

## India's nuclear push

THE **commissioning** of INS Arighaat, India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, **marks** an important step towards boosting the country's naval **prowess** and nuclear **deterrence** capabilities. India is **keen to bolster** its N-triad, comprising weapons on land, in the air and at sea. This is understandable as China has **modernised** its nuclear programme in recent years, starting the production of its next-generation **ballistic missile submarine** and holding nuclear-armed sea patrols on a regular basis. **In terms of** operational nuclear warheads, China (500) is **way** ahead of India (172). However, India has close **ties** with both the US and Russia, which have over 1,700 such **warheads** each.

Beijing's **muscle-flexing** in the Indian Ocean Region **has** been **keeping** Delhi **on its toes**. According to the Swedish **think-tank** SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), India is **strengthening** the **undersea leg** of its nuclear **triad** as well as developing long-range missiles. The presence of INS Arighaat is expected to **send out** a strong message to China that India is not to be **trifled** with in the seas.



It is **commendable** that the submarine has **indigenous** systems and equipment which were **conceptualised**, designed, manufactured and integrated by Indian scientists, industry and naval personnel. This **underscores** the significance of *aatmanirbharta* (self-reliance) in the defence sector for a country which remains the biggest arms importer in the world. At the same time, the **stakeholders** should **guard** against the **temptation** of **resting on** their **laurels** and becoming **complacent**. China's nuclear **one-upmanship** knows no **bounds**; so does the secrecy of its operations. No wonder **the US**, concerned about Beijing's **rapid** N-weapon build-up, **has** made a renewed push for holding talks on nuclear arms with the fellow superpower. While **keeping a close eye on** these **developments**, India should ensure that its ballistic submarine programme continues to **uphold** the policy of having '**credible minimum deterrence**' **in sync with** its 'no first use' commitment. **[Practice]**

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

## Vocabulary

1. **Commissioning** (noun) – Launch, initiation, inauguration, start, activation काम के लाया जाना
2. **Mark** (verb) – Indicate, signify, denote, represent, highlight संकेत करना
3. **Prowess** (noun) – Skill, expertise, capability, strength, mastery कौशल
4. **Deterrence** (noun) – Discouragement, prevention, inhibition, deterrent effect निवारण
5. **Keen** (to) (adjective) – Eager, enthusiastic, interested, motivated, desirous इच्छुक
6. **Bolster** (verb) – Strengthen, support, reinforce, boost समर्थन करना
7. **Modernise** (verb) – Update, upgrade, innovate, improve, make current आधुनिक बनाना
8. **Ballistic** (adjective) – Related to projectiles or missiles, involving motion of objects under the force of gravity प्रक्षेप्य संबंधी
9. **Submarine** (noun) – Underwater vessel, underwater ship, sub पानी के नीचे चलने वाला जहाज
10. **In terms of** (phrase) – Regarding, with respect to, concerning, in relation to के संदर्भ में
11. **Way** (adverb) – Far, much, considerably, significantly, by a large margin काफी
12. **Ties** (noun) – Connections, relationships, bonds, links, associations संबंध
13. **Warhead** (noun) – the front part of a bomb or missile where the explosives are carried. हथियार का सिरा
14. **Muscle-flexing** (noun) – Demonstration of power, show of strength, display of force शक्ति प्रदर्शन
15. **Keep someone on one's toes** (phrase) – Keep alert, keep vigilant, keep attentive, maintain readiness सतर्क रखना
16. **Think-tank** (noun) – Research institute, policy group, advisory body, intellectual organization विचार मंच
17. **Strengthen** (verb) – Reinforce, fortify, solidify, make stronger, bolster मजबूत करना
18. **Undersea** (adjective) – Submarine, underwater, marine, subaquatic पानी के नीचे
19. **Leg** (noun) – Section, part, phase, segment, division भाग
20. **Triad** (noun) – Trio, threesome, group of three, triad तिकड़ी
21. **Send out** (phrasal verb) – Dispatch, issue, release, transmit, convey भेजना
22. **Trifle** (verb) – Treat lightly, toy with, play with, deal carelessly खिलवाड़ करना
23. **Commendable** (adjective) – Praiseworthy, admirable, worthy of praise, laudable, meritorious प्रशंसनीय
24. **Indigenous** (adjective) – Native, local, homegrown, original, domestic स्वदेशी

25. **Conceptualise** (verb) – Imagine, conceive, formulate, develop, create अवधारणा बनाना
26. **Underscore** (verb) – Emphasize, highlight, stress, underline, point out ज़ोर देना
27. **Stakeholder** (noun) – Interested party, participant, partner, party involved, shareholder हितधारक
28. **Guard** (verb) – Protect, safeguard, defend, shield, secure रक्षा करना
29. **Temptation** (noun) – Desire, lure, attraction, enticement, impulse प्रलोभन
30. **Rest on** (phrasal verb) – Depend on, rely on, be based on, hinge on आधारित होना
31. **Laurel** (noun) – Honor, accolade, award, recognition, distinction सम्मान
32. **Complacent** (adjective) – Self-satisfied, content, unconcerned, smug, satisfied आत्मसंतुष्ट
33. **One-upmanship** (noun) – Superiority, advantage, competition, edge, rivalry बढ़त
34. **Bound** (noun) – Limit, boundary, edge, extent, restriction सीमा
35. **Rapid** (adjective) – Fast, quick, swift, speedy, accelerated तीव्र
36. **Keep a close eye on** (phrase) – Monitor closely, watch carefully, observe attentively, scrutinize ध्यान से देखना
37. **Development** (noun) – event, turn of events, occurrence, happening, circumstance घटनाक्रम
38. **Uphold** (verb) – Support, maintain, preserve, defend, sustain बनाए रखना
39. **Credible** (adjective) – Believable, trustworthy, reliable, plausible, convincing विश्वसनीय
40. **Deterrence** (noun) – Discouragement, prevention, inhibition, deterrent effect रोकथाम
41. **In sync with** (phrase) – In harmony with, aligned with, in agreement with, in accordance with के साथ तालमेल में

## Summary of the Editorial

1. The commissioning of INS Arighaat, India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, is a significant advancement in India's naval capabilities and nuclear deterrence.
2. India is focused on strengthening its nuclear triad, which includes land-based, air-based, and sea-based nuclear weapons systems.
3. This push is driven by China's recent modernization of its nuclear program, including the development of next-generation ballistic missile submarines and regular nuclear-armed sea patrols.
4. China currently has a significant lead over India in operational nuclear warheads, with 500 compared to India's 172.
5. Despite this disparity, India maintains strong ties with both the US and Russia, who each possess over 1,700 nuclear warheads.
6. China's growing influence in the Indian Ocean Region has heightened India's strategic concerns, prompting Delhi to enhance its undersea nuclear capabilities.
7. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) reports that India is focused on strengthening the underwater leg of its nuclear triad and developing long-range missiles.
8. The deployment of INS Arighaat is intended to signal to China that India is a formidable presence in maritime security.
9. INS Arighaat features indigenous systems and equipment, highlighting India's progress towards self-reliance in defense technology.
10. The success of indigenous development in defense underscores the importance of *aatmanirbharta* (self-reliance), particularly for a nation like India, which is a major arms importer.
11. However, India must remain vigilant and avoid complacency, as China's nuclear advancements are ongoing and secretive.
12. The US has expressed concern over China's rapid nuclear weapons buildup and has renewed efforts to engage Beijing in nuclear arms talks.
13. India should closely monitor these global nuclear developments while continuing its commitment to a policy of "credible minimum deterrence."
14. India's ballistic submarine program aligns with its "no first use" nuclear policy, ensuring its deterrence strategy remains credible and responsible.
15. The commissioning of INS Arighaat is a strategic move that enhances India's security posture in a region of increasing geopolitical tension.

### Practice Exercise: SSC Pattern Based

1. **What is the tone of the line "The presence of INS Arighaat is expected to send out a strong message to China that India is not to be trifled with in the seas."?** [Editorial page]
  - A. Aggressive
  - B. Cautious
  - C. Assertive
  - D. Neutral
2. **Which of the following best fits in the blank to complete the sentence based on the context of the passage?**

"The commissioning of INS Arighaat, India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, marks an important step towards boosting the country's naval prowess and \_\_\_\_\_ capabilities."

  - A. diplomatic
  - B. economic
  - C. nuclear deterrence
  - D. educational
3. **Based on the passage, which of the following can be inferred about India's strategic interests in the Indian Ocean Region?**
  - A. India is indifferent to China's activities in the Indian Ocean.
  - B. India is significantly behind China in terms of nuclear deterrence.
  - C. India is actively enhancing its military capabilities in response to China's actions.
  - D. India is relying solely on its alliances with the US and Russia for security.
4. **What is the primary reason behind India's commissioning of INS Arighaat, according to the passage?**
  - A. To initiate nuclear-armed sea patrols
  - B. To boost India's economic development
  - C. To modernize India's diplomatic ties
  - D. To enhance India's nuclear deterrence in the Indian Ocean Region
5. **According to the passage, why should India keep a close eye on China's nuclear developments?**
  - A. To establish a strategic partnership with China.
  - B. To ensure that India does not fall behind in the nuclear arms race.
  - C. To find ways to reduce India's reliance on imported arms.
  - D. To negotiate better trade agreements with the United States.

#### 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.**

This summer has been unlike any other. The \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ heat intensifies with each passing day, and there is no relief in sight. India is currently \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most intense heat waves in recent history, with temperatures soaring above 45 degrees Celsius in many regions. This extreme heat is taking a significant toll \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the

health of the people, straining healthcare systems, and prompting urgent government action to mitigate the crisis. The immediate health impacts of the heatwave are severe and widespread. Hospitals across the country are reporting a surge in cases of heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke. Heat exhaustion, characterised by symptoms like heavy sweating, muscle cramps, and fatigue, can escalate into heatstroke. Heatstroke is a life-threatening condition that occurs when the body's temperature regulation fails, leading to confusion, unconsciousness, and potentially fatal organ damage. Chronic health conditions are also being \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ by the extreme heat. Individuals with cardiovascular diseases are at increased risk of heart attacks and strokes as the body struggles to cool itself, leading to higher heart rates and blood pressure. Respiratory issues are worsening too, with higher levels of air pollutants combining with the heat to create \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ hazardous environment for those with asthma and other lung conditions.

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

- A. Regardless
- B. Relentless
- C. Endless
- D. Armistice

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

- A. grappling with
- B. contrast with
- C. associated with
- D. differing from

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

- A. In
- B. Of
- C. By
- D. On

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

- A. Affected
- B. Ascribed
- C. Exacerbated
- D. Coordinated

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

- A. No article required
- B. The
- C. An
- D. A

11. **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:** In April, while 60 lakh cases remained pending at various High Courts, 30% of the seats remained vacant, according to a report published by the Department of Justice.

**S4:** This was exacerbated when the Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act, 2014, and the 99th Constitution Amendment, 2014, which sought to give politicians and civil society a final say in the appointment of judges to the highest courts.

**P:** The problem of appointment of judges, which is linked to the problem of pendency of cases, has always been a matter of debate in India.

**Q:** Delays in appointments are often caused by a standoff between the executive and the judiciary.

**R:** She suggested that providing justice in local languages and under local conditions could bring the judiciary closer to the people.

**S:** Highlighting the need for collaboration among the judiciary, government, and police, President Murmu stressed the importance of addressing issues related to evidence and witness protection.

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

12. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks.**

The term 'germ' \_\_\_\_\_ an army of tiny terrors, including viruses, fungi, parasites and bacteria. These pathogens all have the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ from victim to victim who is known as host. These look like microscopic monsters

- A. encircle; stretch
- B. enclose; extend
- C. encompasses; spread
- D. incorporate; grow

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

The police is interrogating the peons of my school.

- A. The peons of my school are being interrogated by the police.
- B. The peons of my school have been being interrogated by the police.
- C. The peons of my school has been being interrogated by the police.
- D. The peons of my school were being interrogated by the police

14. **Select the most appropriate ANTONYM for the highlighted word.**

His **liberal** policies were responsible for progress in the community

- A. ineffectual
- B. hysterical
- C. conservative
- D. Central

15. **Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech.**

Sheena said, 'I am flying a kite.'

- A. Sheena said that she had flown a kite.
- B. Sheena says she was flying a kite.

- C. Sheena said that she has been flying a kite.  
D. Sheena said that she was flying a kite.
16. **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**  
Warm  
A. Amicable  
B. Unkind  
C. Mean  
D. Hostile
17. **Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.**  
A. Psychiatry  
B. Psychometric  
C. Phisiology  
D. Psychology
18. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**  
Many societies throughout history have understood the \_\_\_\_\_ for harmony between the environment, society, and economy  
A. superfluity  
B. caninity  
C. amenity  
D. Necessity
19. **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**  
Concise  
A. Grief  
B. Relief  
C. Belief  
D. Brief
20. **From among the words given in bold, select the INCORRECTLY spelt word in the following sentence.**  
These are the letters of administration that are useful for genealogical studies and for investigations pertaining to the state of society.  
A. investigations  
B. genaological  
C. administration  
D. Pertaining
21. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**  
A snake in the grass  
A. A secret or hidden enemy  
B. A man with a straightforward attitude  
C. A man of ability  
D. A worthless person
22. **Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word.**  
A **frugal** lifestyle doesn't necessarily reflect someone's personality



- A. dynamic
- B. cooperative
- C. wasteful
- D. Conventional

23. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given underlined idiom.**

The construction of the office building of the company was taking place

**in leaps and bounds**

- A. Broken because of negligence
- B. Progressing very quickly
- C. Stopped due to some legal issues
- D. Moving very slowly

24. **Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word.**

It was certainly a **cowardly** act

- A. Believable
- B. Brave
- C. Fearful
- D. Comfortable

25. **Identify the option that rectifies the spelling of the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence.**

The fencing was adoned with ornamental plants of various colours

- A. Fensing
- B. Variouse
- C. Adorned
- D. Ornamenttal

## Answers

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

**[Practice Exercise]**

## Explanations

### 1. C) Assertive

C: Assertive is correct because the tone of the line reflects confidence and a strong stance, indicating that India is making it clear that it will defend its interests in the seas against any threats, particularly from China.

A: Aggressive is incorrect because while the statement is firm, it does not imply hostility or a desire to attack, which would characterize an aggressive tone.

B: Cautious is incorrect because the statement does not show hesitation or careful avoidance of risks; instead, it conveys confidence.

D: Neutral is incorrect because the line clearly expresses a deliberate stance rather than a lack of bias or emotion.

### 2. C) nuclear deterrence

C: The passage discusses India's efforts to enhance its nuclear deterrence capabilities, which directly relates to the commissioning of INS Arighaat.

A: "Diplomatic" does not fit the context of military or nuclear capabilities, which is the focus of the passage.

B: "Economic" is unrelated to the military advancements being discussed.

D: "Educational" does not align with the context of boosting naval or nuclear capabilities.

### 3. C) India is actively enhancing its military capabilities in response to China's actions.

C: The passage clearly states that India is strengthening the undersea leg of its nuclear triad and developing long-range missiles as a response to China's activities, indicating active enhancement of military capabilities.

A: The passage indicates that India is vigilant and proactive, not indifferent, to China's actions.

B: While China has more nuclear warheads, the passage focuses on India's efforts to catch up, not just the gap.

D: While India has strong ties with the US and Russia, the passage emphasizes India's own efforts to bolster its capabilities, not just reliance on alliances.

### 4. D) To enhance India's nuclear deterrence in the Indian Ocean Region

D: The passage focuses on India's desire to strengthen its nuclear deterrence, particularly in response to China's activities in the Indian Ocean.

A: Although sea patrols are mentioned, the main reason is enhancing deterrence, not just initiating patrols.

B: Economic development is not the focus of this military and nuclear-related discussion.

C: Diplomatic ties are not mentioned as a reason for commissioning INS Arighaat, which is a military initiative.

### 5. B) To ensure that India does not fall behind in the nuclear arms race.

B is correct because the passage suggests that India should be vigilant about China's nuclear advancements to ensure its deterrence capabilities remain effective.

A is incorrect as the passage does not mention or suggest establishing a strategic partnership with China.

C is incorrect because the focus of the passage is on nuclear deterrence, not on reducing reliance on imported arms.

D is incorrect since the passage does not discuss trade agreements with the United States but focuses on nuclear strategy.

6. B) 'Relentless' का use होगा क्योंकि "relentless" का अर्थ होता है बिना रुके या बिना कम हुए लगातार कुछ होना। sentence में 'heat intensifies with each passing day' (प्रत्येक गुजरते दिन के साथ गर्मी बढ़ रही है) का जिक्र किया गया है, जो दर्शाता है कि गर्मी थम नहीं रही है, इसलिए 'relentless' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Regardless' का अर्थ है बिना ध्यान दिए, 'Endless' का अर्थ है अंतहीन, और 'Armistice' का अर्थ होता है युद्धविराम, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

'Relentless' will be used because it means something that is continuous and does not diminish. The sentence mentions that the heat intensifies with each passing day, indicating that the heat is persistent, making 'relentless' fitting here. On the other hand, 'Regardless' means without paying attention, 'Endless' means without an end, and 'Armistice' means a truce or a temporary cessation of hostilities, which do not fit in this context.

7. A) 'Grappling with' का use होगा क्योंकि "grappling with" का अर्थ होता है किसी कठिनाई या समस्या से जूझना। इस sentence में mention किया गया है कि भारत वर्तमान में इतिहास की सबसे तीव्र गर्मी की लहरों में से एक का सामना कर रहा है, इसलिए 'grappling with' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Contrast with' का अर्थ है तुलना करना, 'Associated with' का अर्थ है संबंधित होना, और 'Differing from' का अर्थ है भिन्न होना, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

'Grappling with' will be used because it means to struggle with a difficulty or problem. The sentence mentions that India is currently facing one of the most intense heat waves in history, making 'grappling with' fitting here. Whereas, 'Contrast with' means to compare, 'Associated with' means related to, and 'Differing from' implies being different from, which don't fit in this context.

8. D) 'On' का use होगा क्योंकि "on" का अर्थ होता है किसी चीज़ का प्रभाव या प्रभाव डालना। इस sentence में mention किया गया है कि अत्यधिक गर्मी लोगों के स्वास्थ्य पर भारी असर डाल रही है, इसलिए 'on' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'In' का उपयोग अंदर की स्थिति के लिए होता है, 'Of' का उपयोग संबंधितता दिखाने के लिए होता है, और 'By' का उपयोग किसी कार्य के कर्ता को इंगित करने के लिए होता है, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

'On' will be used because it means to have an effect or impact on something. The sentence mentions that extreme heat is taking a significant toll on the health of the people, making 'on'

fitting here. Whereas, 'In' is used for internal conditions, 'Of' indicates possession or relatedness, and 'By' indicates the agent of an action, which don't fit in this context

9. C) 'Exacerbated' का use होगा क्योंकि "exacerbated" का अर्थ होता है किसी स्थिति को और भी अधिक खराब या गंभीर बनाना। इस sentence में mention किया गया है कि अत्यधिक गर्मी से पुराने स्वास्थ्य समस्याएं और भी बिगड़ रही हैं, इसलिए 'exacerbated' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Affected' का अर्थ होता है प्रभावित करना, 'Ascribed' का अर्थ होता है किसी चीज़ को किसी के कारण मानना, और 'Coordinated' का अर्थ होता है समन्वय करना, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

'Exacerbated' will be used because it means to make a situation worse or more severe. The sentence mentions that chronic health conditions are being worsened by the extreme heat, making 'exacerbated' fitting here. Whereas, 'Affected' means to influence, 'Ascribed' means to attribute something to a cause, and 'Coordinated' means to organize or arrange, which don't fit in this context.

10. D) 'A' का use होगा क्योंकि "a" का उपयोग उन nouns के साथ किया जाता है जो consonant sound से शुरू होती हैं, और इस sentence में "hazardous environment" का mention किया गया है, जो व्यंजन ध्वनि 'h' के साथ शुरू होता है। 'A' यहाँ सही है क्योंकि 'hazardous' का उच्चारण व्यंजन ध्वनि से होता है, और यह पहली बार संदर्भित की गई चीज़ है, इसलिए 'a' का उपयोग उचित है। जबकि 'An' का उपयोग स्वर ध्वनि से शुरू होने वाले शब्दों के लिए होता है, 'The' का उपयोग किसी विशेष या पहले से known nouns के लिए होता है।

'A' will be used because it is used before nouns that start with a consonant sound, and in this sentence, "hazardous environment" is mentioned, which starts with the consonant sound 'h'. 'A' is correct here because 'hazardous' begins with a consonant sound, and it's the first time this noun is being introduced, so 'a' is appropriate. Whereas, 'An' is used before vowel sounds, 'The' is used for specific or previously known nouns.

#### 11. A) P and Q

P logically follows S1 because it introduces the broader debate around the problem mentioned in S1.

Q then follows P by explaining the specific cause of the delays in judge appointments, which directly impacts the issue of pending cases and vacancies.

S4 ties the previous sentences together by referencing a legal decision that affected the problem discussed in P and Q.

R introduces an unrelated topic about justice in local languages, which does not align with the main theme of judicial vacancies and pending cases.

S shifts the focus to collaboration among different branches of government and evidence issues, which is not directly connected to the discussion of judicial appointments and backlog issues

12. C) 'Encompasses' और 'spread' का use होगा क्योंकि पूरे context में, वाक्य सूक्ष्म जीवाणुओं के एक समूह के बारे में चर्चा कर रहा है, जिसमें वायरस, फंगस, परजीवी और बैक्टीरिया शामिल हैं। यहाँ "The

term 'germ' (1)\_\_\_\_\_ an army of tiny terrors" के माध्यम से उस समग्र संबंध को दर्शाया जा रहा है, जिसमें ये सभी सूक्ष्म जीवाणु शामिल हैं। इसलिए, "encompasses" और "spread" सबसे appropriate option होंगे।

- **'Encompasses'** और 'spread' should be used because in the entire context, the sentence is discussing a group of microorganisms, including viruses, fungi, parasites, and bacteria. Here, through "The term 'germ' (1)\_\_\_\_\_ an army of tiny terrors", it portrays that comprehensive relationship where all these microorganisms are included. Thus, "encompasses" and "spread" would be the most appropriate choices.

13. A) The peons of my school are being interrogated by the police.

14. C) **Liberal** (adjective) – Open to new behavior or opinions and willing to discard traditional values, tolerant, broad-minded. उदार

**Antonym: Conservative** (adjective) – Holding to traditional attitudes and values and cautious about change or innovation, especially in relation to politics or religion. पारंपरिक

- **Ineffectual** (adjective) – Not producing any significant or desired effect, useless, futile. अप्रभावी
- **Hysterical** (adjective) – Deriving from or affected by uncontrolled extreme emotion, overwrought, emotional. उन्माद
- **Central** (adjective) – Of, at, or forming the center, principal, main. केंद्रीय

15. D) Sheena said that she was flying a kite.

16. A) **Warm** (adjective) – Having or showing enthusiasm, affection, or kindness. गर्मजोशी से भरा

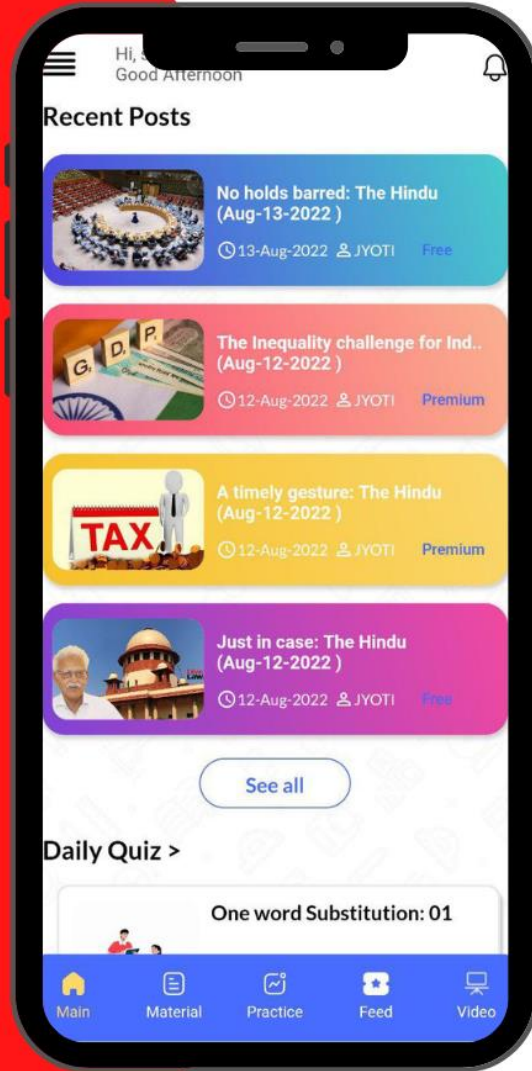
**Synonym: Amicable** (adjective) – Friendly, agreeable, good-natured, cordial. मित्रवत

- **Unkind** (adjective) – Not friendly or considerate, harsh, cruel. निर्दयी
- **Mean** (adjective) – Unkind, spiteful, nasty. नीच
- **Hostile** (adjective) – Unfriendly, antagonistic, aggressive. शत्रुतापूर्ण

17. C) The correct spelling of '**Physiology**' is 'Physiology' which means "the branch of biology that deals with the normal functions of living organisms and their parts" जीव विज्ञान का एक अंग जो जीवों और उनके अंगों के सामान्य कार्यों का अध्ययन करता है

18. D) **Necessity**' का use होगा क्योंकि पूरे context में, sentence पर्यावरण, समाज, और अर्थव्यवस्था के बीच सामंजस्य की आवश्यकता की चर्चा कर रहा है। यहाँ "Many societies throughout history have understood the \_\_\_\_\_ for harmony between the environment, society, and economy" के माध्यम से उस महत्वपूर्ण तत्व को दर्शाया जा रहा है, जिसमें पर्यावरण, समाज, और अर्थव्यवस्था के बीच संतुलन बनाए रखने की आवश्यकता है। इसलिए, "necessity" सबसे appropriate option होगा।

- '**Necessity**' should be used because in the entire context, the sentence is discussing the need for harmony between the environment, society, and economy. Here, through "Many societies throughout history have understood the \_\_\_\_\_ for harmony between the environment, society, and economy", it portrays that essential element of maintaining balance among the environment, society, and economy. Thus, "necessity" would be the most appropriate choice.
19. D) **Concise** (adjective) – Giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive. संक्षिप्त
- Synonym: **Brief** (adjective) – Using only a few words, short in duration. संक्षिप्त
- **Grief** (noun) – Deep sorrow, especially caused by someone's death. शोक
  - **Relief** (noun) – A feeling of reassurance and relaxation following release from anxiety or distress. राहत
  - **Belief** (noun) – An acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof. विश्वास
20. B) The correct spelling of '**genaological**' is '**genealogical**' which means "relating to the study or tracing of lines of family descent." वंशावली संबंधी.
21. A) **A snake in the grass** (idiom) – A secret or hidden enemy छिपा हुआ दुश्मन
22. C) **Frugal** (adjective) – Economical, sparing, thrifty, prudent, avoiding waste. मितव्ययी
- Antonym: **Wasteful** (adjective) – Using or expending something of value carelessly, extravagantly, or to no purpose. अपव्ययी
- **Dynamic** (adjective) – Energetic, active, powerful, forceful. ऊर्जावान
  - **Cooperative** (adjective) – Involving mutual assistance in working towards a common goal. सहयोगी
  - **Conventional** (adjective) – Based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed. पारंपरिक
23. B) **in leaps and bounds** (idiom) – Progressing very quickly बहुत तेजी से प्रगति करना
24. B) **Cowardly** (adjective) – Lacking courage, fearful, timid, craven. कायर
- Antonym: **Brave** (adjective) – Having or showing courage, courageous, fearless, valiant. साहसी
- **Believable** (adjective) – Credible, plausible, convincing. विश्वसनीय
  - **Fearful** (adjective) – Frightened, afraid, scared, terrified. डरपोक
  - **Comfortable** (adjective) – Providing physical ease and relaxation, cozy, snug. आरामदायक
25. C) The correct spelling of '**Adoned**' is '**Adorned**' which means "to decorate or add beauty to" सजाना, सुसज्जित करना.



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