

Twin towers: On China, India and badminton

China dominated in both men's and women's team events in badminton

China has **underlined** its badminton **supremacy** by **clinching** the Thomas and Uber Cup titles at home in Chengdu. The Asian powerhouse repeated its **feat** of 2012 — to win both the men's and women's **crowns** in the same year. The **vanquished** **finalist** in both categories **was** another **highflyer**, Indonesia, losing 1-3 in the men's division and 0-3 in the women's. With less than three months left for the Paris Olympics, the twin successes **marks** China out as the clear favourite. Of the two, the men's victory will taste sweeter. After winning five **straight** times from 2004 to 2012, the **heavyweight secured** just one trophy from the five **subsequent** editions. At Bangkok in 2022, it did not even make the **podium**. But led by World No. 2 Shi Yu Qi — who won all six of his singles matches — China took home the top prize for the 11th time in history. For the women, it was about **overcoming** the **blip** of losing to South Korea in the 2022 **summit clash**. Leading into this year's competition, China had won 10 of the previous 13 Uber Cups. And with four players in the singles top-8 and three pairs in the doubles top-5, it **bulldozed** its way through to the title, winning 24 straight matches.

For India, the Thomas Cup acted as a **stocktaking** exercise ahead of the Olympics while the Uber Cup was used as a platform to **blood** the next generation. The **experience** in the former **was** bittersweet, for India was the **defending champion** but its campaign ended in the last-eight with a 1-3 defeat to China. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, Asian Games doubles gold medallists and among the favourites for Paris, lost two high-profile matches, to Indonesia in the last group-stage tie and China. However, H.S. Prannoy and Lakshya Sen turned in **noteworthy** performances. Against Indonesia, Prannoy defeated 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist and 2024 All England Open finalist Anthony Ginting, a confidence booster in an **on-and-off** season. Versus China, Lakshya overcame the 2023 All England champion Li Shi Feng, for the fourth time in five matches, **furthering** an **uptick** in form since the European **swing** in early March, ahead of his first-ever Olympic Games. The young Indian women's side emerged with a lot of **credit** even though it lost 0-5 to China in the last league **contest** and 0-3 to Japan in the quarters. It was **baptism by fire** for the likes of Anmol Kharb, Isharani Baruah, Tanvi Sharma and Ashmita Chaliha, a **steep** learning curve that will **hold them in good stead**.

[Practice Exercise]

- Red/blue coloring of words in the sentence indicates subject verb relationship; where 'red' denote 'subject' and 'blue' denotes 'verb'.
- **Bittersweet** (noun) – containing a mixture of sadness and happiness

Vocabulary

1. **Underline** (verb) – Highlight, emphasize, stress, underscore, accentuate जोर देना
2. **Supremacy** (noun) – Dominance, superiority, preeminence, ascendancy, hegemony प्रभुत्व
3. **Clinch** (verb) – to finally get or win something जीतना
4. **Feat** (noun) – Achievement, accomplishment, exploit, deed, triumph उपलब्धि
5. **Crown** (noun) – Title, championship, throne, peak, pinnacle ताज, शीर्ष
6. **Vanquished** (adjective) – Defeated, conquered, overpowered, subdued, overcome पराजित
7. **Highflyer** (noun) – Achiever, star, success, high achiever, top performer उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन करने वाला
8. **Mark** (verb) – Signify, indicate, denote, symbolize, represent दिखाना
9. **Straight** (adjective) – Direct, consecutive, uninterrupted, continuous, successive लगातार
10. **Heavyweight** (noun) – Champion, leader, important figure, major player, bigwig महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्ति
11. **Secure** (verb) – Obtain, acquire, gain, achieve, procure प्राप्त करना
12. **Subsequent** (adjective) – Following, succeeding, later, subsequent, consecutive आगामी
13. **Podium** (noun) – Stage, platform, rostrum, dais, lectern मंच
14. **Overcome** (verb) – Conquer, surpass, defeat, beat, master पराजित करना
15. **Blip** (noun) – Minor setback, hiccup, interruption, anomaly, deviation छोटी समस्या
16. **Summit clash** (noun) – Final match चरम संघर्ष
17. **Bulldoze** (verb) – Dominate, overpower, push through, steamroll, overwhelm दबाव डालकर आगे बढ़ना
18. **Stocktaking** (noun) – Assessment, evaluation, appraisal, review, analysis मूल्यांकन
19. **Blood** (verb) – Initiate, introduce, train, prepare, indoctrinate नई पीढ़ी को तैयार करना
20. **Defending champion** (noun) – Current holder, reigning champion, title defender, defending titleholder, incumbent वर्तमान चैंपियन

21. **Noteworthy** (adjective) – Remarkable, significant, important, notable, outstanding उल्लेखनीय
22. **On-and-off** (adjective) – Intermittent, sporadic, irregular, occasional, periodic अनियमित
23. **Further** (verb) – Advance, promote, encourage, foster, develop आगे बढ़ाना
24. **Uptick** (noun) – Increase, rise, improvement, upturn, surge इजाफा
25. **Swing** (noun) – Movement, trend, shift, fluctuation, cycle प्रवाह
26. **Credit** (noun) – Recognition, acknowledgment, commendation, praise, acclaim प्रशংসন
27. **Contest** (noun) – Competition, match, tournament, event, challenge प्रतियोगिता
28. **Baptism by fire** (phrase) – Harsh introduction, severe initiation, rigorous start, tough beginning, difficult debut कठिन शुरुआत
29. **The likes of** (phrase) – Such as, similar to, equivalent to, comparable to, akin to जैसे
30. **Steep** (adjective) – Sharp, abrupt, precipitous, dramatic, sheer तीव्र
31. **Hold someone in good stead** (phrase) – Be beneficial, be advantageous, serve well, be useful, be of great help बहुत लाभदायक होना

Summary of the Editorial

1. **China's Dominance:** China clinched both the Thomas and Uber Cup titles, emphasizing its supremacy in badminton.
2. **Repeat of 2012:** This dual win in Chengdu mirrors their success in 2012, securing both men's and women's crowns in the same year.
3. **Finals Against Indonesia:** Indonesia was the runner-up in both categories, with scores of 1-3 in men's and 0-3 in women's events.
4. **Olympics Favorite:** With the Paris Olympics approaching, China's twin victories position it as the frontrunner.
5. **Men's Category:** The men's team victory was particularly significant given China's mixed results since 2012.
6. **Shi Yu Qi's Performance:** Shi Yu Qi led the men's team, winning all six of his matches, showcasing exceptional skill.
7. **Women's Resurgence:** The women's team rebounded from their previous loss to South Korea in 2022, dominating this year's competition.
8. **Strong Team Composition:** China's team featured top-ranked players in both singles and doubles categories.
9. **India's Perspective:** The Thomas and Uber Cups served as preparatory platforms for India ahead of the Olympics.
10. **India's Thomas Cup Experience:** As defending champions, India's journey ended in the quarterfinals with a loss to China.
11. **Notable Indian Performances:** Despite setbacks, players like H.S. Prannoy and Lakshya Sen had significant wins.
12. **Indian Doubles Setback:** Doubles pair Rankireddy and Shetty faced crucial defeats, impacting their momentum.
13. **Indian Women's Performance:** The young Indian women's team faced tough opponents, gaining valuable experience.
14. **Learning and Development:** Indian newcomers like Anmol Kharb and Isharani Baruah were tested, providing a steep learning curve.
15. **Looking Forward:** Both teams' experiences at the cups are pivotal for their preparations for the upcoming Paris Olympics.

Practice Exercise: SSC Pattern Based

1. **What is the tone of the passage describing the young Indian women's side's performance in the badminton matches?**
A. Pessimistic
B. Disparaging
C. Appreciative
D. Indifferent
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2. **What is the main theme of the passage?**
A. The struggles of young athletes in international competitions
B. The dominant performance of China in international badminton events
C. The training regimen of top badminton players
D. The anticipation of the upcoming Paris Olympics
3. **What could be inferred about China's badminton performance leading up to the Paris Olympics according to the passage?**
A. China's recent performance, winning both the Thomas and Uber Cup, signifies a decline in their dominance due to close competition with other countries.
B. Winning the Thomas and Uber Cup highlights China as a potential underdog in the upcoming Paris Olympics.
C. China's twin victories in the Thomas and Uber Cup establish them as the clear favorite for the Paris Olympics.
D. Despite the recent victories, China's badminton team is unlikely to perform well in the Paris Olympics due to past inconsistencies.
4. **How did China's women's badminton team recover in the tournament following their loss in the 2022 summit clash?**
A. The Chinese women's team struggled in the tournament following their loss, winning fewer matches than in previous years.
B. China's women's team returned to form by not only participating but also winning the Uber Cup without losing any of their 24 matches.
C. Although the women's team reached the finals in the following tournament, they were unable to secure the championship, continuing their streak of losses.
D. After their 2022 defeat, the Chinese women's team decided to withdraw from international competition to focus on training.
5. **From the passage, it can be inferred that all of the following are true about India's performance in the Uber Cup EXCEPT that:**
A. It was a platform to introduce the next generation of players.
B. The young team was able to win at least one match against China.
C. The team faced tough challenges, losing to both China and Japan.
D. The experience served as a significant learning opportunity for new players.
6. **Which one of the following statements best summarizes the author's position on India's outcomes in the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup?**

- A. Despite facing defeats, both the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup were pivotal in gauging the readiness of Indian players for the upcoming Olympics.
- B. The Thomas Cup and Uber Cup revealed weaknesses in the Indian teams that suggest they are not yet prepared for future international competitions.
- C. The performance of the Indian teams in the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup was disappointing, overshadowing individual achievements.
- D. The Thomas Cup was solely about defending the title, and the Uber Cup was not used effectively to prepare for future challenges.

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.

SEBI's interim order relating to an employee _____ 1 _____ trades of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) shows _____ 2 _____ lapses in the process followed by the insurance _____ 3 _____ when dealing with clients' investments. While the stock market regulator has _____ 4 _____ stringent rules for the entire investment process in mutual funds — from decision making to placing orders on exchanges — to prevent _____ 5 _____ and unfair trading practices, insurance companies which manage equally substantial amounts of money do not appear to have water-tight rules to prevent such incidents.

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

- A. fine-tuning
- B. front-running
- C. reassuring
- D. tweaking

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

- A. Discouraging
- B. Cloning
- C. Inhibiting
- D. Alarming

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

- A. Inaugurate
- B. Behemoth
- C. Coherent
- D. Impoverish

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

- A. Led down
- B. Call upon
- C. laid down
- D. make up

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

- A. Equivalent
- B. Relent
- C. Fraudulent

- D. Blunt
12. 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. Inc., is undoubtedly an example of how captains of industry can adroitly hide their lust for profits by preaching virtue
B. The startling comment by Infosys co-founder N.R. Narayana Murthy that youngsters in India must say, "This is my country
C. I want to work 70 hours a week", in order to make the country competitive, and the support he received from several members of India
D. More importantly, it is an argument that fails the litmus test on three counts.
A. BDAC
B. CABD
C. BCAD
D. ABCD
13. 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. For decades it projected a mirage of ruthless sophistication, as it repeatedly and confidently cut its Palestinian enemies down to size.
B. But the unspeakable horrors of October 7, 2023 have prompted a visceral retaliation in Gaza, that brings still-unknown risks of escalation on other fronts, and the unprecedented suffering of innocent civilians that will ricochet through generations.
C. Israel's prevailing security policy has collapsed.
D. The catastrophe should prompt a fundamental rethink of Israel's strategic concepts — and carries dire warnings for India, too.
A. BDAC
B. CABD
C. BCAD
D. ABCD
14. 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. Isabel saw a strange rabbit running through the bushes.
B. Following it, she found a door which she opened with the help of keys.
C. After that, she felt a strange sensation in her body.
D. She thought as if she was in a dream.
A. CDAB
B. DCAB
C. BCDA
D. ABCD
15. Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the word in brackets to fill in the blank.
After the rain stopped, the air smelled fresh and clean, and the sun _____
(stared) out from behind the clouds
A. peeked

- B. observed
- C. spied
- D. Surveyed

16. Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

Developers _____ the old buildings on the site to make way for new construction.

- A. raze
- B. rays
- C. raise
- D. Rase

17. 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) The new movie was highly anticipated by fans of the franchise.
 - (B) As the lights dimmed, the audience grew quiet in anticipation.
 - (C) The movie began with an exciting action sequence that had the audience on the edge of their seats.
 - (D) The movie theatre was packed with people eager to see it.
- A. CBDA
 - B. BCDA
 - C. ADBC
 - D. DBAC

18. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. Suspicion
- B. Susspcion
- C. Susppcion
- D. Suspicon

19. Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Shruti is a strange person because of her attitude.

- A. A one man
- B. A scarlet woman
- C. Queer fish
- D. A straw man

20. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Select the option that arranges the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.

- A) the importance
 - B) to be treated
 - C) of treating other people
 - D) now he knows
 - E) as he would like
- A. D, A, C, E, B
 - B. B, D, C, A, E
 - C. C, D, B, A, E
 - D. C, E, B, A, D

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

- A form of government in which power is held by the nobility
- A. Democracy
 - B. Aristocracy
 - C. Republic
 - D. Nobility

22. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined word in the given sentence.

The World Health Organization has finally issued guidelines to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 epidemic

- A. A large number of people or animals suffering from the same disease at the same time
- B. An infection which is caused by viruses
- C. An infection that spreads slowly
- D. A disease which lasts for more than fifty

23. Select the most appropriate option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.

The professor assigns the homework every week.

- A. The homework is assigning by the professor every week.
- B. The homework will be assigned by the professor every week.
- C. The homework assigns by the professor every week.
- D. The homework is assigned by the professor every week.

24. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

The Special Task Force will conduct a thorough probe in the land scam case which has Mr. Lakhan Lal as the prime akused.

- A. Scam
- B. Prime
- C. Thorough
- D. Akused

25. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM to substitute the underlined word in the given sentence.

The newly selected secretary of the party has a/an impeccable image among the public.

- A. Refurbished
- B. Blemished
- C. Irresistible
- D. Arbitrary

Answers

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

[Practice Exercise]

Explanations

1. C) Appreciative

- A) Pessimistic is incorrect because the tone of the passage does not reflect negativity or a lack of hope regarding the young Indian women's team; instead, it acknowledges their efforts positively.
- B) Disparaging is incorrect as the passage does not belittle or criticize the team but rather commends their emergence with "a lot of credit" despite losses.
- C) Appreciative is correct because the passage acknowledges the challenges faced by the young Indian women's team and credits them for their performances, highlighting the valuable experience gained.
- D) Indifferent is incorrect as the passage clearly shows concern and recognition for the team's efforts and learning, not a lack of interest or emotion.

2. B) The dominant performance of China in international badminton events

- A) The struggles of young athletes in international competitions is incorrect because the passage does not primarily focus on the struggles; it mentions the performance of various teams, especially highlighting China's dominance.
- B) The dominant performance of China in international badminton events is correct as the passage elaborates on China's repeated victories in both the Thomas and Uber Cup, underlining its supremacy in badminton.
- C) The training regimen of top badminton players is incorrect because the passage does not discuss the training practices of the players in detail.
- D) The anticipation of the upcoming Paris Olympics is incorrect because, while the Olympics are mentioned, they are not the main focus of the passage; the emphasis is on the results of the recent competitions and the standout performances therein.

3. C) China's twin victories in the Thomas and Uber Cup establish them as the clear favorite for the Paris Olympics.

The passage states that with less than three months left for the Paris Olympics, the twin successes mark China out as the clear favorite. This directly supports option C as the correct answer.

A is incorrect because the passage does not suggest a decline in China's dominance but rather highlights its supremacy.

B is incorrect as it describes China as an underdog, which contradicts the passage that portrays them as dominant.

D is incorrect because, although the passage mentions past inconsistencies, it specifically emphasizes their strong current form, making them favorites for the Olympics.

4. B) China's women's team returned to form by not only participating but also winning the Uber Cup without losing any of their 24 matches.

According to the passage, the women's team was about overcoming the blip of losing to South Korea in the 2022 summit clash by winning 24 straight matches and the title in the subsequent Uber Cup.

- A is incorrect as it contradicts the passage which states they won all their matches.
- C is incorrect because the passage confirms they won the title, not just reached the finals.
- D is incorrect because there is no mention of withdrawing from competitions; instead, they competed and succeeded in winning the Uber Cup.

5. B) The young team was able to win at least one match against China.

- A) Incorrect because the passage explicitly states that the Uber Cup was used "as a platform to blood the next generation," indicating it was indeed a means to introduce new players.
- B) Correct because the passage mentions that India lost 0-5 to China, which means the young Indian team did not win any match against China.
- C) Incorrect as the passage confirms that India faced defeats from China and Japan in the Uber Cup, showing they did face such challenges.
- D) Incorrect because, despite the losses, the passage describes these experiences as a "baptism by fire" and a "steep learning curve," suggesting significant educational value for the players.

6. A) Despite facing defeats, both the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup were pivotal in gauging the readiness of Indian players for the upcoming Olympics.

- A) Correct because the passage indicates that the Thomas Cup acted as a "stocktaking exercise" for the Olympics, and the Uber Cup was a developmental platform, suggesting both events helped in assessing and preparing players despite the outcomes.
- B) Incorrect because the passage does not suggest an overall unpreparedness but instead highlights specific losses and achievements, showing mixed results rather than just weaknesses.
- C) Incorrect as the passage notes significant individual performances (e.g., Prannoy defeating Ginting and Lakshya defeating Li Shi Feng), which suggests that there were notable achievements despite team setbacks.
- D) Incorrect because the passage explicitly states the Thomas Cup was for stocktaking ahead of the Olympics and the Uber Cup for bleeding new talent, indicating strategic use of both events, contrary to the option suggesting ineffectiveness.

7. B) 'front-running' का use होगा क्योंकि यहाँ passage में mention है कि SEBI की अंतरिम आदेश में एक कर्मचारी के "front-running" की व्याख्या की गई है। "Front-running" एक तरह की गलत प्रयासवादी व्यापारिक गतिविधि होती है जहाँ एक व्यक्ति एक सूचीबद्ध क्लाइंट के आदेशों को उनके पहले के पहुंचने से पहले फायदा उठाता है। अन्य options में, 'fine-tuning' का अर्थ होता है छोटे-मोटे सुधार करना, 'reassuring' का अर्थ होता है साहस या विश्वास दिलाना, और 'tweaking' का अर्थ होता है समीक्षा करना या सुधारना, जो इस context में सही नहीं हैं।

'front-running' will be used because it has been explicitly mentioned in the passage that SEBI's interim order addresses an employee's "front-running" trades. "Front-running" is a type of

illicit trading activity where an individual benefits from executing orders on behalf of a listed client before their official execution. Among the other options, 'fine-tuning' means making minor adjustments, 'reassuring' means providing courage or confidence, and 'tweaking' means reviewing or modifying, which are not appropriate in this context.

8. D) 'Alarming' का use होगा क्योंकि 'alarming' का अर्थ होता है कुछ ऐसा जो चिंता या भय पैदा करे। Sentence में mention है कि SEBI का आदेश दिखाता है कि बीमा कंपनी के प्रक्रिया में गंभीर त्रुटियां हैं, जो चिंताजनक हैं, इसलिए 'alarming' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Discouraging' का अर्थ है हतोत्साहित करना, 'Cloning' का अर्थ है नकल करना, और 'Inhibiting' का अर्थ है रोकना या बाधित करना, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

'Alarming' will be used because it means something that causes worry or fear. The sentence indicates that SEBI's order reveals serious faults in the insurance company's process, which are concerning, making 'alarming' appropriate here. Whereas, 'Discouraging' means to dishearten, 'Cloning' means to copy, and 'Inhibiting' means to hinder or restrain, which don't fit in this context.

9. B) 'Behemoth' का use होगा क्योंकि "behemoth" का अर्थ होता है कोई बहुत बड़ी और शक्तिशाली चीज। Sentence में mention है कि insurance company जो कि बड़ी मात्रा में पैसा manage करती है, उसे दर्शाने के लिए 'behemoth' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Inaugurate' का अर्थ होता है किसी चीज का उद्घाटन करना, 'Coherent' का अर्थ होता है तार्किक और सुसंगत, और 'Impoverish' का अर्थ होता है गरीब बनाना, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

'Behemoth' will be used because it means a very large and powerful entity. The sentence describes an insurance company that manages large amounts of money, making 'behemoth' suitable here to indicate its size and power. Whereas, 'Inaugurate' means to formally open or introduce something, 'Coherent' means logical and consistent, and 'Impoverish' means to make poor, which do not fit in this context.

10. C) "laid down" का use होगा क्योंकि "laid down" का अर्थ होता है नियम या आदेश निर्धारित करना। passage में mention है कि म्यूचुअल फंड्स के लिए निवेश प्रक्रिया में कठोर नियम लागू किए गए हैं जिससे अनुचित व्यापारिक प्रथाओं को रोका जा सके, इसलिए 'laid down' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Led down' का अर्थ है गलत दिशा में ले जाना, 'Call upon' का अर्थ है मदद के लिए बुलाना, और 'make up' का अर्थ है बनाना या गढ़ना, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

"laid down" will be used because "laid down" means to establish rules or directives. The passage mentions that stringent rules have been established for the investment process in mutual funds to prevent improper and unfair trading practices, making 'laid down' suitable here. Whereas, 'Led down' implies misleading or directing in the wrong way, 'Call upon' means to request for help, and 'make up' means to create or fabricate, which don't fit in this context.

11. C) Fraudulent' का use होगा क्योंकि "fraudulent" का अर्थ होता है धोखाधड़ी से संबंधित। passage में mention है कि म्यूचुअल फंड्स में निवेश प्रक्रिया को कड़ाई से नियंत्रित किया जाता है ताकि धोखाधड़ी और अनुचित व्यापारिक प्रथाओं को रोका जा सके, इसलिए 'fraudulent' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Equivalent' का अर्थ है बराबर का, 'Relent' का अर्थ है नरम पड़ना, और 'Blunt' का अर्थ है भद्दा या मुखर, जो इस संदर्भ में सही नहीं है।

'Fraudulent' will be used because it means related to deceit or dishonest practices. The passage mentions that mutual funds have stringent rules to prevent fraudulent and unfair trading practices, making 'fraudulent' fitting here. Whereas, 'Equivalent' means equal in value or amount, 'Relent' means to soften in attitude or temper, and 'Blunt' means straightforward without sensitivity, which don't fit in this context.

12. C) BCAD

B: This sentence introduces a topic with a clear subject, "Infosys co-founder N.R. Narayana Murthy," making it a strong opening statement. It sets the context for a discussion or argument.

C: This sentence continues directly from Sentence B, indicated by the quotation marks. It completes the quote started in Sentence B and adds additional information about the support received, which logically follows the introduction of Murthy's comment.

A: The reference to "Inc." appears abrupt without a prior mention. However, it likely follows the specifics provided in Sentences B and C, moving from a specific example to a general observation.

D: This sentence provides a critical analysis or judgment. The phrase "More importantly" suggests that it builds upon previously mentioned points, likely evaluating the argument presented in Sentences B and C.

13. B) CABD

C: This sentence, "Israel's prevailing security policy has collapsed," is a strong opening statement. It introduces the main topic — a significant change in Israel's security policy.

A: This sentence provides historical context to the statement made in Sentence C. It explains how Israel's security policy used to function, which is crucial for understanding the significance of its collapse mentioned in Sentence C.

B: This sentence introduces a specific event that presumably led to the collapse of the security policy mentioned in Sentence C. The word "But" signals a shift from the past situation described in Sentence A to a more recent development.

D: This sentence provides a conclusion or a consequence of the events described in Sentence B.

14. D) ABCD

Isabel saw a strange rabbit running through the bushes following it, she found a door which she opened with the help of keys. After that, she felt a strange sensation in her body. She thought as if she was in a dream.

15. A) **Antonym:** **peeked** (verb) – To look quickly or furtively, especially through a narrow opening or from a concealed location. झाँकना

- **observed** (verb) – To notice or perceive something and register it as being significant. ध्यान देना
- **spied** (verb) – To see or notice someone or something, especially suddenly or by chance. जासूसी करना
- **surveyed** (verb) – To look carefully and thoroughly at someone or something, especially so as to appraise them. जांचना

16. A) 'raze' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि sentence में इमारतों को ध्वस्त करने की चर्चा की जा रही है, जिससे नई निर्माण की जगह बनाई जा सके। "raze" का अर्थ होता है किसी चीज को पूरी तरह से नष्ट कर देना। अन्य options के अर्थ इस context में relevant नहीं हैं। इसलिए, "raze" सबसे appropriate choice होगा।

- 'raze' should be used because the sentence talks about demolishing buildings to create space for new construction. "raze" means to completely destroy something. The meanings of the other options are not relevant in this context. Thus, "raze" would be the most appropriate choice.

17. C) **ADBC**

The new movie was highly anticipated by fans of the franchise. The movie theatre was packed with people eager to see it. As the lights dimmed, the audience grew quiet in anticipation. The movie began with an exciting action sequence that had the audience on the edge of their seats.

18. A) The correct spelling is 'Suspicion'. The word 'Suspicion' means "a feeling or thought that something is possible, likely, or true" शक, संदेह।

19. C) इस sentence में "Shruti is a strange person because of her attitude" के underlined भाग के लिए सबसे उपयुक्त idiom 'Queer fish' होगा।

- The most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment "Shruti is a strange person because of her attitude" is 'Queer fish'

20. A) D, A, C, E, B

Now he knows the importance of treating other people as he would like to be treated

21. B) **Aristocracy** (noun) – A form of government in which power is held by the nobility सम्राट प्रणाली

- **Democracy** (noun) – A system of government in which power is vested in the people, who rule either directly or through freely elected representatives लोकतंत्र

- **Republic** (noun) – A state in which the supreme power rests in the body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by representatives chosen directly or indirectly by them गणराज्य
- **Nobility** (noun) – The quality of being noble in character, quality, or rank; does not directly refer to a form of government उच्च कुल

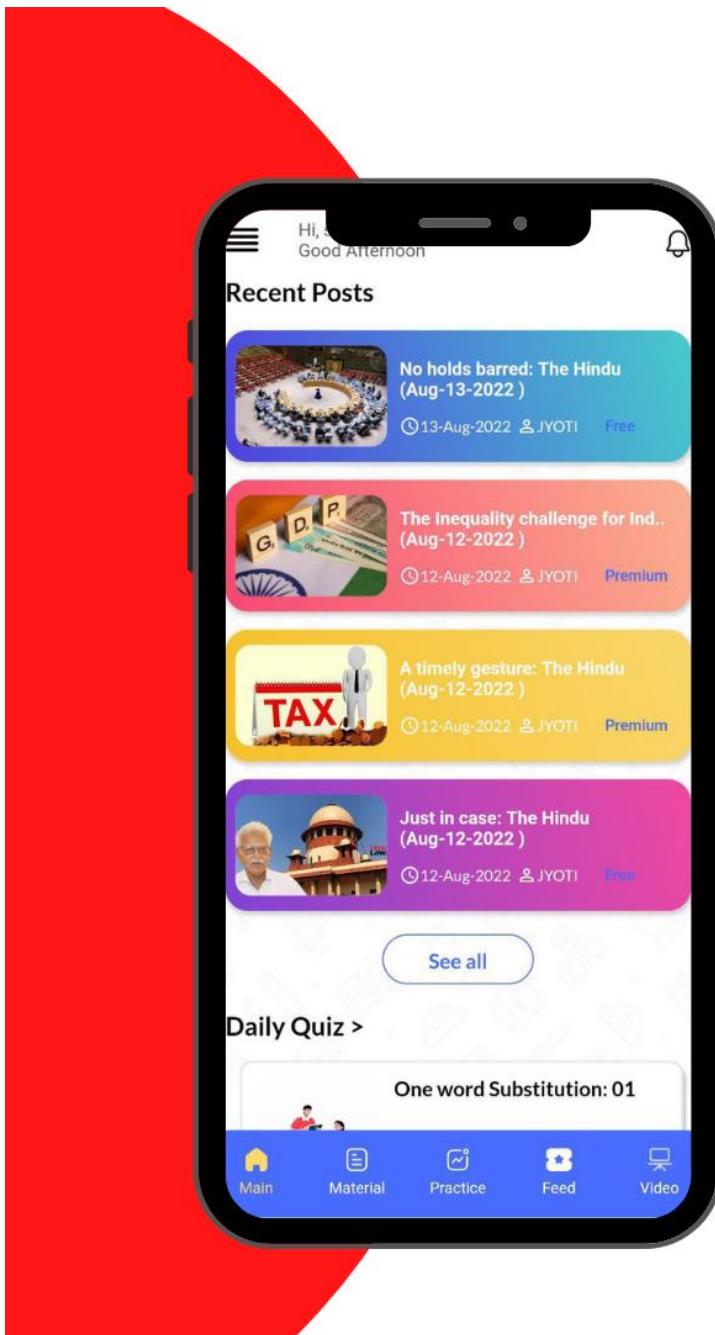
22. A) A large number of people or animals suffering from the same disease at the same time
 23. D) The homework is assigned by the professor every week.

24. D) The correct spelling of 'Akused' is 'Accused'. Therefore, the INCORRECTLY spelt word is 'Akused' आरोपी

25. B) **Impeccable** (adjective) – Flawless, perfect, without any mistakes or errors. दोषरहित

Antonym: **Blemished** (adjective) – Marked, damaged, or impaired; having imperfections.
 दोषपूर्ण

- **Refurbished** (adjective) – Renovated, overhauled, restored to a good state of repair.
 नवीकृत
- **Irresistible** (adjective) – Too attractive and tempting to be resisted, alluring, captivating. अप्रतिरोध्य
- **Arbitrary** (adjective) – Based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system. मनमाना



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