

Trying for a repeat: On India and the world of badminton

India is looking to defend its **astonishing** title win in men's badminton

In an Olympic year, the **quadrennial extravaganza dwarfs** every other competition. This is especially true in a sport like badminton where the Olympic gold is the **holy grail**. Yet, **events** that **lead up to** the **marquee** sporting festival **do** carry importance, and the ongoing Thomas & Uber Cup in Chengdu, China, is one such tournament. The **de facto** 'World Cup' of badminton, the **biennial** championship became an **indelible** part of the national **consciousness** when the Indian men's **outfit** won its **maiden** Thomas Cup crown in 2022. While a repeat is very much **in the realm of possibility**, the strong Indian **side** (H.S. Prannoy, Lakshya Sen, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty among others) **will** look at it as a great opportunity to test their competitive **mettle** ahead of the Paris Olympics. Two years ago, the **triumph** had acted as a **springboard** for Satwiksairaj and Chirag, who **went on** to **clinch** the **coveted** Asian Games doubles gold in 2023 and help **secure** a historic team silver before becoming the first Indians to be ranked No.1 in doubles. **Prannoy**, India's No.1 singles player and an Asian Games bronze medallist, **will** be looking for similar inspiration after a not-so-good year while Lakshya will be **keen to sharpen his skills** ahead of his first-ever Olympics.

The women's Uber Cup **roster** does not include the Olympics-bound **trio** of singles star P.V. Sindhu and doubles practitioners Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto. The three have prioritised a solid training block — a luxury in a **chock-a-block** tournament calendar — while an inexperienced side **gets a taste of** elite-level badminton. The focus will be on 17-year-old Anmol Kharb, who played a **stellar** role in India winning the Badminton Asia Team Championship in February, and Isharani Baruah, 20. There is also an expectation for Ashmita Chaliha, 24, long marked out for success, to **make good on** her promise. The **tourney** comes at a time when India is looking to **restock** its women's singles **cupboard**. As Saina Nehwal **inches closer to** retirement, **the cabinet**, **barring** two-time Olympic medallist Sindhu, **has** appeared **bare** in recent times. But **going by** the results in Chengdu, there is **optimism** that the next generation of stars could emerge from this lot. They have beaten Canada and Singapore back to back — by convincing 4-1 **scorelines** — to qualify for the quarterfinals, and further progress will confirm the **green shoots**. Even as all eyes are on the Thomas Cup defence and Olympics preparation, the **women** in the Uber Cup **can** well make it a week to remember. **[Practice Exercise]**

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

Vocabulary

1. **Astonishing** (adjective) – Amazing, astounding, surprising, stunning, remarkable अद्भुत
2. **Quadrennial** (adjective) – Occurring every four years चार वर्षीय
3. **Extravaganza** (noun) – Spectacle, pageant, show, festival, gala धूमधाम
4. **Dwarf** (verb) – Overshadow, dominate, eclipse, surpass, outshine को छोटा दिखाना
5. **Holy** (adjective) – Sacred, divine, hallowed, consecrated, blessed पवित्र
6. **Grail** (noun) – cup, prize पवित्र पात्र
7. **Lead up to** (phrase) – Precede, culminate in, result in, lead to, approach अग्रसर होना
8. **Marquee event** (noun) – A match worth high importance, where you expect a full house.
9. **De facto** (adjective) – Actual, real, effective, in practice, existing वास्तविक
10. **Biennial** (adjective) – Occurring every two years द्विवार्षिक
11. **Indelible** (adjective) – Permanent, lasting, unforgettable, ineradicable, enduring अमिट
12. **Consciousness** (noun) – Awareness, perception, cognizance, alertness, recognition चेतना
13. **Outfit** (noun) – Group, team, unit, organization, gang टीम
14. **Maiden** (adjective) – First, initial, inaugural, premier, opening प्रथम
15. **In the realm of possibility** (phrase) – possible मुमकिन, संभव होने योग्य
16. **Mettle** (noun) – Spirit, resolve, fortitude, courage, endurance साहस
17. **Triumph** (noun) – Victory, success, win, conquest, achievement विजय
18. **Springboard** (noun) – Launchpad, catalyst, stepping stone, platform, means उत्प्रेरक
19. **Go on** (phrasal verb) – Continue, proceed, carry on, persist, endure जारी रखना
20. **Clinch** (verb) – to finally get or win something जीतना
21. **Coveted** (adjective) – Desired, sought-after, envied, longed-for, prized प्रतिष्ठित
22. **Secure** (verb) – Obtain, acquire, gain, achieve, ensure प्राप्त करना
23. **Keen** (to) (adjective) – Eager, enthusiastic, intent, anxious, ardent उत्सुक
24. **Sharpen one's skills** (phrase) – Hone, refine, enhance, improve, perfect कौशल सुधारना

25. **Roster** (noun) – List, schedule, register, lineup, catalog नामावली
26. **Trio** (noun) – Triplet, threesome, triad, group of three, trio तिकड़ी
27. **Chock-a-block** (adjective) – Full, crowded, packed, jammed, overloaded भरा हुआ
28. **Get a taste of something** (phrase) – Experience, sample, try, test, get a feel of कुछ का अनुभव करना
29. **Stellar** (adjective) – Outstanding, excellent, superb, magnificent, exceptional शानदार
30. **Make good on** (phrase) – Fulfill, honor, keep, uphold, satisfy वादे पर खरा उतरना
31. **Tourney** (noun) – Tournament, competition, contest, championship, match टूर्नामेंट
32. **Restock** (verb) – Replenish, refill, resupply, renew, replace फिर से भरना
33. **Cupboard** (noun) – a piece of furniture with a door and typically shelves, used for storage (of title/trophies).
34. **Inch closer to** (phrase) – Approach, near, move towards, advance towards, edge closer to नजदीक आना
35. **Barring** (preposition) – Except for, excluding, apart from, other than, besides को छोड़कर
36. **Bare** (adjective) – Simple, unadorned, plain, basic, unembellished सादा
37. **Go by** (phrasal verb) – to base an opinion, decision, or judgment on something के आधार पर
38. **Optimism** (noun) – Hopefulness, positivity, confidence, buoyancy, sanguinity आशावाद
39. **Scoreline** (noun) – Result, outcome, score, tally, count स्कोर
40. **Green shoots** (noun) – Signs of growth, indications of recovery, evidence of improvement, new beginnings, fresh starts विकास के संकेत

Summary of the Editorial

1. **Event Significance:** The Thomas & Uber Cup in Chengdu, China, is considered the 'World Cup' of badminton and holds significant importance, especially in an Olympic year.
2. **Historical Context:** The Indian men's team won its first Thomas Cup in 2022, making the tournament an important part of India's badminton history.
3. **Defence of Title:** The Indian team is attempting to defend their Thomas Cup title, with strong players like H.S. Prannoy, Lakshya Sen, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, and Chirag Shetty.
4. **Pre-Olympics Preparation:** This tournament serves as a crucial preparatory event for the upcoming Paris Olympics, testing the competitive mettle of players.
5. **Career Highlights:** Satwiksairaj and Chirag used their previous Thomas Cup win as a springboard to achieve further successes, including Asian Games gold and becoming world No.1 in doubles.
6. **Player Spotlight - Prannoy:** As India's No.1 singles player and an Asian Games bronze medalist, Prannoy looks to regain form after a challenging year.
7. **Player Spotlight - Lakshya:** Lakshya Sen is focused on sharpening his skills in anticipation of his first Olympics participation.
8. **Women's Uber Cup Team:** The team is without its top players like P.V. Sindhu, focusing instead on nurturing new talent due to their Olympic preparations.
9. **Emerging Talents:** The spotlight is on younger players like 17-year-old Anmol Kharb and 20-year-old Isharani Baruah, who are gaining valuable experience at the top level.
10. **Potential Breakthroughs:** Ashmita Chaliha, aged 24, is expected to fulfill her potential and contribute significantly to the team.
11. **Youth Performance:** The relatively inexperienced women's team has shown promise by defeating Canada and Singapore convincingly in the group stages.
12. **Quarterfinals Achievement:** Both victories have secured the women's team a spot in the quarterfinals, indicating potential for further success.
13. **Future Prospects:** There is optimism around the emergence of new stars in Indian women's singles badminton as veterans like Saina Nehwal approach retirement.
14. **Cabinet Concerns:** Besides Sindhu, India's women's singles have been lacking depth, which this tournament could help address.
15. **Overall Impact:** While the focus is on defending the Thomas Cup and preparing for the Olympics, the Uber Cup performances could also highlight a significant week for Indian badminton.

Practice Exercise: SSC Pattern Based

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1. **What is the main theme of the passage?**
 - A. The rigorous training regimen of Indian badminton players.
 - B. The international influence on Indian sports.
 - C. The progression and achievements of Indian badminton in international competitions.
 - D. The personal struggles of individual players.
2. **Which event is referred to as the "de facto 'World Cup' of badminton" and played a significant role in enhancing India's presence in international badminton?**
 - A. The Olympic Games, where countries compete every four years to establish supremacy across various sports, including badminton.
 - B. The Thomas & Uber Cup, held biennially, known for showcasing top national teams in badminton and noted for India's maiden win in 2022.
 - C. The BWF World Championships, which feature individual players competing for the title of the world's best in their respective categories.
 - D. The Commonwealth Games, a multi-sport event featuring athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations, including badminton competitions.
3. **What strategic benefit does the ongoing Thomas & Uber Cup offer to the Indian team members H.S. Prannoy and Lakshya Sen?**
 - A. It serves as an essential preparatory ground for honing skills and gaining competitive edge necessary for the upcoming Paris Olympics.
 - B. It is primarily a celebratory event, meant to honor past achievements in badminton with no significant competitive advantage.
 - C. The tournament is a form of recreation for players to relax before the intense preparation for Olympic competitions begins.
 - D. It acts solely as a scouting event where coaches evaluate potential players for the Olympic team, without focusing on competitive improvement.
4. **What has been the recent achievement of India's women's team in the Uber Cup that could signal the emergence of the next generation of badminton stars?**
 - A. They secured a top spot in the global rankings following recent victories.
 - B. They broke a record for the highest number of matches won consecutively in the tournament's history
 - C. They have won the Uber Cup in the previous year, establishing themselves as top contenders.
 - D. They qualified for the quarterfinals by defeating Canada and Singapore with 4-1 scorelines
5. **What is the tone of the passage?**
 - A. Dispassionate
 - B. Inspirational
 - C. Critical
 - D. Objective

Comprehension:

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

The relationship between dogs and their place in society opens up _____1_____ in India. On one hand there is the problem of street dogs. Citizens all over the country may complain about their residential colonies being under attack by _____2_____ canines but this has not yet _____3_____ any significant political response to enforce existing municipal laws to contain their numbers. On the other hand, it seems that even pet dogs too have managed to raise an entirely different class of concerns meriting the attention of a central government ministry and two High Courts. Among the questions being deliberated upon is whether certain breeds of dogs are _____4_____ more “ferocious” than others. An expert committee constituted by the Department of Animal Welfare and Husbandry, Ministry of Agriculture, has recommended that certain breeds of “ferocious dogs” be prohibited from being kept as pets. Such a committee was constituted after citizen groups complained of attacks on people — sometimes fatal — by these dogs, which _____5_____ a petition in the Delhi High Court requesting it to ban certain breeds.

6. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.**

- A. Composing
- B. Considering
- C. Vexing
- D. Teeming

7. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.**

- A. Compelling
- B. Diverging
- C. Separating
- D. Roving

8. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.**

- A. Procured
- B. Suffered
- C. Preferred
- D. Spurred

9. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4**

- A. Inherently
- B. Copiously
- C. Abundantly
- D. Regularly

10. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5**

- A. Prompted
- B. Faceted
- C. Expected
- D. Infuriated

11. **Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.**

His wife was killed by him.

- A. Him kills his wife.
- B. He has killed his wife.
- C. He killed his wife.

D. He kills his wife.

12. Select the option that can be used as a **one-word substitute** for the given group of words.

One's relatives or family, related

- A. Kilt
- B. Kindle
- C. Kin
- D. Kine

13. **Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.**

She is not as cleverest as John.

- A. as clever as
- B. clever
- C. cleverest
- D. cleverer by

14. Identify the **INCORRECTLY** spelt word in the following sentence and select its correct spelling from the given options.

The preview version will give you a glimpse of the entaire book.

- A. glimse
- B. preveiw
- C. varsion
- D. Entire

15. Select the most appropriate **synonym** of the given word.

Camouflage

- A. Sabotage
- B. Execute
- C. Gigantic
- D. Disguise

16. Select the most appropriate **synonym** of the given word.

Conspicuous

- A. Opaque
- B. Unnoticeable
- C. Obvious
- D. Effective

17. **Select the option that expresses the following sentence in passive voice.**

The storm uprooted a large number of trees yesterday.

- A. Large number of trees were uprooted by the storm yesterday.
- B. A large number of trees was uprooted by the storm yesterday.
- C. Trees was uprooted yesterday in a large number by the storm.
- D. A large number of trees were uprooted by the storm yesterday.

18. **Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.**

- P. provided it is technologically accessible, economically feasible
- Q. which can be used to satisfy our needs
- R. and culturally acceptable can be termed as 'Resource'
- S. everything available in our environment

- A. SPRQ
- B. SQPR
- C. QRSP
- D. QSPR

19. Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

Fierce

- A. Sore
- B. Gentle
- C. Vast
- D. Noisy

20. Select the most appropriate **idiom** to fill in the blank.

Her son came from Europe to meet her _____ after 20 years.

- A. blowing off the steam
- B. like a cakewalk
- C. out of the blue
- D. stepping up his game

21. Select the **INCORRECTLY** spelt word.

- A. Revolutionise
- B. Professional
- C. Jewelerry
- D. Conscientiousness

22. **Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence.**

Himanshu is braver than intelligent.

- A. more brave than intelligent
- B. most brave than intelligent
- C. braver than more intelligent
- D. most brave than more intelligent

23. **Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.**

- A. As of April 25, the water available in major reservoirs has plummeted to a mere 30 per cent of their storage capacity.
- B. This represents a significant drop compared to the previous year. Insufficient rainfall, compounded by the El Nino phenomenon, has resulted in drought-like conditions.
- C. The latest data from the Central Water Commission paints a stark picture of India's water crisis, with reservoirs across the country registering an alarming decline in their levels.

D. The prolonged dry spell has depleted water reserves, leaving many regions parched and vulnerable.

- A. BDAC
- B. CABD
- C. BCAD
- D. ABCD

24. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

- P. "The temporary policy allowing students to work more than 20 hours per week off campus will come to an end on April 30, 2024, and it will not be extended,"
 - Q. 24 hours per week starting in September, according to a new rule that will come into effect from Tuesday
 - R. International students, including those from India, in Canada, will be able to work off-campus for only up to
 - S. Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, said in a press release issued on Monday
- A. RSPQ
 - B. QPRS
 - C. QRPS
 - D. RQPS

25. For the four-sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph below, sentences S1 and S4 are given. From the options P, Q, R and S select the appropriate sentences for S2 and S3, respectively.

S1: The seizure of 86-kg heroin worth Rs 600 crore from a Pakistani vessel is a reminder of the scourge of the international drug trade.

S4: Valued at around Rs 15,000 crore, this haul was the largest of its kind in the country.

P: It is not an isolated incident but part of a larger pattern of narco-terrorism that threatens national security.

Q: Terming the report as speculative and unhelpful to an ongoing probe, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the article makes unwarranted and unsubstantiated imputations on a serious matter.

R: Last May, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the Navy had seized a staggering 2,500 kg of methamphetamine off the Kerala coast.

S: The MEA had served a demarche stating that the incident once again illustrates the political space given in Canada to separatism, extremism and violence.

- A. P and Q
- B. P and R
- C. P and S
- D. Q and S

Answers

1. C 2. B 3. A 4. D 5. B 6. C 7. D 8. D 9.A 10.A 11.C 12.C
 13. A 14.D 15.D 16.C 17.D 18.B 19.B 20.C 21.C 22.A 23.B 24.D
 25. B

[Practice Exercise]

Explanations

- C) The progression and achievements of Indian badminton in international competitions.**
 The main theme of the passage is the progression and achievements of Indian badminton in international competitions. It discusses various tournaments, such as the Thomas Cup, Uber Cup, and the Asian Games, highlighting the success and potential of Indian players on these stages. The other options do not accurately reflect the central focus of the passage; rigorous training regimen (A) is mentioned but not the central theme, international influence (B) is not a focus, and personal struggles of players (D) are not discussed in detail.
- B) The Thomas & Uber Cup, held biennially, known for showcasing top national teams in badminton and noted for India's maiden win in 2022.**
 Option B is correct because the passage identifies the Thomas & Uber Cup as the "de facto 'World Cup' of badminton" and highlights its importance, particularly noting India's historic victory in 2022.
 Option A is incorrect because, while the Olympic Games are significant, the passage specifically denotes the Thomas & Uber Cup as the badminton equivalent of a World Cup.
 Option C is incorrect because the BWF World Championships focus on individual competitions, not national teams, which is the context provided in the passage.
 Option D is incorrect as the Commonwealth Games, though an important event, do not carry the same weight as the Thomas & Uber Cup in the context of being likened to a World Cup for badminton.
- A) It serves as an essential preparatory ground for honing skills and gaining competitive edge necessary for the upcoming Paris Olympics.**
 Option A is correct as the passage mentions that the Thomas & Uber Cup serves as a crucial opportunity for players like Prannoy and Lakshya to test their mettle and sharpen their skills in anticipation of the Olympics.
 Option B is incorrect because the passage describes the event as significant for competitive preparation, not just a ceremonial occasion.
 Option C is incorrect as the passage clearly outlines the competitive nature of the tournament, not as a recreational event.
 Option D is incorrect because, while scouting might occur, the primary focus described in the passage is on competitive preparation and improvement ahead of the Olympics.
- D) They qualified for the quarterfinals by defeating Canada and Singapore with 4-1 scorelines**
 The passage mentions that the women's team has shown promising performance by beating Canada and Singapore with 4-1 scorelines to qualify for the quarterfinals, indicating the potential emergence of new talent.
 A. Incorrect, as there is no information provided about global rankings.
 C. Incorrect, as the passage does not state that they won the Uber Cup the previous year.
 B. Incorrect, as there is no mention of any record-breaking consecutive wins in the tournament.
- B) Inspirational**
 Inspirational: The passage has an inspirational tone as it highlights India's past successes in badminton and the opportunities for emerging stars ahead of the Paris Olympics. The achievements and the anticipation of future glory contribute to an uplifting narrative.

Dispassionate: Incorrect because the passage clearly shows enthusiasm and excitement about India's prospects and achievements in badminton, which is not characteristic of a dispassionate tone.

Critical: Incorrect because the passage does not critique or evaluate negatively; instead, it focuses on positive achievements and potential.

Objective: Incorrect because, although the passage provides factual information, the focus on achievements and aspirations lends a more motivational tone than a strictly objective, detached report.

6. C) 'Vexing' का use होगा क्योंकि "vexing" का अर्थ होता है कुछ ऐसा जो परेशान करने वाला या जटिल हो। passage में mention है कि कैसे भारत में कुत्तों और उनकी स्थिति ने कई परेशान करने वाले मुद्दे खोले हैं, इसलिए 'vexing' यहाँ उपयुक्त है। जबकि 'Composing' का अर्थ होता है बनाना या संगठित करना, 'Considering' का अर्थ है विचार करना, और 'Teeming' का अर्थ है भरा हुआ होना, जो इस context में सही नहीं हैं।

'Vexing' will be used because it means something that is troubling or complex. The passage mentions how dogs and their status in India have opened up several troubling issues, making 'vexing' the suitable choice here. Whereas, 'Composing' means to create or organize, 'Considering' means thinking about, and 'Teeming' implies being filled with, which do not fit in this context.

7. D) "roving" का अर्थ होता है घूमना या भटकना। Sentence में mention किया गया है कि आवासीय कॉलोनीयों पर कुत्तों का हमला हो रहा है, इसलिए 'roving' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Compelling' का अर्थ होता है आकर्षक या मजबूर करनेवाला, 'Diverging' का अर्थ है विचलन करना, और 'Separating' का अर्थ है अलग करना, जो इस context में सही नहीं हैं।

"roving" means wandering or roaming. The sentence mentions that residential colonies are being attacked by dogs, making 'roving' fitting here. Whereas, 'Compelling' implies attractiveness or forcing, 'Diverging' means deviating, and 'Separating' refers to dividing, which don't fit in this context.

8. D) 'Spurred' का use होगा क्योंकि "spurred" का अर्थ होता है किसी कार्य या प्रतिक्रिया को प्रेरित करना या तेज करना। Passage में यह बताया गया है कि street dogs की समस्या के बावजूद कोई बड़ी पॉलिटिकल रिस्पांस नहीं हुई है, इसलिए 'spurred' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Procured' का अर्थ है प्राप्त करना, 'Suffered' का अर्थ है पीड़ित होना, और 'Preferred' का अर्थ है पसंद करना, जो इस context में सही नहीं हैं।

'Spurred' will be used because it means to stimulate or accelerate an action or response. The passage indicates that despite the issue of street dogs, there hasn't been a significant political response, making 'spurred' appropriate here. Whereas, 'Procured' means obtained, 'Suffered' means to endure pain or hardship, and 'Preferred' means favored, which do not fit in this context.

9. A) 'Inherently' का use होगा क्योंकि "inherently" का अर्थ होता है कुछ ऐसा जो किसी वस्तु या व्यक्ति की मूल प्रकृति में होता है। Passage में यह दर्शाया गया है कि कुछ नस्लों के कुत्ते अपनी प्रकृति में ही अधिक "आक्रामक" होते हैं, इसलिए 'inherently' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Copiously' का अर्थ होता है प्रचुर मात्रा में, 'Abundantly' का अर्थ है बहुतायत में, और 'Regularly' का अर्थ है नियमित रूप से, जो इस context में सही नहीं हैं।

'Inherently' will be used because it means something that is a fundamental part of the nature of a person or thing. The passage indicates that some breeds of dogs are more "ferocious" by their very nature, making 'inherently' the correct choice here. Whereas, 'Copiously' means in large quantities, 'Abundantly' means plentifully, and 'Regularly' means in a regular manner, which don't fit in this context.

10. A) 'Prompted' का use होगा क्योंकि "prompted" का अर्थ होता है किसी प्रक्रिया या कार्यवाही को प्रेरित करना। sentence में यह बताया गया है कि नागरिक समूहों द्वारा की गई शिकायतों ने दिल्ली हाई कोर्ट में याचिका दाखिल करने के लिए प्रेरणा दी, इसलिए 'prompted' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Faceted' का अर्थ है कई पहलुओं वाला होना, 'Expected' का अर्थ है अपेक्षित होना, और 'Infuriated' का अर्थ है क्रोधित करना, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

'Prompted' will be used because it means to initiate or cause an action or process. The sentence describes that complaints by citizen groups led to filing a petition in the Delhi High Court, making 'prompted' suitable here. Whereas, 'Faceted' implies having many sides, 'Expected' means anticipated, and 'Infuriated' implies causing anger or rage, which do not fit in this context.

11. C) He killed his wife

12. C) **Kin** (noun) – One's relatives or family, related परिवार/संबंधी

- **Kilt** (noun) – a type of skirt traditionally worn by men in Scotland. स्कॉटिश स्कर्ट
- **Kindle** (verb) – to light or set on fire; to arouse or inspire (an emotion or feeling). आग लगाना/ प्रेरित करना
- **Kine** (noun) – archaic term for cows collectively. गायों का समूह

13. A) '**cleverest**' के बदले 'as clever as' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि positive degree में comparative degree का सही रूप 'as + Positive degree + as' होता है; जैसे— She is not as tall as John.

- 'as clever as' will be used instead of 'cleverest' because the correct form for comparative degree is 'as + Positive degree + as'; Like— She is not as tall as John.

14. D) The incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence is 'entaire'. The correct spelling is 'Entire' from option D. संपूर्ण,

15. D) **Camouflage** (noun) – The use of any combination of materials, coloration, or illumination for concealment, either by making animals or objects hard to see, or by disguising them as something else. छद्मवर्ण

Synonym: **Disguise** (noun) – give (someone or oneself) a different appearance in order to conceal one's identity. वेश बदलना, भेस बदलना

- **Sabotage** (noun) – The act of destroying or damaging something deliberately so that it does not work correctly. तोड़-फोड़
- **Execute** (verb) – To carry out or put into effect; to make or produce something, especially by following a plan or design. कार्यवाही करना
- **Gigantic** (adjective) – Very large; huge. विशाल

16. C) **Conspicuous** (adjective) – Easily seen or noticed, clearly visible, evident, prominent. स्पष्ट
Synonym: **Obvious** (adjective) – Easily perceived or understood, clear, self-evident, noticeable.

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- **Opaque** (adjective) – Not able to be seen through, not transparent, unclear. अपारदर्शी
- **Unnoticeable** (adjective) – Not easily seen or noticed, not conspicuous. अदृश्य
- **Effective** (adjective) – Successful in producing a desired or intended result, efficacious. प्रभावी

17. D) A large number of trees were uprooted by the storm yesterday.

18. B) **SQPR**

Everything available in our environment which can be used to satisfy our needs provided it is technologically accessible, economically feasible and culturally acceptable can be termed as 'Resource'

19. B) **Fierce** (adjective) – Intense, strong, aggressive, ferocious. उग्र

Antonym: Gentle (adjective) – Mild in temperament or behavior, kind, tender, soft. संवेदनशील

- **Sore** (adjective) – Painful, tender, aching. दर्दनाक
- **Vast** (adjective) – Of very great extent or quantity; immense. विशाल
- **Noisy** (adjective) – Making or given to making a lot of noise. शोरशराबा

20. C) **out of the blue** (idiom) – unexpectedly, without any warning अचानक से

- **Blowing off the steam** (idiom) – to release pent-up emotions or frustrations. अपनी भड़ास निकालना
- **Like a cakewalk** (idiom) – something very easy to accomplish. बहुत आसान
- **Stepping up his game** (idiom) – to improve or increase one's effort or performance. अपनी प्रदर्शन को बेहतर बनाना

21. C) The incorrectly spelt word is "Jewelerry". The correct spelling is "Jewellery आभूषण

22. A) '**braver than intelligent**' के बदले 'more brave than intelligent' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि जब दो गुणवत्ताओं की तुलना की जाती है और उसमें से एक गुणवत्ता दो या दो से अधिक स्वरों वाले शब्द से बताई जाती है, तो 'more' का प्रयोग होता है; जैसे— She is more beautiful than wise.

'more brave than intelligent' will be used instead of 'braver than intelligent' because when comparing two qualities and one of the qualities is represented by a word of two or more syllables, 'more' is used; Like— She is more beautiful than wise.

23. B) **CABD**

C: Sentence C introduces the topic by presenting the overall situation — the alarming decline in water levels in India's reservoirs. It sets the context by mentioning the latest data from the Central Water Commission.

A: After establishing the general context in sentence C, sentence A provides specific data to illustrate the severity of the situation — that the water available in major reservoirs has decreased to only 30% of their capacity.

B: Following the specific example of reduced water capacity, sentence B explains why this situation has occurred. It links the reduction in water levels to insufficient rainfall and the impact of the El Nino phenomenon.

D: Finally, sentence D discusses the consequences of the conditions described in the previous sentences. It explains the impact of the prolonged dry spell, which has led to depleted water reserves and left many regions parched and vulnerable. This sentence effectively concludes the paragraph by describing the resultant situation of the water crisis.

24. D) **RQPS**

R: This sentence introduces the main subject of the paragraph, which is the work allowance for international students in Canada

Q: This sentence logically follows R because it continues the information about the limitation on hours (completing the sentence fragment in R) and introduces when this new rule will start and its effective date

P: This sentence appropriately follows Q as it talks about the conclusion of a previous temporary policy, providing a contrast to the new rule introduced in sentences R and Q. This sequence (after R and Q) is necessary because it refers to a change from the existing condition (the temporary policy) to the new rule mentioned in Q.

S: This sentence logically and grammatically fits as the conclusion to the paragraph. It provides the source of the information shared in the previous sentences, attributing the statements to Marc Miller and noting when the announcement was made.

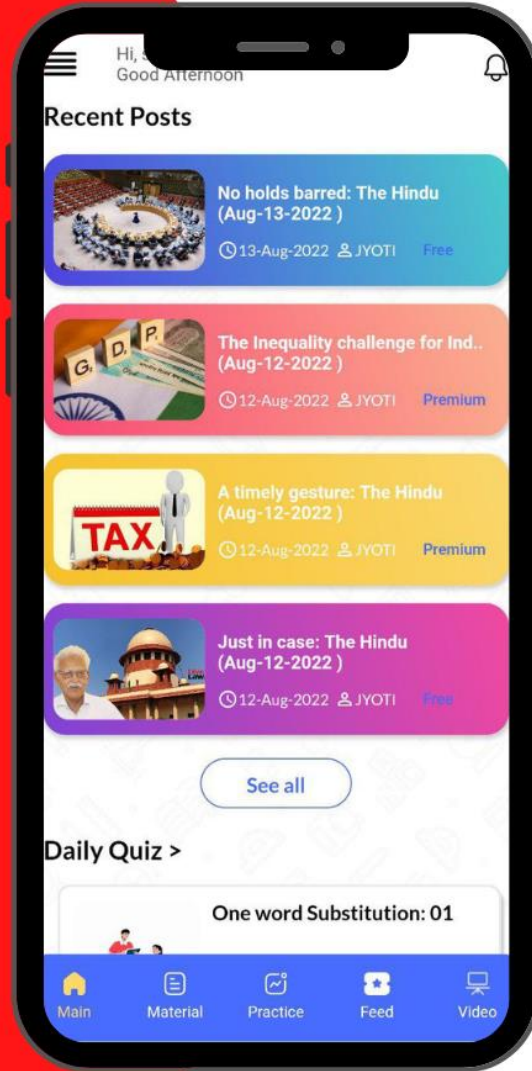
25. B) **P and R**

P: This sentence connects well with S1, explaining that the heroin seizure is part of ongoing issues with narco-terrorism, thus fitting naturally as S2.

R: This sentence provides an example of a previous large seizure, which supports the idea introduced in P that this problem is recurring and significant, making it a logical choice for S3.

The final sentence, S4, mentions the record size of the haul, which links well to R, emphasizing the scale of drug seizures in the country.

Options Q and S are incorrect because they do not directly relate to the ongoing issue of drug trafficking or provide a logical continuation from S1 to S4; instead, they introduce unrelated political elements.



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