Meaning: to protract means to prolong in time or space,
or to delay

Solution: 3. delay

Find the correct one?



Synonym of LAX

1. ensure
2. slack ✓
3. servant
4. strive

Meaning: lax means in a relaxed state, or slack

Solution: 2. slack

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **RIGOR**

1. austerity ✓
2. rope
3. fix
4. excess

Meaning: rigor means severity of life, or austerity

Solution: 1. austerity

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **DISCRETE**

1. leave
2. diminish
3. squander
4. distinct ✓

Meaning: discrete means individually distinct or
separate

Solution: 4. distinct

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **IMPUGN**

1. imply
2. fret
3. assail ✓
4. restrict

Meaning: to impugn means to attack verbally as false or lacking integrity; to assail means to attack

Solution: 3. assail

IDIOMS & PHRASES



Sitting on the fence

1. hesitating which side to take
2. resting on fence
3. sitting back and enjoying the fun
4. observing the scene

Solution: 1. hesitating which side to take

IDIOMS & PHRASES



A month of Sundays

1. no time
2. a long time
3. a special Sunday
4. a short period

Solution: 2. a long time

IDIOMS & PHRASES



In apple-pie order

1. in perfect order ✓
2. ordering for apple pie
3. arranging apples neatly
4. orderly preparation of apple pie

Solution: 1. in perfect order

IDIOMS & PHRASES



To make a mountain of a molehill

1. to get into trouble
2. to give great importance to little things
3. to see things with a prejudiced mind
4. to make advantage of a small thing

- biased

Solution: 2. to give great importance to little things

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. A false name adopted by an author for writing—
Pseudonym

2. One who takes care of a building—
Janitor

3. One who believes in fate—
Fatalist

4. Impossible to describe—
Ineffable

TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

End-of-life decisions

The Supreme Court of India's tweaks to advance
directive norms are welcome, but legislation will be
better

When the Supreme Court granted legal status to the concept of 'advance medical directives' in 2018 and allowed passive euthanasia, subject to stringent safeguards, it was seen as a vital recognition of both patient autonomy over end-of-life decisions and the right to a dignified death. However, doctors later found that some of the specific directions turned out to be "insurmountable obstacles". In a recent order, a Constitution Bench modified the directions to make them more workable and simple. The advance directive no more needs to be countersigned by a judicial magistrate. Instead, it could be attested before a notary or a gazetted officer.

Instead of the magistrate, it is enough if the notary or officer is satisfied that the document is executed voluntarily, without coercion or inducement, and with full understanding. The original guideline that the executor should name a guardian or a close relative who would be authorised to give consent to refuse or withdraw medical treatment, in the event of the executor becoming incapable of a decision, has been modified to name more than one guardian or relative. Instead of the magistrate being tasked with informing family members about the document, in case they are not present at the time of its being executed, the onus is now on the persons themselves to hand over a copy of the advance directive to the guardians or close relatives named in it, as well as to the family physician. It may also be included in digital health records.

The new guidelines require the hospital itself to constitute a primary medical board to certify whether the instructions on refusal or withdrawal of treatment should be carried out. The hospital should also form a secondary board, including a doctor nominated by the district's chief medical officer, which will have to endorse the primary board's certificate. The change here is that the district Collector need not constitute the second medical board, as required in the 2018 judgment. The scrutiny by the boards holds good even in cases in which there is no advance directive, but the patient is not in a position to make any decision.

The new guidelines also spell out the experience and specialisations of those to be included in the medical boards. While such guidelines are useful and necessary to implement the concept of a 'living will' and advance medical directives, it is time Parliament came out with a comprehensive law. Such a law could also provide for a repository of advance directives so that the need to ascertain afresh its genuine nature does not arise at the time of its implementation.



1. Truncate ✓

2. Rampant ✓

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