

Well won

Sri Lanka and Pakistan gave their fans **back home** something to **cheer** about

Originally **pencilled in** as the **host**, it was **fitting** that Sri Lanka won the Asia Cup even if the championship was held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The **debilitating** economic crisis in the island-nation meant that Sri Lanka had to shift the **continental** tournament's **base** to the UAE but even in the desert sands, Dasun Shanaka's men **felt at home**. And during Sunday's final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Sri Lanka **defied the odds** to defeat Pakistan by 23 runs. In a tournament where **teams** chasing **have often prevailed**, Sri Lanka was struggling at 58 for five before a **rear-guard action** from Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Wanindu Hasaranga meant that the **eventual** champion posted 170 for six in 20 overs. It was not a **steep** target but **summit clashes unleash** excess pressure and Pakistan failed to **get past** the **wily** Sri Lankans. **Seamer** Pramod Madushan's four wickets and spinner Hasaranga's all-round turn with three **scalps**, meant that Pakistan **wound up** at 147. It may have been **despair** for Babar Azam's men but there is no **mistaking** the overall joy that both the finalists gifted to their respective fans. If Sri Lanka is yet to **get over** its financial issues back home, Pakistan is struggling with **severe** floods that have affected lives and **struck** at its economy. Surely, cricket offered some cheer.

If Sri Lanka lost its first game against Afghanistan and yet **lasted the distance** and won the title, the reverse happened for India. In the **preliminary** rounds Rohit Sharma's men **dominated**; however, in the super-four stage, India **succumbed** to both Pakistan and Sri Lanka and even if Afghanistan was **quelled**, the exit door remained open. Having won the Asia Cup on seven **occasions**, the latest edition offered a **sobering note** to India. The top order **troika** of Rohit, K.L. Rahul and Virat Kohli **needs to fire in unison**. Even if Kohli ended his **century-drought** with a **ton** against Afghanistan, his return to form was **muddled** with **angst-laden** quotes in a press conference, where he spoke about his last days of national captaincy. A Kohli scoring runs is essential, but equally, India needs the former **skipper** to forget past **grouses**. In a year where even the Asia Cup, a traditional ODI tournament, acquired a T20 **garb** all because of the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia from October 16 to November 13, it is **disconcerting** that the Indian playing eleven remains a **work in progress**. The **squad** for the **premier** event **was** announced on Monday and it is good that **spearhead Jasprit Bumrah**, having recovered from his injury, **is** back while the injured Ravindra Jadeja **misses out**. The **forthcoming T20s** against the visiting Australians and South Africans **should** help the management in **fine-tuning** its plans.

- Red/blue coloring of words in the sentence indicates subject verb relationship; where 'red' denotes 'subject' and 'blue' denotes 'verb'.

[Practice Exercise]

Vocabulary

1. **Back home** (phrase) – in one's hometown/country.
2. **Cheer** (verb) – encourage, hearten, cheerfulness, delight, applaud उत्साहित करना
3. **Pencil in** (phrasal verb) – to put (someone or something that may be changed later) on a schedule, list, etc
4. **Host** (noun) – a place or organization that provides facilities and services for an event or function मेज़बान
5. **Fitting** (adjective) – appropriate, suitable, right, proper, correct सही
6. **Debilitating** (adjective) – exhausting, enfeebling, weakening, draining, enervating दुर्बल
7. **Continental** (adjective) – of or relating to continents
8. **Base** (noun) – Center, seat, station, headquarter, main officer.
9. **Feel at home** (phrase) – feel comfortable and relaxed
10. **Defy the odds** (phrase) – to accomplish something that most would deem impossible
11. **Often** (adverb) – frequently, much, many times, repeatedly, अक्सर
12. **Prevail** (verb) – triumph, succeed, overcome, conquer, be victorious, win out जीतना
13. **Rear-guard action** (noun) – a defensive action carried out by a retreating army.
14. **Eventual** (adjective) – ultimate, final, concluding, prospective, last अंतिम
15. **Steep** (adjective) – Extreme, Excessive, Exorbitant, Unreasonable अत्यधिक
16. **Summit Clash** (noun) – Final Match
17. **Unleash** (verb) – release, free, let loose; to let happen or begin something powerful that, once begun, cannot be controlled शुरू करना, खोल देना
18. **Get past** (phrase) – To overcome or defeat someone हराना
19. **Wily** (adjective) – cunning, crafty, foxy, tricky, artful धूर्त
20. **Seamer** (adjective) – Fast bowler
21. **Scalp** (noun) – someone you defeat in a competition or election
22. **Wind up** (phrasal verb) – end, conclude, bring to an end, complete, finish, wrap up समेटना, समापन
23. **Despair** (noun) – misery, depression, despondency, gloom, melancholy निराशा

24. **Mistaking** (noun) – Misunderstanding, misjudging, misinterpreting, misconstruing
गलत फहमी
25. **Get over** (phrasal verb) – Recover, live through, survive, get beyond, recuperate
उबर पाना
26. **Severe** (adjective) – harsh, serious, hard, tough, grave गंभीर
27. **Strike** (verb) – attack, hit, collide with
मारना
28. **Last the distance** (phrase) – complete a fight without being knocked out.
29. **Preliminary** (adjective) – initial, first, opening, maiden, primary प्रारंभिक
30. **Dominate** (verb) – to be more powerful, important or noticeable than others अन्यों की अपेक्षा अधिक सशक्त और प्रभावशाली होना
31. **Succumb** (to) (verb) – Yield, submit, surrender, capitulate, give in दबना, सिर झुकाना
32. **Quell** (verb) – suppress, subdue, crush, quash, repress, defeat कुचलना, दबाना, हारना
33. **Occasion** (noun) – time, case, juncture, event, instance, occurrence, point अवसर
34. **Sobering** (adjective) – serious, subdue, far-reaching, grave, sober गंभीर
35. **Note** (noun) – Message, reminder संदेश
36. **Troika** (noun) – three, threesome, ternary, trio, triad तिकड़ी
37. **Fire** (verb) – To score (a number) in a game or contest
38. **In unison** (phrase) – simultaneously, all together सब एक साथ
39. **Century-drought** (noun) – Lacking in century (i.e. 100 runs).
40. **Ton** (noun) – 100 runs
41. **Muddle** (with) (verb) – To mix together, especially confusedly
42. **Angst-laden** (adjective) – fill with angst गुस्से से भरा हुआ
43. **Angst** (noun) – anguish, torment, anxiety, trouble, sorrow, worry, fear गुस्से
44. **Skipper** (noun) – captain कप्तान
45. **Grouse** (noun) – complaint, grumble, moan, gripe, objection शिकायत
46. **Garb** (noun) – A distinctive style or form
47. **Disconcerting** (adjective) – disturbing, upsetting, confusing, unsettling, discomfiting चिंताजनक
48. **Work in progress** (phrase) – Unfinished work, Unprepared.
49. **Squad** (noun) – group, team, crew, squadron, force, company दस्ता

50. **Premier** (adjective) – best, leading, foremost, highest, primary मुख्य

51. **Spearhead** (noun) – a person or group that begins or leads an attack

52. **Miss out** (phrasal verb) – leave out, disregard, miss, exclude, cut out बाहर रखना, छोड़ना

53. **Forthcoming** (adjective) – Approaching, impending, imminent, upcoming, coming आगामी

54. **Fine-tune** (verb) – Perfect, tweak, modify, adjust, tune, hone सुधारना

Practice Exercise

Direction (Q1 – Q3): Select the best express synonym of the given words [Editorial page]

1. The **debilitating** economic crisis in the island-nation meant that Sri Lanka had to shift the continental tournament's base to the UAE but even in the desert sands, Dasun Shanaka's men felt at home.
 - A. Assuage
 - B. Steadfast
 - C. Devastating
 - D. Replete
2. India **succumbed** to both Pakistan and Sri Lanka and even if Afghanistan was quelled, the exit door remained open.
 - A. Elicit
 - B. Bourgeois
 - C. Bane
 - D. Surrender
3. A Kohli scoring runs is essential, but equally, India needs the former skipper to forget past **grouses**.
 - A. Complaint
 - B. Superfluous
 - C. Perennial
 - D. Intransigent
4. **Idioms & Phrase**

Thanks to the economy doing so well lately, our business has been booming. I guess it's really true what they say, that **a rising tide lifts all boats**.

 - A. It describes the idea that when an economy is performing well, all people will benefit from it.
 - B. Taking the most pessimistic or unfavorable view
 - C. A proportionate saving in costs gained by an increased level of production.
 - D. A proportionate saving gained by producing two or more distinct goods, when the cost of doing so is less than that of producing each separately.
5. **Direction: Six statements are given below, which are jumbled in any random order. These statements will form a coherent and meaningful paragraph, when arranged in the correct sequence. Arrange the sentences in the right order and answer the questions that follow.**

Though over two lakh Covid-19 cases are being reported every day in India, the third wave seems to be plateauing in large parts of the country — and so, reopening schools must now move to the top of the agenda of all governments.

 - P. Children in the national capital lost more school-days to pollution.
 - Q. Several states had reopened classrooms for a few months last year, but the Omicron-driven wave of infections led to another interruption.

R. “around 320 million children in India had not stepped into a classroom for more than a year”.

S. According to a parliamentary standing committee report last year,

T. and the cost in terms of nutrition and equity have been underlined by various surveys.

U. The crisis in learning and education, the regression of children’s foundational skills in reading, writing and arithmetic,

Which among the following will be the **Second** sentence of the paragraph after the rearrangement?

A. P

B.T

C.U

D.Q

E.R

Direction (Q6 – Q9): Read the given sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical error in them

6. A. What would you have done if you had been attacked by a bandit?
B. I know that if the animal was at home at that moment, it would probably be sound a sleep.
C. If you do not mend your behaviour, you will suffer
D. Akbar was one of the finest king that India ever had.
E. All are correct
7. A. She works so that she may not fail.
B. Looking out of the window, the little boy saw a kite entangled in the branches of the gulmohar tree.
C. The bunch of keys have been lost by my brother in the morning.
D. He would have succeeded if he had worked hard.
E. All are correct
8. A real brave man is not he (A)/ who does not feel (B)/ afraid but one who conquers that fear. (C)/ No Error(D)
9. It's not proper (A)/ to talk loudly (B)/ over the telephone. (C)/ No Error(D)
10. **Find out the misspelt word**
 - A. Stallwart
 - B. Asphodel
 - C. Risibility
 - D. Incarcerate

Direction: Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.

(The Hindu Editorial: Shared history – Aug 10, 2022)

The Commonwealth Games (CWG), alluding for **(A)**/ a happily ever-after between England **(B)**/ and its former colonies, **(C)**/ may have its legacy issues. **(D)**

And in terms of the competitive yardstick, with the obvious absence of the United States of America, Russia and China, the CWG is considered a notch below the Olympics and the Asian Games. Yet, the CWG has a certain value in being a multi-nation **quadrennial (A)** event that pits a **disparate (B)** group of countries split by continents and **linked (C)** by a shared past **fused (D)** to the British Empire. It offers athletes one more shot at glory besides inspiring their fans to pursue sport with added

_____ **11** _____. In the latest edition that concluded at Birmingham on Monday, India with a medal haul of 61, inclusive of 22 golds, was placed fourth while Australia, host England and Canada led the charts. With shooting excluded from the CWG, India lost out on an additional yield. Most Indian medals told a tale etched by hope, _____ **12** _____ and hard work. If Sharath Kamal's table tennis exploits, even at 40, proved that sportspersons can fight the dimming light, weightlifter Sanket Sargar's silver in the men's 55kg segment, showed that financial difficulties cannot _____ **13** _____ a focused athlete. Four years ago, Sanket used to sell paan from a tiny shop at Sangli in Maharashtra, and his is a story that needs to be _____ **14** _____.

The siblings also worked in the fields, fighting poverty and coping with the demise of their father. **(1)/** Like Sanket, Achinta's too is a story of hope and redemption. **(2)/** Achinta, his brother Alok and mother did embroidery. **(3)/** Similar is the personal history linked to weightlifter Achinta Sheuli, who won gold in the 73kg division. **(4)/** If fresh athletes caught the eye with their triumph over tough circumstances, the established ones reiterated their dominance too. P.V. Sindhu, who will now be counted among India's greatest ever athletes, won gold in the badminton women's singles while her male counterpart Lakshya Sen did an encore. Fresh territories were **annexed** too as in a field always dominated by the Africans, Avinash Sable won silver in the men's 3000m steeplechase. Boxer Nikhat Zareen again landed a solid punch for women-power while her colleague Lovlina Borgohain's failure and the issues surrounding her personal coach in the lead-up to the CWG, revealed faultlines. Medals were secured in hockey and women's cricket but they were not gold and the respective squads displayed fragility in crunch situations. That sport is not always war minus the shooting was evident when Neeraj Chopra effusively praised Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who won gold in the men's javelin. The latest success in the CWG, should hold the Indian athletes in good stead as they prepare for next year's Asian Games in China.

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word given in the option (From Q11 – Q14)

11. It offers athletes one more shot at glory besides inspiring their fans to pursue sport with added _____ **11** _____.
 - A. Laconic
 - B. Vitriolic
 - C. Vigour
 - D. Lugubrious
12. Most Indian medals told a tale etched by hope, _____ **12** _____ and hard work.
 - A. Approbation
 - B. Genre
 - C. Defaming
 - D. Diligence
13. If Sharath Kamal's table tennis exploits, even at 40, proved that sportspersons can fight the dimming light, weightlifter Sanket Sargar's silver in the men's 55kg segment, showed that financial difficulties cannot _____ **13** _____ a focused athlete.
 - A. Perturb
 - B. Derail

- C. Predilection
D. Extraneous
14. Four years ago, Sanket used to sell paan from a tiny shop at Sangli in Maharashtra, and his is a story that needs to be _____ 14 _____.
- A. Astute
B. Vacillated
C. Transgressed
D. Cherished
15. **The following sentence may or may not contain an error in one of its parts. Identify the part containing the error. If the sentence is correct, select 'No error' as your answers.**
The Commonwealth Games (CWG), alluding for **(A)**/ a happily ever-after between England **(B)**/ and its former colonies, **(C)**/ may have its legacy issues. **(D)**
- A. (A)
B. (B)
C. (C)
D. (D)
E. No Error
16. **Rearrange the sentence to form a meaningful sentence.**
The siblings also worked in the fields, fighting poverty and coping with the demise of their father. **(1)**/ Like Sanket, Achinta's too is a story of hope and redemption. **(2)**/ Achinta, his brother Alok and mother did embroidery. **(3)**/ Similar is the personal history linked to weightlifter Achinta Sheuli, who won gold in the 73kg division. **(4)**/
- A. 4312
B. 1234
C. 4321
D. 2143
E. 3241
17. Given below is a word, followed by three sentence that consist of that word. Identify the sentence (S) that best express (es) the meaning of the word. Choose option 5 'None of the above' if the word is not suitable in any of the sentence

ANNEX

- (i) They will now **annex** their grasp on the senate following the results of the election.
(ii) In order to make such drastic renovations to your home, you'll need to **annex** more land to your lot.
(iii) Well, if we **annexed** this lot to that lot, we would have much more room for our store—and a parking lot too.
- A. Only (i)
B. Only (ii)
C. Only (iii)
D. (i), (ii)
E. (ii), (iii)

18. In the following question, a sentence is given with four words marked as (A), (B), (C), and (D). These words may or may not be placed in the correct order. Four options with different arrangements of these have been provided. Mark the option with the correct arrangement as the answer. If no rearrangement is required, mark option (5) as your answer.

Yet, the CWG has a certain value in being a multi-nation **quadrennial (A)** event that pits a **disparate (B)** group of countries split by continents and **linked (C)** by a shared past **fused (D)** to the British Empire.

- A. C – A
 - B. A – D
 - C. B – C
 - D. D – C
 - E. No arrangement
19. Select the connector from the given options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same as expressed in the statement sentence.

- (i) The floors had been waxed and the furniture got polished by afternoon.
- (ii) The house sparkled but in an empty kind of way.

- A. When
- B. Once
- C. As
- D. Until
- E. Even though

20. Fill the appropriate preposition in the given blanks

You can't just go through life trifling _____ people and their affections without any regard for their well-being.

- A. Of
- B. From
- C. With
- D. To
- E. None of the above

Answers

1. C 2. D 3. A 4. A 5. B 6. D 7. C 8. A 9. C 10. A 11. C 12. D
13. B 14. D 15. A 16. A 17. E 18. D 19. B 20. C

[Practice Exercise]

Explanations

4. **A rising tide lifts all boats** (phrase) – it describes the idea that when an economy is performing well, all people will benefit from it.

5. **UTSRQP**

Though over two lakh Covid-19 cases are being reported every day in India, the third wave seems to be plateauing in large parts of the country – and so, reopening schools must now move to the top of the agenda of all governments. The crisis in learning and education, the regression of children’s foundational skills in reading, writing and arithmetic, and the cost in terms of nutrition and equity have been underlined by various surveys. According to a parliamentary standing committee report last year, “around 320 million children in India had not stepped into a classroom for more than a year”. Several states had reopened classrooms for a few months last year, but the Omicron-driven wave of infections led to another interruption. Children in the national capital lost more school-days to pollution.

6. 'king' के बदले 'kings' का प्रयोग होगा, क्योंकि 'one of / each of/ either of/ neither of/ every one of/ each one of any one of' के बाद आनेवाले Nouns हमेशा Plural होते हैं; जैसे-

- i. One of the boys.
- ii. Each of the girls.
- iii. Every one of the players.

➤ 'king' will be replaced with 'kings' because noun after 'one of / each of/ either of/ neither of/ every one of/ each one of any one of' are always plural; As-

- i. One of the boys.
- ii. Each of the girls.
- iii. Every one of the players.

7. 'have' के बदले 'has' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि वाक्य का Subject 'The bunch' Singular है जिसके लिए Singular Verb का प्रयोग होगा।

➤ 'has' will be used instead of 'have' because the subject 'the bunch' of the sentence is singular for which Singular Verb will be used.

8. Part (A) में 'A real brave man' के बदले 'A really brave man' का प्रयोग होना चाहिए क्योंकि 'real' एक Adjective है और 'really' एक Adverb, और Adjective 'brave' की विशेषता Adverb 'really' बताएगा, न कि Adjective 'real' देखें-

- i. A really hot fire.
- ii. A really dangerous activity.

➤ In Part (A) 'A real brave man' should be replaced with 'A really brave man' because 'real' is an Adjective And 'really' is an Adverb, and Adjective 'brave' will characterize Adverb 'really', not Adjective 'real' See-

- i. A really hot fire.
ii. A really dangerous activity.
9. 'over' के बदले 'on' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि 'talk/speak' (to somebody) on the phone का प्रयोग होता है; जैसे-

- i. I often talk to him on the phone
ii. We talk on the phone every day.

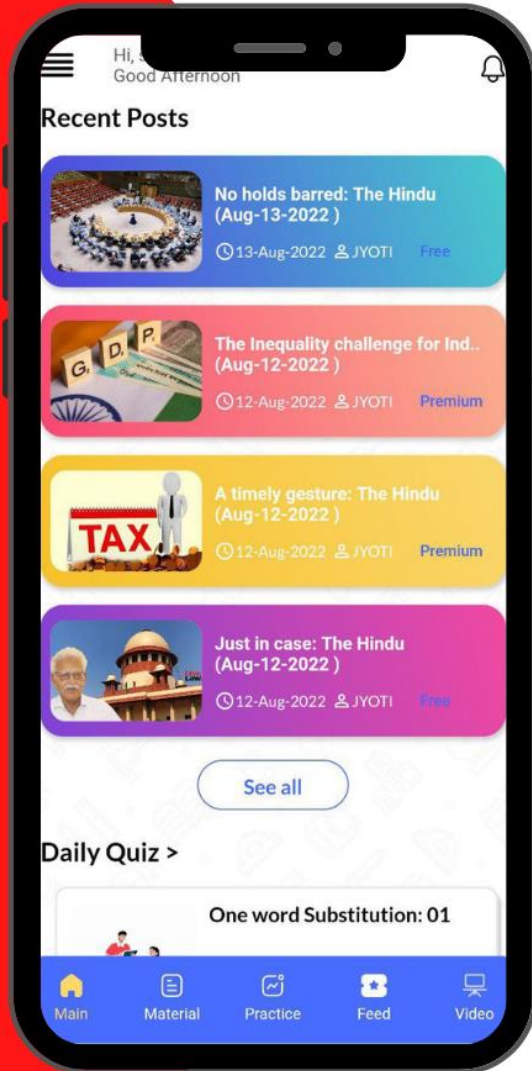
➤ 'on' will be used instead of 'over' because 'talk/speak' (to somebody) on the phone is used; As-

- i. I often talk to him on the phone
ii. We talk on the phone every day.

10. **Stalwart** (adjective) – resolute, determined, courageous, daring निष्ठावान, साहसी
11. **Vigour** (noun) –energy, activity, liveliness, life, spryness जोश, बल
12. **Diligence** (noun) –conscientiousness, assiduousness, assiduity, attentiveness, heedfulness, earnestness, लगन
13. **Derail** (verb) – obstruct, impede, interfere with, hinder, बाधा डालना
14. **Cherished** (adjective) – appreciated, respected, esteemed, prized सराहना
15. Replace 'Allude to' with 'Allude for' as fixed preposition 'To' is used after 'Allude' but not 'For'.
16. (A) **4312**
Similar is the personal history linked to weightlifter Achinta Sheuli, who won gold in the 73kg division. Achinta, his brother Alok and mother did embroidery. The siblings also worked in the fields, fighting poverty and coping with the demise of their father. Like Sanket, Achinta's too is a story of hope and redemption.
17. **Annex** (verb) – add, append, attach, join जोड़ना
According to the given options only (ii) & (iii) are contextually correct
Because the (i) sentence is not giving any meaning and correct sentence should be like They will now **relinquish** their grasp on the senate following the results of the election.
18. Yet, the CWG has a certain value in being a multi-nation quadrennial event that pits a disparate group of countries split by continents and fused by a shared past linked to the British Empire.
19. **Once** the floors had been waxed and the furniture got polished by afternoon, the house sparkled but in an empty kind of way.

Explanation of other important words

Sr.NO	Words		Meanings	
Q1	Assuage	verb	To soothe; to pacify; to ease the pain of; to relieve	शांत करना
	Steadfast	adjective	Loyal; faithful	दृढ़
	Replete	adjective	Completely filled; abounding	परिपूर्ण
Q2	Elicit	verb	To Bring out; to call forth	प्रकाश में लाना
	Bourgeois	adjective	Middle class, usually in a pejorative sense; Boringly conventional	रूढ़िवादी, संपत्तिजीवी
	Bane	noun	Poison; torment; cause of harm	फटकार, लानत, शाप
Q3	Superfluous	adjective	Extra; unnecessary; redundant	ज़रूरत से ज़्यादा
	Perennial	adjective	Continual; happening again and again or year after year	चिरस्थायी
	Intransigent	adjective	Uncompromising; stubborn	सैद्धांतिक
Q11	Laconic	adjective	Using few words, especially to the point of seeming rude.	संक्षिप्त
	Vitriolic	adjective	Caustic; full of bitterness	कटु
	Lugubrious	adjective	Exaggeratedly mournful	शोकाकुल
Q12	Approbation	noun	Approval; praise	प्रशंसा, समर्थन
	Genre	noun	Type or category, especially of art or writing	शैली, अंग
	Defame	verb	To libel or slander; to ruin the good name of	बदनाम करना
Q13	Perturb	verb	To disturb greatly	व्याकुल करना
	Predilection	noun	Natural preferences for something	झुकाव
	Extraneous	adjective	Unnecessary; irrelevant; extra	असंगत, बाह्य, अनावश्यक
Q14	Astute	adjective	Shrewd; keen in judgment	चतुर
	Vacillate	verb	to be indecisive; to waver	डगमगाना, हिचकना
	Transgress	verb	To violate (A law); to sin	उल्लंघन करना



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