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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**

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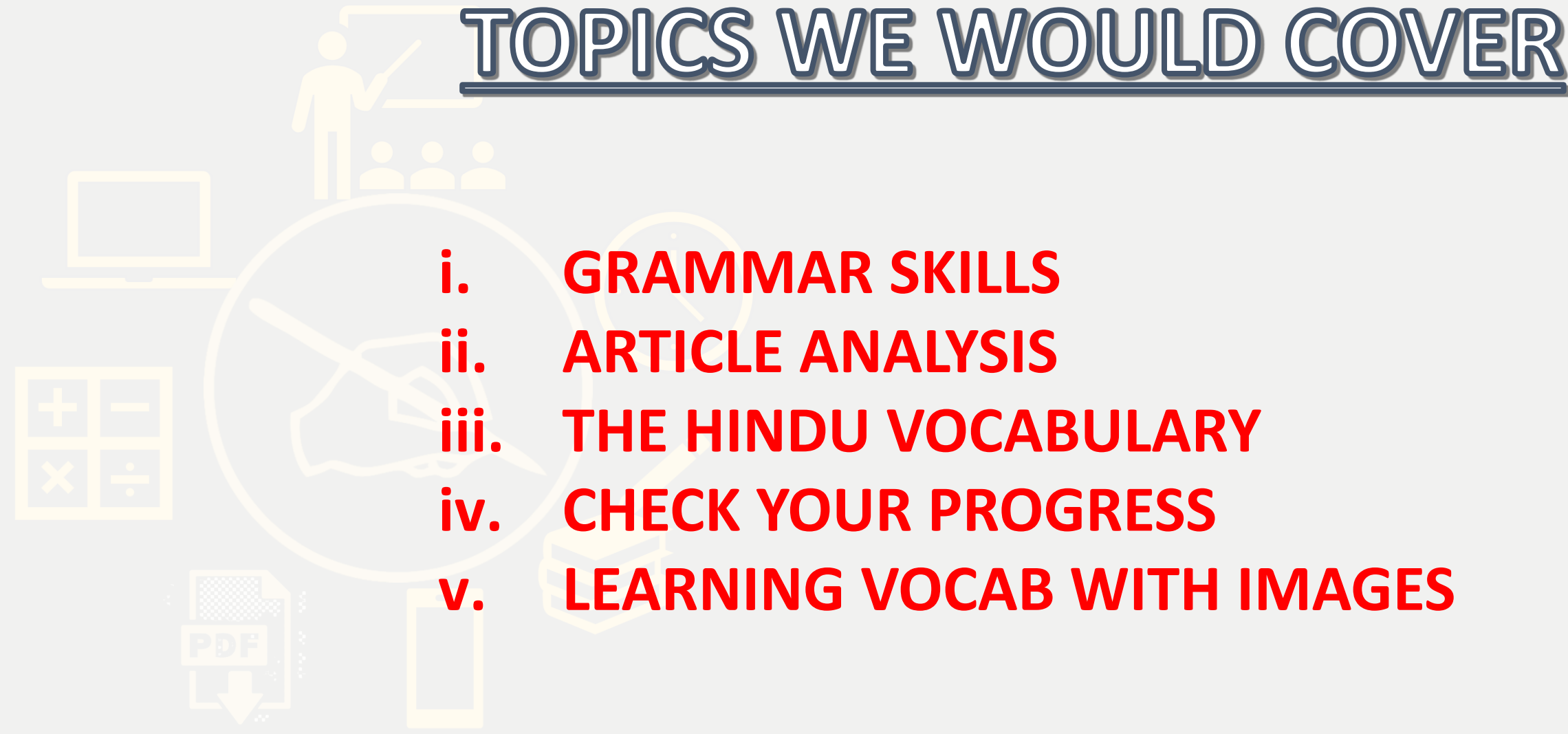




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- Nitin Namdeo

# 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**

# GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE  
YOU  
READY??



## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Lets understand the difference between similar words that have been confusing us from the longest time.

**Adapt** – make suitable

**Adopt** – take a child as one's own

**Allusion** – pleasant and good-tempered

## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

**Beside** – by the side

**Besides** – in addition to

**Childish** – Silly

**Childlike** – Innocent

**Verbal** – relating to words

**Verbose** – wordy

**Disinterested** – free from bias or prejudice

**Uninterested** – not interested

## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Generally, 'A large number of' is followed by a plural verb while 'The large number of' is followed by a singular verb.

**(a) A large number of students was absent.**

**(b) The number of tourists have gradually fallen off.**





# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**



# ARTICLE

## Waiting for jobs

The Centre's decision to recruit personnel is a nod to the festering unemployment issue



# ARTICLE

For a nation that has had a significant **demographic dividend** — the working age population is much larger than the non-working age sections — finding **productive** employment for its youth was to be an **imperative** for India. Yet, in the last few years, unemployment has remained a **major concern** — the leaked Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) in 2018 **revealed** that India's unemployment rate was the highest (6.07%) in four decades. The latest PLFS suggests that the numbers now are not so **drastic**, with the overall unemployment rate at 4.2% in 2020-21 compared to 4.8% in 2019-20 and the labour force **participation** rate (LFPR) increasing to 41.6%, up from 40.1% in 2019-20. In terms of the more **widely** used **statistic** internationally, the current weekly status of unemployment, the figure of 7.5% for all persons in 2020-21 is still **worrying**.

# ARTICLE

But, the PLFS data will not bring much **cheer** to the Government despite a decrease in unemployment, according to official data. This is because the decrease, says the PLFS, has also **coincided with** the transfer of employment into lower productive and unpaid jobs away from salaried employment. Worryingly, industrial jobs have decreased with more employment in agricultural and farm-related jobs — a trend that **accelerated** following the lockdown and has not **reversed** since then. Unemployment rates among the educated (above secondary education 9.1%) and the youth (age between 15-29 — 12.9%) have only **declined marginally**. **Wage rates** have continued to remain lower for those employed in either salaried jobs or self-employed compared to the pre-pandemic period, with the increases being marginal in the year following lockdown-driven days of the pandemic.

# ARTICLE



**In this regard**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's **announcement** that the Government will be recruiting 10 lakh personnel within the next 18 months (vacancies in the Railways, the armed forces and GST departments among others) should be seen as a step in the right direction. The latest data showed that there were 8.86 lakh vacant jobs among all central government civilian posts as of March 2020. Mr. Modi's announcement was not about the creation of a **large chunk** of new jobs; the bulk of the promised employment is to fill up vacancies.



**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**

# The Hindu Vocabulary

**TOXIC (ADJECTIVE): (अप्रिय):**

**unpleasant**

**Synonyms: very bad, harmful**

**Antonyms: pleasant**

# The Hindu Vocabulary

**RAMPANT (ADJECTIVE):**

**(अनियंत्रित): uncontrolled**

**Synonyms: unrestrained,  
unchecked**

**Antonyms: controlled**



# The Hindu Vocabulary

**AGITATION (NOUN):**

**(आवेश): anxiety**

**Synonyms: perturbation,  
disquiet**

**Antonyms: calmness**

# The Hindu Vocabulary

**CASTIGATE (VERB):**  
(आलोचना करना): reprimand  
**Synonyms:** rebuke,  
admonish  
**Antonyms:** praise



# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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# Time for IDIOMS

Q1. **No strings attached**

A. An agreement without conditions

B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time

C. To be judged as accepted

D. Worried for frivolous things

**Correct Option: A**



## Q2. **A doubting Thomas**

A. An skeptical person

B. To keep people at a distance

C. To interfere in someone's affairs

D. To regret in vain that can't be undone

**Correct Option: A**  
**Meaning: A skeptic who needs physical or personal evidence in order to believe something.**



Q3. **Put a brave face**

A. To work hard and stay up very late night

B. To feel very sad

C. To act confident in a difficult situation

D. To commit a fraud

**Correct Option: C**



**Q4. Take a back seat**

- A. An agreement without conditions**
- B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time**
- C. Take a subordinate position**
- D. Worried for frivolous things**



**Solution : C. Take a subordinate position**



**Q5. To lose ground to somebody/something**

A. An skeptical person

B. To keep people at a distance

C. To interfere in someone's affairs

**Solution : D. To lose a sustained share/position**



Q6. **Pass the buck**

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- B. To pass the blame
- C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- D. Once in a life-time



**Solution : B. To pass the blame**



Time for  
MIS-SPELT  
WORDS

Q7. **Fishermen** have been warned not to **vanture** out to sea from **Saturday** and those out on deep sea fishing expeditions advised to return to the **coast**.

1. Fishermen
2. Vanture
3. Saturday
4. Coast
5. All Correct

Solution:  
Venture

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Q8. Teenager Prithvi Shaw became the sevenshth youngest test centurion on day one of the series-opener against the West Indies at Rajkot after he took 99 balls to score h **0:30** y.

1. Teenager
2. Centurion
3. Opener
4. Sevength
5. All Correct

Solution:  
Seventh

Q9. **Following** the resurgence of the **controversy**, she also accused Mr. Agnihotri of **behaving inappropriately** with her during the making of 2005 film **Chocolate**.

1. Following
2. Behaving
3. Controversy
4. Inappropriately
5. All Correct

**0:30**

Solution:  
Contro  
rsy

10. Find the correctly spelt word.

- A Abreivate
- B Abbrreviate
- C Abbreviate
- D Abrreviate

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Correct Option: C  
Abbreviate (verb):

If you abbreviate something, especially a word or a piece of writing, you make it shorter.

Ex. The U.S.A. is abbreviated form of the United States of America.

# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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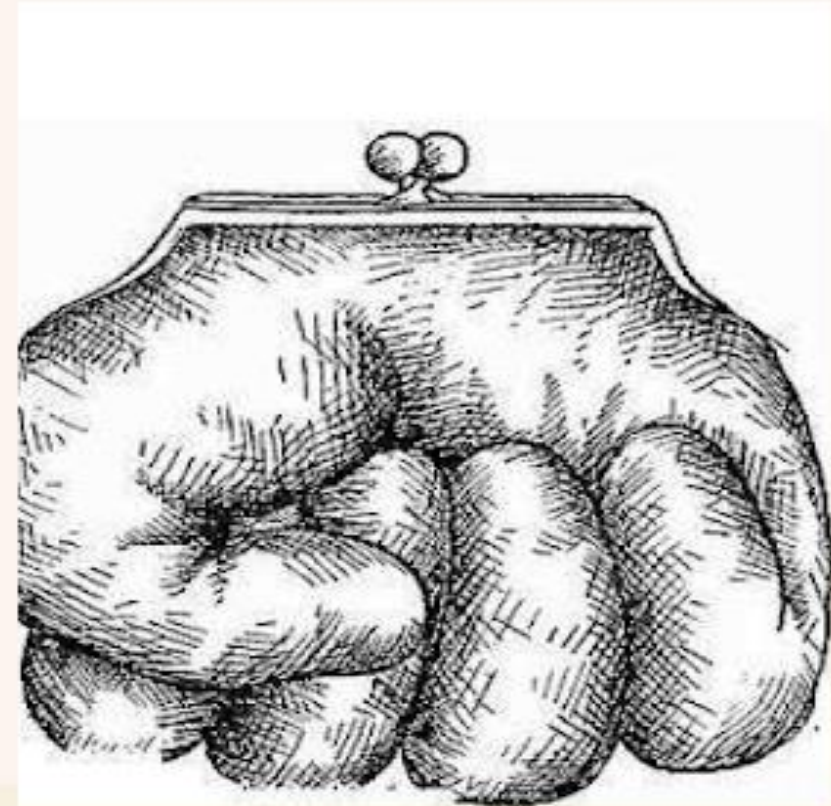


## 2. Blasphemy



**Definition:** Behavior or language that insults or shows a lack of respect for God or religion.

#### 4. Parsimonious



**Definition:** Extremely unwilling to spend money.

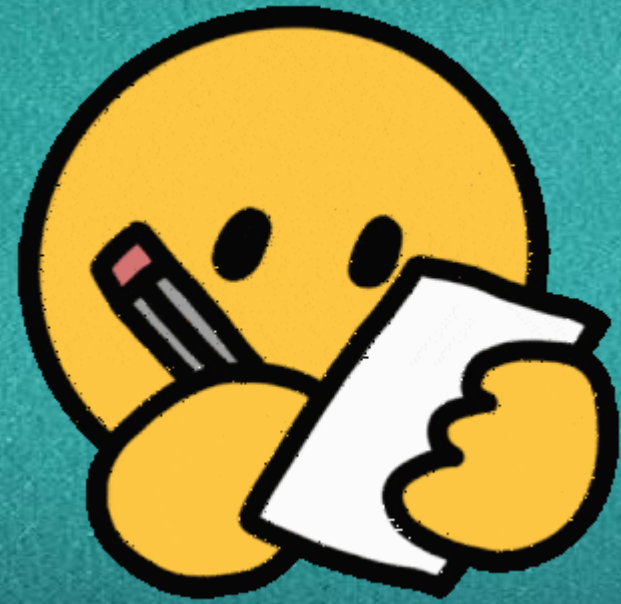
## 5. Frivolous



**Definition:** Characterized by lack of seriousness or sense.

# Homework

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# Home Work

## Answer

I first met Santosh five years ago and have recalled him.....

- (1) since
- (2) ever
- (3) **ever since**
- (4) then
- (5) New

# Home Work

Find the correctly  
spelt word.

A Accessery

B Accessory

C Accessory

D Accesory

