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# EXAM BASED WORDS



## Testing times

August's foreign trade numbers are worrisome, yet hold some hope

India's goods exports shrank for the seventh consecutive time and the ninth time in 11 months this August, while imports surged to hit the highest level since March this year. At \$58.6 billion, inbound shipments were still 5.2% below last August's levels, but exports fell by a relatively steeper 6.9%, leading to a \$24.2 billion trade deficit – the widest since October 2022. Goods exports are now down 11.9% so far this year and imports have dropped 12.1%. Services exports for last month will be known later, but Commerce Ministry extrapolations suggest that this engine that has been resilient so far through the global economic turmoil, is also beginning to feel the heat. For now, the 0.4% drop expected in services exports in August is minor and with intangible imports also likely dropping at a sharper pace, this will not exacerbate the trade balance yet. However, shrinking services exports imply that their ability to bridge the goods trade deficits that were up sharply last year, will be restricted, thus raising the possibility of wider current account deficits from this quarter.

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## TURMOIL (NOUN)

Meaning : a state of unrest or agitation, often involving a lack of order, tranquility, or stability.

Synonyms : Upheaval, Commotion, Tumult

Antonyms : Stability, Harmony



and July, but their value had declined owing to lower prices. That is a good omen about demand for Indian goods amid the gloom, and the government believes rising commodity prices will help trade tallies. But they could also be a double-edged sword for India as its strategic gambit to import more Russian oil has turned less lucrative. Moreover, sticky inflation could further dampen demand, especially in key markets such as the European Union, which just hiked interest rates to a record high. Inflation reheated in the United States last month, but not enough yet to dent festive demand that may lift order books in coming months. That engineering goods, which account for a quarter of India's exports, clocked their first uptick after eight months in August, with half of the 14 key segments of exports growing – the best performance in nine months – is a welcome sign. India needs to do all it can to nurture precious green shoots and support exporters.

Exam Imp



## LUCRATIVE (Adj.)

**Meaning : something has the potential to yield a significant profit or financial benefit.**

**Synonyms : Gainful , Rewarding**

**Antonyms : Failing**



## Sanctions for change

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## WOES (Noun)

**Meaning : a sense of suffering, misfortune, or emotional distress.**

**Synonyms : Adversities , Misfortunes**

**Antonyms : Successes , Prosperities**



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## RATTLED(Adj. & Verb)

**Meaning : a state of being emotionally or mentally disturbed, often due to shock, surprise, or anxiety.**

**Synonyms : Upset , Nervous**

**Antonyms : Steady , Relaxed**



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## CRIPPLING(Adj. & Verb)

**Meaning : something that has a devastating or debilitating effect, often causing significant harm or limitations.**

**Synonyms : Inhibiting, Destructive**

**Antonyms : Fortifying , Enabling**



Word Usage



against speaking out of turn, shouting slogans, waving placards and marching into the well of the house – is routinely breached. Pepper spray was once released in the well by a protesting MP, resulting in the hospitalisation of some MPs and the then speaker experiencing discomfort. Equally striking is the impunity with which lawmakers flout the rules they are elected to uphold. On several occasions now, MPs in the Upper and Lower Houses have been suspended from membership for such transgressions as charging up to the presiding officer's desk, wrenching his microphone and tearing up his papers – only to be quietly reinstated after a few months and some muted apologies.

## IMPUNITY (Noun)

**Meaning : a state in which someone is immune or shielded from punishment, accountability, or any adverse effects resulting from their actions.**

**Synonyms : Absolution , Exoneration**

**Antonyms : Retribution**





## Reinvigorating multilateralism

Paragraph 47 propounds the view that global challenges of the 21st century can “only be addressed through reinvigorated multilateralism, reforms and international cooperation.” It wants the UN institutions to be “more responsive” to the entire membership. The need to make the global governance “more representative, effective, transparent and accountable” has been stated clearly. The fact that these formulations have the support of the entire G-20 leadership creates a glimmer of hope of some progress in the future, even though realism demands that the proponents of reform remain cautious.

## PROPONENT(Noun)

**Meaning : an individual who takes a positive and active stance in favor of a particular cause, position, or viewpoint.**

**Synonyms : Adherent , Ally**

**Antonyms : Opposer , Foe**

*Enemy*



In July 2023, when rice inflation was 13%, the government banned the export of non-basmati rice. Yet, inflation remained at 12.5%. Rather than imposing export duty and gradually increasing its impact, the government called for a ban which created panic among the African and Indian diaspora in the U.S., says the report.

## DIASPORA(Noun)

Meaning : **the dispersion, scattering, or migration of a particular group of people, often from their original homeland to various locations around the world.**

Synonyms : **Exile , Exodus**

Antonyms : **Clustering , Insularity**



## Number of children identified as obese in Anganwadi centres

**43** in lakh. About 7.24 crore children in the 0-5 age group were surveyed across the country, of which 6% were identified as obese last month. Thirteen States and Union Territories exhibit obesity rates surpassing the national average of 6%.

Obesity

## OBESSE(Adj.)

Meaning : **someone who has an excessive amount of body fat, typically to the extent that it may have negative effects on their health.**

Synonyms : **Corpulent , Rotund**

Antonyms : **Gaunt , Slender**

Thin

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





## IDIOMS & PHRASES

### Fly into a passion

1. To become aggressive often

*frequently / many times*

2. To become angry suddenly

*+1*

3. To be always angry

4. To be aggressive ~~at times~~



Solution : Option 2



## **A skeleton in the cupboard**



1. A popular fact to be kept secret
2. A popular fact that is not hidden
3. An embarrassing fact not to be kept secret
4. An embarrassing fact to be kept secret

**Solution : Option 4**



## Bag and baggage

1. With all of one's possession

+1

2. With burden

3. With any aim

4. Without any happiness

-1



Solution : Option 1



**A green horn**

1. Skilled person
2. Clever person
3. Uneducated Person
4. Inexperienced person

**Solution : Option 4**







## In weal and Woe

1. In happiness and good times
2. In sad and gloomy days
3. In prosperity and adversity
4. In despair and failure

Solution : **Option 3**





## ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

Feeling or showing extreme tiredness

1. Drowsy - Sleepy
2. Nervous
3. Weary
4. Vitalized

Solution : Option 3





## ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

**A piece of a living tissue or plant that is transplanted surgically**

1. **Gourmet**

*Ice Cream*

2. **Graft**

3. **Gratis**

4. **Gracious**



**Solution : Option 2**



## ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

'To walk with long steps'

1. Fling

2. Trudge

3. Drag

4. Stride

*slow moving / heavy steps*



Solution : Option 4



**One of the following words means 'Short-lived'.**

1. Mortal

2. Transient

3. Truant

4. Tempting

**Solution : Option 2**





One of the following words means

'Talkative'. What is it?

1. Garrulous

2. Phlegmatic

Calm

3. Pantheist

4. Mystic

Solution : Option 1





Mystic Homework

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