

Cleansing NEET: On a recast test

Next year, the test must have **safeguards** against **malpractice** and **inefficiency**

What comes undone is best redone. The latest **development** in the **prolonged** National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024 **saga has played out** in the court, and will answer the question raised initially — the unusually high number of toppers this year. The Supreme Court of India's **ruling** on the right answer to a particular physics question in the NEET paper, based on the expert opinion of IIT Delhi professionals, **has brought down** the number of toppers from 61 to a more **reasonable** number — 17. The wrong **answer** for the disputed question **was** chosen **reportedly** by four lakh students, including 44 in the list of toppers. **As a result**, all these students will lose five marks each. Ruling that there could be only one correct answer, the Court **directed** the National Testing Agency (NTA) to revise the scores based on the correct answer. It also **emerged** during the **hearing** that the wrong answer for the question was actually present in the older (until 2021) NCERT textbooks. The Court had earlier refused to cancel the entire NEET, which over 23 lakh applicants took. While the scheduled **date of counselling**, July 24, **is past** already, and with the NTA having to **re-tally** the marks with the revised answer, the counselling has been delayed again, but will **take place** as soon as possible.

While the **scenario**, as it **stands** today, **seems ostensibly** resolved sufficiently to **let** the process move forward, the truth is that an **unprecedented** number of **violations** have occurred in a manner that **vitiated**, possibly **for good**, the faith in NEET as a **fail-safe** entrance route. From charges of paper leaks, giving out the wrong question papers, damaged answer keys, **impersonation** by students, and an analysis of marks that showed an unusually high number of toppers from certain centres in the country, NEET-UG 2024 has been a **string** of bad news this year. **Notably**, the **interventions** to right the **course have** come mostly from the judiciary, with **the executive stopping short of** initiating significant or **decisive** action required to clean its **Augean stables**. For starters, the extraordinary **emphasis** that has come to be placed on medicine as a career choice, with over 23 lakh students hoping to **compete** for over one lakh MBBS seats, **will** have to be **dialled down**, with a healthy promotion of other scientific **streams** as **viable** career options. The government also has no option but to **unwind the entire spool**, and **cast it out** if it must, **reorienting** all systems so that the next NEET can be conducted professionally, and with adequate safeguards **in place** to prevent malpractice or **inefficiency**.

[Practice Exercise]

- **For starters** (phrase) – as the first step or part; initially; first शुरुआत के लिए
- Red/blue coloring of words in the sentence indicates subject verb relationship; where 'red' denotes 'subject' and 'blue' denotes 'verb'

Vocabulary

1. **Cleanse** (verb) – Purify, sanitize, detoxify, decontaminate, sterilize शुद्ध करना
2. **Recast** (verb) – Revise, modify, restructure, reshape, reorganize पुनर्निर्माण करना
3. **Safeguard** (verb) – Protect, shield, secure, defend, guard सुरक्षा करना
4. **Malpractice** (noun) – Misconduct, negligence, wrongdoing, unethical behavior, professional दुराचार
5. **Inefficiency** (noun) – Ineffectiveness, incompetence, unproductiveness, sluggishness, inadequacy अक्षमता
6. **Undo** (verb) – Reverse, negate, cancel, annul, invalidate रद्द करना
7. **What comes undone is best redone** (phrase) – If something fails, it is best to try again; attempt to fix what has gone wrong – जो विफल होता है, उसे फिर से करने की कोशिश करना सबसे अच्छा है; जो गलत हुआ उसे ठीक करने का प्रयास करना
8. **Development** (noun) – event, turn of events, occurrence, happening, circumstance घटनाक्रम
9. **Prolonged** (adjective) – Extended, lengthy, protracted, continued, sustained लंबे समय तक
10. **Saga** (noun) – Epic, chronicle, narrative, tale, story गाथा
11. **Play out** (phrasal verb) – Unfold, happen, transpire, occur, develop सामने आना
12. **Ruling** (noun) – Decision, verdict, judgment, decree, order निर्णय
13. **Bring down** (phrasal verb) – Reduce, lower, decrease, diminish, cut घटाना
14. **Reasonable** (adjective) – Rational, sensible, logical, fair, justifiable उचित
15. **Reportedly** (adverb) – Allegedly, supposedly, purportedly, ostensibly, according to reports कथित रूप से
16. **As a result** (phrase) – Consequently, therefore, thus, accordingly, hence परिणामस्वरूप
17. **Direct** (verb) – Command, instruct, order, guide, lead निर्देश देना
18. **Emerge** (verb) – Appear, surface, arise, come out, materialize उभरना
19. **Hearing** (noun) – Trial, session, proceeding, inquiry, examination सुनवाई
20. **Counselling** (noun) – Guidance, advice, consultation, therapy, coaching परामर्श
21. **Past** (adjective) – already gone; belonging to a time before the present जो बीत चुका है

22. **Re-tally** (verb) – Recalculate, recount, recompute, recheck, reassess पुनर्गणना करना
23. **Take place** (phrasal verb) – Occur, happen, transpire, come about, unfold होना
24. **Scenario** (noun) – Situation, context, setting, background, circumstances परिदृश्य
25. **Stand** (verb) – Remain, stay, endure, persist, hold खड़ा होना
26. **Ostensibly** (adverb) – Apparently, seemingly, outwardly, superficially, supposedly प्रकट रूप से
27. **Let** (verb) – Allow, permit, enable, authorize, sanction होने देना
28. **Unprecedented** (adjective) – Unparalleled, extraordinary, unmatched, exceptional, unique अभूतपूर्व
29. **Violation** (noun) – Breach, infringement, transgression, contravention, noncompliance उल्लंघन
30. **Vitiate** (verb) – Spoil, impair, mar, tarnish, corrupt दूषित करना
31. **For good** (phrase) – Permanently, forever, indefinitely, eternally, irrevocably हमेशा के लिए
32. **Fail-safe** (noun) – Safety mechanism, backup plan, contingency, safeguard, fallback सुरक्षात्मक तंत्र
33. **Impersonation** (noun) – Identity theft, masquerading, imitation, fraud, deception छद्मवेश
34. **String** (noun) – Series, sequence, chain, succession, line श्रृंखला
35. **Notably** (adverb) – Particularly, especially, significantly, prominently, markedly विशेष रूप से
36. **Intervention** (noun) – Mediation, involvement, interference, intercession, arbitration हस्तक्षेप
37. **Course** (noun) – Direction, path, trajectory, route, way दिशा
38. **The executive** (noun) – The administration, the government, the authorities, the leadership, the management कार्यकारी
39. **Stop short of** (phrase) – Refrain from, avoid, hold back, desist, pull back से दूर रहना
40. **Decisive** (adjective) – Conclusive, final, definitive, determining, resolute निर्णायक
41. **Augean Stable** (phrase) – Extremely dirty place, a very messy situation requiring a great deal of effort to clean – अत्यधिक गंदा स्थान, बहुत गन्दा स्थिति जिसे साफ करने के लिए बहुत प्रयास की आवश्यकता होती है

42. **Emphasis** (noun) – Importance, significance, stress, priority, prominence
ज़ोर
43. **Compete** (verb) – Contest, vie, strive, challenge, contend प्रतिस्पर्धा करना
44. **Dial down** (phrasal verb) – Reduce, lessen, decrease, diminish, moderate कम करना
45. **Stream** (noun) – Field, discipline, domain, area, branch क्षेत्र
46. **Viable** (adjective) – Feasible, practical, workable, possible, attainable व्यावहारिक
47. **Unwind the spool** (phrase) – To undo or resolve a complicated situation, to straighten out tangled or complex issues –
उलझन या जटिल समस्याओं को सुलझाना
48. **Cast out** (phrasal verb) – Expel, eject, oust, remove, banish निकाल देना
49. **Reorient** (verb) – to change the focus or direction of somebody/something नई दिशा देना
50. **In place** (phrase) – Established, set up, positioned, ready, prepared स्थापित
51. **Inefficiency** (noun) – Ineffectiveness, incompetence, unproductiveness, sluggishness, inadequacy अक्षमता

Summary of the Editorial

1. **Supreme Court Ruling:** The Supreme Court of India intervened in the NEET 2024 case, addressing the unusually high number of toppers by ruling on a disputed physics question.
2. **Revised Toppers:** The expert opinion from IIT Delhi professionals led to the reduction of toppers from 61 to 17.
3. **Incorrect Answer Impact:** Four lakh students, including 44 toppers, had chosen the wrong answer from outdated NCERT textbooks, losing five marks each.
4. **National Testing Agency (NTA) Directive:** The NTA was instructed by the Court to revise scores based on the correct answer.
5. **Counselling Delay:** The delay in counselling, originally scheduled for July 24, was caused by the need to re-tally scores.
6. **Numerous Violations:** NEET-UG 2024 faced multiple violations, including paper leaks, wrong question papers, damaged answer keys, and impersonation.
7. **Judicial Interventions:** Most corrective measures were driven by the judiciary rather than the executive branch.
8. **Executive Inaction:** The executive has been criticized for not taking significant actions to address the issues.
9. **Emphasis on Medicine:** The extraordinary emphasis on medicine as a career choice, with over 23 lakh applicants for around one lakh MBBS seats, needs to be reduced.
10. **Promotion of Other Streams:** There is a need to promote other scientific streams as viable career options.
11. **Systemic Reorientation:** The government must reorient the entire system to ensure future NEET exams are conducted professionally.
12. **Prevention of Malpractice:** Adequate safeguards must be put in place to prevent malpractice and inefficiency in future NEET exams.
13. **Restoring Faith in NEET:** The unprecedented violations have undermined faith in NEET as a reliable entrance test.
14. **Court's Role:** The Court refused to cancel NEET 2024 despite the violations, ensuring that the process moves forward.
15. **Future Safeguards:** Next year's NEET must include robust safeguards against malpractice and inefficiency to restore confidence in the examination process.

Practice Exercise: SSC Pattern Based

1. **Which factor led to the Supreme Court of India's involvement in the NEET 2024 saga?**
A. The decision to cancel the entire NEET exam [Editorial page]
B. An unusually high number of toppers
C. The delay in the counselling process
D. The release of the NEET results
2. **Why did the number of toppers in NEET 2024 decrease from 61 to 17?**
A. The Supreme Court's decision to cancel the NEET exam
B. The revision of scores based on the correct answer to a disputed question
C. The introduction of a new scoring system
D. The exclusion of students who did not attend the counselling
3. **What emerged as a significant issue during the NEET 2024 examination process?**
A. The introduction of a new examination format
B. An increase in the number of medical seats
C. The presence of the wrong answer in older NCERT textbooks
D. The implementation of online counselling
4. **What can be inferred about the judiciary's role in the NEET 2024 examination process?**
A. The judiciary has been largely inactive and has deferred all decisions to the executive branch.
B. The judiciary has ignored the complaints and upheld the initial examination results without changes.
C. The judiciary has only intervened to cancel the entire examination.
D. The judiciary has taken a proactive role in addressing the issues and intervening where necessary.
5. **What does the passage suggest about the future of the NEET examination?**
A. The NEET examination will likely be abolished due to the issues faced in 2024.
B. The NEET examination process will remain unchanged despite the problems.
C. Significant reforms and safeguards will likely be implemented to prevent future issues.
D. The NEET examination will only be conducted online in the future.
6. **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**
Felicity
A. Function
B. Happiness
C. Anguish
D. Fellow being
7. **Select the word which is INCORRECTLY spelt in the given sentence.**
The oportunity cost of going with parents back to the village made Naman upset for almost the entire month
A. parents

- B. opportunity
C. almost
D. Village
8. **Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.**
To move into or through something
A. Transparent
B. Cross
C. Perpetuate
D. Penetrate
9. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**
Renewable energy is energy that is environment-friendly because it is _____ from renewable resources, that are naturally replenished
A. deduced
B. derived
C. construed
D. Found
10. **Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word**
A. Connoisseur
B. Haphazard
C. Diffusion
D. Appropriate
11. **Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.**
Bold
A. Gallant
B. Heroic
C. Timid
D. Valiant
12. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**
All Greek to me
A. Something that is harmful to all
B. Something that is not understandable
C. Something that is ancient and classic
D. Something that is fancy and classy
13. **Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.**
Troublesome
A. Soulful
B. Curious
C. Planless
D. Obedient
14. **Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.**
The reasons or intentions that cause a particular set of beliefs or actions

- A. Motive
- B. Practical
- C. Thinkable
- D. Rationale

15. **Select the sentence that uses the given idiom correctly.**

Eat like a bird

- A. The colonial powers colonised small countries by exploiting them and stealing their resources.
- B. Overeating is the most obvious reason for gaining weight quickly.
- C. Nobody can eat with Jerry at the same table as he is so messy.
- D. Pinky is on a diet so she is too picky about the food she eats

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 internet has (1) _____ reshaped the way information is accessed and shared. With a vast array of websites and social media platforms, individuals can (2) _____ connect with others globally. However, this digital age also brings (3) _____ challenges. The spread of misinformation has become a (4) _____ issue, as false content can quickly gain traction. It is essential for users to (5) _____ assess the credibility of sources before believing and sharing information. In this era of rapid data dissemination, cultivating media literacy is of utmost importance

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

- A. occasionally
- B. discreetly
- C. gradually
- D. Significantly

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

- A. hesitantly
- B. periodically
- C. seamlessly
- D. Scarcely

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

- A. abstract
- B. intriguing
- C. numerous
- D. Irrelevant

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

- A. dormant
- B. pressing
- C. soothing
- D. Negligible

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

- A. meticulously
- B. impulsively
- C. hesitantly
- D. Reluctantly

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

Frisky

- A. Transient
- B. Memorable
- C. Playful
- D. Loose

22. **Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.**

- A. Unreasonable
- B. Complimentary
- C. Despondent
- D. Impertinent

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

Seclusion

- A. Tactics
- B. Readiness
- C. Solitude
- D. Involvement

24. **Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.**

'I have been to Australia,' Amritha told me

- A. Amritha told me that she had been to Australia.
- B. Amritha told me that she had being to Australia.
- C. Amritha tell me that she has being to Australia.
- D. Amritha told me that she has be to Australia

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

The insect bit the little baby

- A. The little baby has bitten by the insect.
- B. The little baby was bitten by the insect.
- C. The little baby had bitten by the insect.
- D. The little baby is bitten by the insect

Answers

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

[\[Practice Exercise\]](#)

Explanation

1. B) The Supreme Court of India's involvement was primarily due to the unusually high number of toppers, which led to questions about the integrity of the results. The Court had to rule on the correct answer to a disputed physics question, which significantly affected the number of toppers.
2. B) The number of toppers decreased because the Supreme Court directed the National Testing Agency (NTA) to revise the scores based on the correct answer to a disputed physics question. This led to a reduction in marks for those who had chosen the wrong answer, thus decreasing the number of toppers.
3. C) A significant issue that emerged during the NEET 2024 examination process was that the wrong answer for a disputed question was present in the older NCERT textbooks (until 2021). This contributed to many students selecting the incorrect answer, leading to the need for the Supreme Court's intervention and the revision of scores.
4. D) The passage indicates that the judiciary has played a significant role in addressing various issues in the NEET 2024 process, such as ruling on the correct answer for the disputed physics question and ensuring the integrity of the results. This shows that the judiciary has been proactive in intervening where necessary.
5. C) The passage suggests that due to the unprecedented number of violations and the need to restore faith in the NEET process, significant reforms and safeguards are necessary. This implies that the future of the NEET examination will involve implementing these changes to ensure a more reliable and efficient process.
6. B) **Felicity** (noun) – Intense happiness, joy, bliss, delight. खुशी

Synonym: Happiness (noun) – The state of being happy, contentment, joy, pleasure. खुशी

- **Function** (noun) – An activity or purpose natural to or intended for a person or thing, role, task. कार्य
 - **Anguish** (noun) – Severe mental or physical pain or suffering, distress, agony. पीड़ा
 - **Fellow being** (noun) – A person regarded as sharing a common humanity or membership of a group, compatriot, peer. सह मानव
7. B) The correct spelling of '**opertunity**' is 'opportunity,' which means "a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something" अवसर.
 8. D) **Penetrate** (verb) – To move into or through something प्रवेश करना

- **Transparent** (adjective) – allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen. पारदर्शी
 - **Cross** (verb) – to move across from one side to the other. पार करना
 - **Perpetuate** (verb) – to cause something to continue indefinitely. बनाए रखना
9. B) **Derived** (from) का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि पूरे संदर्भ में, sentence नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा और उसके स्रोतों के बारे में चर्चा कर रहा है। यहाँ "renewable energy is energy that is environment-friendly because it is (9) _____ from renewable resources" के माध्यम से यह दिखाया जा रहा है कि नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा ऐसे स्रोतों से प्राप्त होती है जो स्वाभाविक रूप से पुनःपूर्ति किए जाते हैं। इसलिए, "derived" सबसे उपयुक्त विकल्प होगा।
- **'Derived' (from)** should be used because in the entire context, the sentence is discussing renewable energy and its sources. Here, through "renewable energy is energy that is environment-friendly because it is (9) _____ from renewable resources," it shows that renewable energy is obtained from sources that are naturally replenished. Thus, "derived" would be the most appropriate choice.
10. B) The correct spelling of '**Haphazard**' is 'Haphazard' which means "lacking any obvious principle of organization" अव्यवस्थित, अनियमित.
11. C) **Bold** (adjective) – Confident, courageous, daring, fearless, brave. निर्भीक
Antonym: **Timid** (adjective) – Lacking in courage or self-confidence, shy, fearful, faint-hearted.
डरपोक
- **Gallant** (adjective) – Brave, heroic, chivalrous, courteous. वीर
 - **Heroic** (adjective) – Brave, courageous, daring, valiant. वीर
 - **Valiant** (adjective) – Possessing or showing courage, brave, heroic, bold. वीर
12. B) **All Greek to me** (idiom) – Something that is not understandable समझ में न आने वाली चीज
13. D) **Troublesome** (adjective) – Causing difficulty or annoyance, bothersome, inconvenient.
परेशानी देने वाला
Antonym: **Obedient** (adjective) – Complying or willing to comply with orders or requests, dutiful, compliant. आज्ञाकारी
- **Soulful** (adjective) – Expressing deep feelings, emotional, heartfelt. भावपूर्ण
 - **Curious** (adjective) – Eager to know or learn something, inquisitive, interested. जिज्ञासु
 - **Planless** (adjective) – Without a plan, aimless, unorganized. योजनाविहीन
14. D) **Rationale** (noun) – The reasons or intentions that cause a particular set of beliefs or actions.
तर्क

- **Motive** (noun) – a reason for doing something, especially one that is hidden or not obvious. उद्देश्य
- **Practical** (adjective) – concerned with the actual doing or use of something rather than with theory and ideas. व्यावहारिक
- **Thinkable** (adjective) – capable of being thought of or imagined; conceivable. विचारणीय

15. D) **Eat like a bird** (idiom) – Eat very little **बहुत कम खाना**

16. D) '**Significantly**' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि पूरे संदर्भ में, sentence इंटरनेट के माध्यम से जानकारी तक पहुंचने और साझा करने के तरीके में हुए बड़े बदलाव की चर्चा कर रहा है। यहाँ "The internet has (1) _____ reshaped the way information is accessed and shared" के माध्यम से उस महत्वपूर्ण परिवर्तन को दर्शाया जा रहा है। इसलिए, "significantly" सबसे उपयुक्त विकल्प होगा।

- '**Significantly**' should be used because in the entire context, the sentence is discussing the major changes in how information is accessed and shared through the internet. Here, through "The internet has (1) _____ reshaped the way information is accessed and shared," it portrays that significant transformation. Thus, "significantly" would be the most appropriate choice.

17. C) '**Seamlessly**' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि पूरे संदर्भ में, sentence डिजिटल युग में इंटरनेट की भूमिका और उसके द्वारा दी गई सुविधा की चर्चा कर रहा है। यहाँ "individuals can (2) _____ connect with others globally" के माध्यम से उस आसानी को दर्शाया जा रहा है, जिसमें लोग बिना किसी बाधा के एक दूसरे से जुड़ सकते हैं। इसलिए, "seamlessly" सबसे उपयुक्त विकल्प होगा।

- '**Seamlessly**' should be used because in the entire context, the sentence is discussing the role of the internet in the digital age and the convenience it provides. Here, through "individuals can (2) _____ connect with others globally," it portrays that ease with which people can connect with each other without any hindrance. Thus, "seamlessly" would be the most appropriate choice.

18. C) '**Numerous**' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि पूरे संदर्भ में, sentence डिजिटल युग में आने वाली चुनौतियों की चर्चा कर रहा है। यहाँ "this digital age also brings (3) _____ challenges" के माध्यम से उन चुनौतियों की संख्या और विविधता को दर्शाया जा रहा है। इसलिए, "numerous" सबसे उपयुक्त विकल्प होगा।

- '**Numerous**' should be used because in the entire context, the sentence is discussing the challenges brought by the digital age. Here, through "this digital age also brings (3) _____ challenges", it portrays the multitude and variety of these challenges. Thus, "numerous" would be the most appropriate choice.

19. B) **Pressing'** का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि पूरे संदर्भ में, sentence डिजिटल युग में जानकारी के प्रसार और उससे उत्पन्न चुनौतियों की चर्चा कर रहा है। यहाँ "The spread of misinformation has become a (4) _____ issue" के माध्यम से उस गंभीर समस्या को दर्शाया जा रहा है, जिसमें गलत सूचना का तेज़ी से फैलना शामिल है। इसलिए, "pressing" सबसे उपयुक्त विकल्प होगा।

- '**Pressing**' should be used because in the entire context, the sentence is discussing the dissemination of information in the digital age and the challenges that come with it. Here, through "The spread of misinformation has become a (4) _____ issue," it portrays that critical problem where false information can quickly spread. Thus, "pressing" would be the most appropriate choice.

20. A) '**Meticulously**' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि पूरे संदर्भ में, sentence डिजिटल युग में जानकारी की सटीकता और विश्वसनीयता की चर्चा कर रहा है। यहाँ "It is essential for users to (5) _____ assess the credibility of sources before believing and sharing information." के माध्यम से उस तात्विक संबंध को दर्शाया जा रहा है, जिसमें उपयोगकर्ता को जानकारी की विश्वसनीयता को सावधानीपूर्वक जांचने की आवश्यकता है। इसलिए, "meticulously" सबसे उपयुक्त विकल्प होगा।

- '**Meticulously**' should be used because in the entire context, the sentence is discussing the accuracy and reliability of information in the digital age. Here, through "It is essential for users to (5) _____ assess the credibility of sources before believing and sharing information," it portrays the critical need for users to carefully evaluate the credibility of the information. Thus, "meticulously" would be the most appropriate choice.

21. C) **Frisky** (adjective) – Playful, lively, full of energy, high-spirited. चंचल

Synonym: **Playful** (adjective) – Fond of games and amusement, lighthearted, fun-loving, lively.

चंचल, खिलाड़ी

- **Transient** (adjective) – Lasting only for a short time, temporary, brief, short-term.
क्षणिक
- **Memorable** (adjective) – Worth remembering, notable, remarkable, unforgettable.
यादगार
- **Loose** (adjective) – Not firmly or tightly fixed in place, relaxed, slack, free. ढीला

22. B) The correct spelling of '**Complimentary**' is '**Complimentary**' which means "expressing a compliment; praising or approving" तारीफ करने वाला.

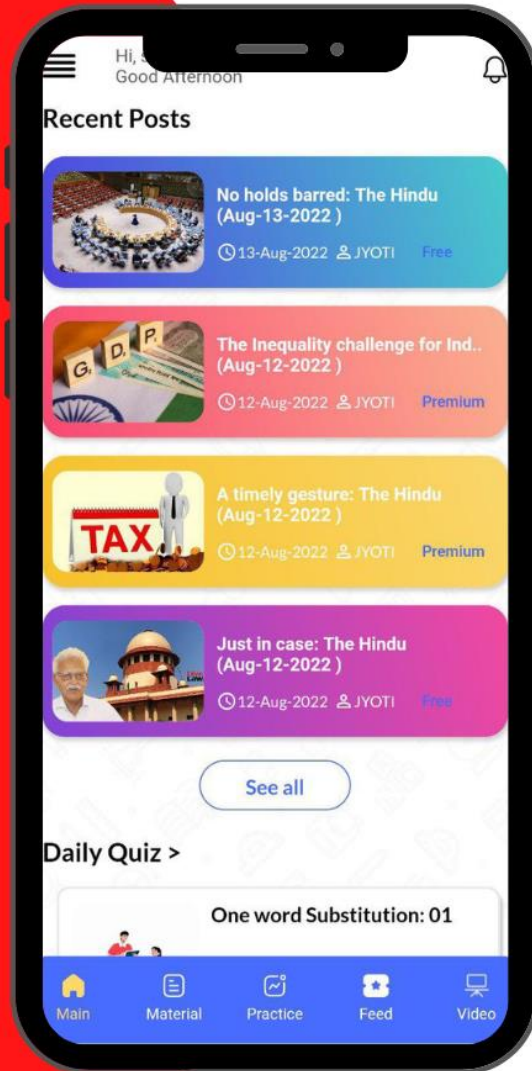
23. C) **Seclusion** (noun) – The state of being private and away from other people; isolation, solitude, privacy. एकांत

Synonym: Solitude (noun) – The state of being alone, often by choice; isolation, privacy, withdrawal. एकांत

- **Tactics** (noun) – The art of arranging and maneuvering forces in combat; strategies, methods, plans. रणनीति
- **Readiness** (noun) – The state of being fully prepared for something; preparedness, willingness, promptness. तत्परता
- **Involvement** (noun) – The fact or condition of being involved with or participating in something; engagement, participation, association. संलिप्तता

24. A) Amritha told me that she had been to Australia

25. B) The little baby was bitten by the insect



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