

# The Hindu EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

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State PSC, CAT, CTET, RAILWAY EXAMS, CDS,  
TET, NDA/AIRFORCE, NET and all Govt.  
Exams**

# **1. Fatigue (थकान)**

- **Meaning: Extreme tiredness due to mental or physical exertion.**
- **Synonyms: Exhaustion, weariness, burnout**
- **Antonyms: Energy, vigor, vitality**
- **Example: The long shifts in the hospital caused severe fatigue among doctors and nurses.**

## 2. Intemperate (अनियंत्रित / असंयमी)

- **Meaning:** Lacking self-control or being excessive in behavior.
- **Synonyms:** Unrestrained, excessive, reckless
- **Antonyms:** Moderate, controlled, restrained
- **Example:** His intemperate remarks during the debate caused unnecessary controversy.

### 3. Discreet (विवेकी / सतर्क)

- **Meaning:** Careful in speech or action to avoid causing offense or revealing private information.
- **Synonyms:** Cautious, tactful, prudent
- **Antonyms:** Reckless, indiscreet, careless
- **Example:** The journalist was discreet while discussing sensitive political matters.

## **4. Constrained (प्रतिबंधित / बाध्य)**

- Meaning: Restricted or limited in scope or action.**
- Synonyms: Restricted, hindered, restrained**
- Antonyms: Unrestricted, free, uninhibited**
- Example: Developing countries are often constrained by financial limitations in their climate action efforts.**

## 5. Repercussions (प्रभाव/परिणाम)

- **Meaning:** Unintended consequences or effects of an action.
- **Synonyms:** Consequences, ramifications, fallout
- **Antonyms:** Causes, origins, triviality
- **Example:** The tariffs had serious economic repercussions, leading to higher inflation.

## 6. Cataclysmic (महाविनाशकारी )

- **Meaning:** Relating to or denoting a violent, large-scale event, especially one that causes great destruction.
- **Synonyms:** Apocalyptic, disastrous, catastrophic
- **Antonyms:** Beneficial, fortunate, favorable
- **Example:** The cataclysmic effects of the nuclear disaster affected thousands of lives.

## 7. Vehement (उत्साही , जोरदार )

- **Meaning:** Showing strong feeling; forceful, passionate, or intense.
- **Synonyms:** Fervent, passionate, forceful
- **Antonyms:** Indifferent, passive, calm
- **Example:** The protesters were vehement in their opposition to the government's new policy.



## 8. Relinquish (त्यागना )

- **Meaning:** To give up or surrender something, such as a right or position.
- **Synonyms:** Surrender, forgo, renounce
- **Antonyms:** Retain, keep, hold
- **Example:** The leader had to relinquish his position due to health reasons.

## 9. Malleable (लचीला)

- **Meaning:** Capable of being easily shaped or influenced.
- **Synonyms:** Flexible, adaptable, pliable
- **Antonyms:** Stiff, rigid, inflexible
- **Example:** His malleable personality made him an ideal candidate for the role.

## 10. Extricate (मुक्त करना)

- **Meaning:** To free someone or something from a difficult or complicated situation.
- **Synonyms:** Rescue, release, disentangle, liberate
- **Antonyms:** Entangle, trap, imprison
- **Example:** The firefighters worked tirelessly to extricate the survivors from the collapsed building.

## VOCABULARY

### One-word substitute:

**1. Extreme fear of heights:**

**Acrophobia**

**2. The feeling of having already experienced a present situation:**

**Deja vu**

**3. A complete failure, especially in a humiliating or embarrassing way:**

**Fiasco**

**4. Sociable; enjoying the company of others:**

**Gregarious**

# VOCABULARY

## Phrasal Verbs:

### **1. Take out**

**Meaning – To remove or extract something; to go on a date with someone.**

### **2. Take on**

**Meaning – To accept a challenge or responsibility; to compete against someone.**

### **3. Take off**

**Meaning – To leave the ground (for an aircraft); to become successful or popular suddenly; to remove clothing.**

### **4. Take after**

**Meaning – To resemble a family member in appearance or behavior.**

# VOCABULARY

## Idioms & Phrases

### 1. Second to None

Meaning – The best; better than all others.

### 2. On a Shoestring Budget

Meaning – With very little money; using minimal financial resources.

### 3. Walking on Air

Meaning – Feeling extremely happy or elated.

## VOCABULARY

### **4. Pour out One's Heart**

**Meaning – To share one's deepest feelings or emotions openly.**

### **5. Make One's Blood Boil**

**Meaning – To make someone very angry or furious.**

## **Article for Reading**

**New opportunity: On  
a reset in  
India-Canada ties**



**The newly elected leader of Canada's ruling Liberal Party, Mark Carney, who is now Prime Minister-designate, has a tough task ahead in what is expected to be a short period of time. Mr. Carney, who is set to take over from Justin Trudeau when he formally steps down this week, will almost immediately face a confidence vote in Parliament, after it reconvenes on March 24. Federal elections in Canada are due in October 2025, but observers say Mr. Carney could call for snap polls first, hoping to ride a surge of unexpected popularity for the Liberal Party for standing up to threats made by the U.S. President Donald Trump since he took office. Mr. Trump has consistently targeted Mr. Trudeau, suggesting that Canada would be better off as the "U.S.'s 51st State", and has been threatening to impose a slew of tariffs, accusing Canada of unfair duties as well as allowing fentanyl drugs and immigrants across the border.**

**Canada has threatened counter-tariffs, and is considering a 25% surcharge on electricity exports to the U.S., with Mr. Carney claiming that “in trade, as in hockey, Canada will win”. Mr. Carney, who is unelected and not a traditional politician, will have to convince voters of his ability to ensure that, as he takes on his rival, Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre, who has been far ahead in the polls until recent weeks. To that end, Mr. Carney’s non-political skills will come handy. He was an economist and a central bank Governor; that he was not a member of the Trudeau cabinet means that he is free of any taint from its actions. The exit of Mr. Trudeau is cause for relief for India, and an opportunity to reset ties that have been on ice. His intemperate decision to name “Indian government agents” and then expel Indian diplomats, implicating them in a purported plot to kill Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, without proffering any proof, was a miscalculation and diplomatic blunder.**

**The actions, seen in comparison to more discreet dealing by the U.S. in a linked case, sent India-Canada ties to their lowest ebb since the 1980s. It is significant that India is considering restoring a High Commissioner to Ottawa, while Canada is sending its intelligence chief to a conference in Delhi. Mr. Carney and Mr. Poilievre have made it clear that they would like to rework the relationship with India, and there will be opportunities to do so, particularly in education, investment and trade, all of which have taken a back seat after the violence and schisms within India's diaspora community, and its supporters in Canada's government. The interlude is also a fitting period for New Delhi to consider how it wishes to take ties forward. Regardless of the change in leadership, the Khalistan issue cannot be wished away, and requires sustained, considered diplomacy and respect for each other's concerns, while ensuring India's national security priorities.**

## Summary

**The passage discusses the challenges facing Mark Carney, the newly elected leader of Canada's ruling Liberal Party and Prime Minister-designate. He is set to take over from Justin Trudeau and will soon face a confidence vote in Parliament. Despite federal elections being scheduled for October 2025, he may call for early elections to capitalize on newfound support. The passage highlights tensions between Canada and the U.S. under President Donald Trump, particularly regarding trade and border issues. Additionally, it addresses the strained India-Canada relations due to Trudeau's accusations against India in the Hardeep Singh Nijjar case. With Carney's leadership, there is potential for a diplomatic reset, especially in trade and education. However, the Khalistan issue remains a key concern requiring careful diplomatic handling.**

## **Tone:**

**The tone is analytical and objective, with a slight critical undertone regarding Justin Trudeau's handling of India-Canada relations. The passage remains neutral while assessing Carney's challenges and the potential shifts in diplomacy.**

## Reading Comprehension

Based on the above passage, answer the following questions:

**Question 1:**

**What is one key factor that differentiates Mark Carney from other political leaders in Canada?**

- A) His background as an economist and central bank governor rather than a career politician.**
- B) His strong pro-American stance, advocating closer ties with Washington.**
- C) His history of leading a major Canadian business conglomerate before entering politics.**
- D) His role as a leading environmental activist before entering government.**
- E) None of the above**

**Question 2:**

**Which of the following best describes Donald Trump's stance on Canada as mentioned in the passage?**

- A) He has largely ignored Canada, focusing instead on U.S.-China trade issues.**
- B) He has attempted to strengthen relations with Canada through diplomatic talks.**
- C) He has threatened Canada with tariffs and criticized its trade practices.**
- D) He has encouraged Canada to increase its military spending as a NATO ally.**
- E) None of the above**



### **Question 3:**

**What major step has India taken to signal a potential improvement in relations with Canada?**

- A) Issuing a formal public apology for past diplomatic tensions.**
- B) Agreeing to conduct a joint trade summit with Canada in Ottawa.**
- C) Offering economic incentives for Canadian businesses to invest in India.**
- D) Restoring its High Commissioner to Canada after previous diplomatic fallout.**
- E) None of the above**

## **Article for Skimming**

**Building compassion  
into the health-care  
structure**

**On February 7, 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) released a report, “Compassion and primary health care”, which recognises compassion as a transformative force in primary health care. The Director-General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, has called for an exploration of the role of compassion in global health, with specific attention to its impact on the quality of health-care services and its connection to primary health care. Based on my personal experiences of interacting with pioneers in the medical field, and available evidence I can say with confidence that the report gives a big push to advocating compassionate health care. In the 74th World Health Assembly in 2021 and several other WHO and United Nations forums, I gave a clarion call to globalise compassion in health care. And, I am finally noticing that the world is waking up to the necessity of compassion. Most of us have had to visit a hospital or a doctor for a personal consultation or for family members at some point in our lives.**

**We remember two kinds of health-care professionals — impolite and indifferent doctors and nurses, and the compassionate staff, who make a remarkable shift in our healing process. Research conducted by Stanford University's The Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education (CCARE) has found out that patients treated by compassionate health-care providers recover quickly and the duration of their hospital stays is way less. Another study by the Johns Hopkins Hospital explored how compassionate communication has a significant impact when it comes to the recovery of cancer patients. It was observed that when doctors spend an additional 40 seconds with each patient and express solidarity with them by saying, 'We are in this together', it significantly reduced anxiety in patients and positively influenced their recovery. Compassion is not just beneficial for patients, but for health-care providers also. When health-care professionals practise compassion, they experience reduced stress, improved job satisfaction, and build stronger relationships with their patients, which is essential for providing high-quality care.**

**Let us not mistake compassion with sympathy, empathy and kindness, terms which are often used interchangeably. Sympathy is a pity-based momentary response, while empathy is when people immerse themselves in others' problems and they get overwhelmed in the process. Health-care workers who operate with empathy can experience anxiety, exhaustion, and sometimes depression when they internalise the anguish of their patients. Along with demanding work hours, the stress can lead to empathy fatigue and further degrade the quality of care to patients. On the other hand, compassion is about mindful problem-solving. A compassionate health-care provider will have the emotional stability to work together with patients that will be favourable for both parties. They will feel the patients' pain as their own but, at the same time, maintain a detachment that will not let them get overwhelmed. Compassion facilitates adopting a more sustainable approach to health care that will allow professionals to offer excellent medical treatment, be content and peaceful with the recoveries of their patients, and protect their professional and personal lives.**

**Question 4:**

**According to the passage, how does compassion benefit health-care providers?**

- A) It reduces workload by decreasing patient visits.**
- B) It helps them avoid all emotional involvement with patients.**
- C) It reduces stress and job dissatisfaction among medical staff.**
- D) It allows them to prescribe fewer medications.**
- E) None of the above**

**Question 5:**

**Which of the following best describes the WHO's stance on compassion in health care as mentioned in the passage?**

- A) Compassion should be a mandatory policy in all hospitals worldwide.**
- B) Compassion is a powerful tool that can significantly improve global health care.**
- C) The WHO considers compassion secondary to medical efficiency.**
- D) Compassion is a personal choice for health-care providers, not a global priority.**
- E) None of the above**

# Today's Descriptive Question

Precis Writing:



## **Original Text:**

**Generating employment in rural areas is crucial for economic growth, poverty reduction, and preventing migration to urban centers. A multi-pronged approach involving agriculture, entrepreneurship, infrastructure development, and skill training can help boost rural job opportunities. Strengthening the agricultural sector is key, as it remains the primary source of rural employment. Promoting modern farming techniques, organic farming, and agro-processing industries can create additional jobs. Establishing food processing units and cold storage facilities will not only enhance farm incomes but also generate employment in allied sectors. Encouraging rural entrepreneurship through micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) can create sustainable livelihoods. Providing financial support, market access, and digital platforms will help small businesses thrive. The promotion of cottage industries, handicrafts, and rural tourism can also contribute significantly to job creation. Investment in infrastructure projects, such as roads, electricity, and internet connectivity, will attract businesses and industries to rural areas.**

**Expanding rural electrification and digital connectivity can open doors for e-commerce, telemedicine, and remote work opportunities, providing employment beyond traditional sectors. Skill development and vocational training play a crucial role in making the rural workforce job-ready. Government schemes like Skill India and MNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) can be expanded to train individuals in modern trades, IT services, and technical skills. Collaborations between corporates, educational institutions, and the government can help equip rural youth with market-relevant skills. Encouraging eco-friendly industries such as renewable energy, sustainable forestry, and waste management can also create employment while preserving natural resources. Decentralized manufacturing units and the expansion of self-help groups (SHGs) can further support women-led employment initiatives. By adopting a comprehensive strategy that integrates agriculture, entrepreneurship, infrastructure, skill development, and technology, rural job creation can be significantly enhanced, ensuring sustainable economic development and improved livelihoods.**

## **Precis:**

**Creating jobs in rural areas requires a multi-faceted approach involving agriculture, entrepreneurship, infrastructure, and skill development. Modern farming, agro-processing, and rural industries can boost employment. Investments in roads, electricity, and digital connectivity attract businesses and enable e-commerce and remote work. Skill training programs prepare the workforce for diverse opportunities, while eco-friendly industries and self-help groups create sustainable jobs. A comprehensive strategy integrating technology, industry, and policy support is essential for rural economic growth.**

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**Best regards,  
[Your Name]  
[Company Name]**

**Match the column**

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>1. Second to None</b>         | <b>A. To make someone very angry.</b>             |
| <b>2. On a Shoestring Budget</b> | <b>B. Feeling extremely happy or elated.</b>      |
| <b>3. Walking on Air</b>         | <b>C. To share one's deepest feelings openly.</b> |
| <b>4. Pour out One's Heart</b>   | <b>D. The best; better than all others.</b>       |
| <b>5. Make One's Blood Boil</b>  | <b>E. With very little money.</b>                 |

**Answer:**

**1-d**

**2-e**

**3-b**

**4-c**

**5-a**



## Vocabulary

1. **Fatigue:**
2. **Intemperate:**
3. **Discreet:**
4. **Constrained:**
5. **Repercussions:**
6. **Cataclysmic:**
7. **Vehement:**
8. **Relinquish:**
9. **Malleable:**
10. **Extricate:**

## **RC ANS**

1.

**Ans: A**

**Explanation:**

**Reference from passage:**

"Mr. Carney's non-political skills will come handy. He was an economist and a central bank Governor; that he was not a member of the Trudeau cabinet means that he is free of any taint from its actions."

The passage highlights that Carney is not a traditional politician and instead has a background in economics and central banking, which distinguishes him from other leaders.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

(B) Incorrect: Carney is focused on defending Canada's interests, not necessarily strengthening ties with the U.S.

(C) Incorrect: There is no mention of Carney having corporate leadership experience before entering politics.

(D) Incorrect: Carney is not described as an environmental activist in the passage.

**2.**

**Ans: C**

**Explanation:**

**Reference from passage:**

"Mr. Trump has consistently targeted Mr. Trudeau, suggesting that Canada would be better off as the 'U.S.'s 51st State', and has been threatening to impose a slew of tariffs, accusing Canada of unfair duties as well as allowing fentanyl drugs and immigrants across the border."

The passage highlights Trump's aggressive stance toward Canada, including threats of tariffs and accusations that Canada is responsible for unfair trade practices and border security issues.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

- (A) Incorrect: Trump has actively engaged with Canada, particularly on trade disputes.
- (B) Incorrect: There is no mention of Trump strengthening ties with Canada.
- (D) Incorrect: The passage does not mention NATO or military spending.

**3.**

**Ans: D**

**Explanation:**

**Reference from passage:**

"It is significant that India is considering restoring a High Commissioner to Ottawa, while Canada is sending its intelligence chief to a conference in Delhi."

The passage states that India is considering restoring a High Commissioner to Ottawa, which suggests an effort to normalize diplomatic relations after tensions escalated under Trudeau's leadership.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

- (A) Incorrect: India has not issued a public apology for diplomatic tensions.
- (B) Incorrect: There is no mention of an upcoming joint trade summit.
- (C) Incorrect: No economic incentives for Canadian businesses have been mentioned.

4.

**Ans: C**

**Explanation:**

**Reference from passage:**

"When health-care professionals practise compassion, they experience reduced stress, improved job satisfaction, and build stronger relationships with their patients."

The passage highlights that practicing compassion leads to reduced stress and greater job satisfaction for health-care workers.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

(A) Incorrect: The passage does not claim compassion reduces patient visits.

(B) Incorrect: Compassion does not mean avoiding all emotional involvement—it balances emotional engagement and stability.

(D) Incorrect: The passage does not state that compassion affects medication prescriptions.

**5.**

**Ans: B**

**Explanation:**

**Reference from passage:**

"The Director-General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, has called for an exploration of the role of compassion in global health, with specific attention to its impact on the quality of health-care services and its connection to primary health care."

The WHO recognizes compassion as a transformative force and its Director-General has called for exploring its impact on global health care.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

- (A) Incorrect: The passage does not say the WHO mandates compassion in all hospitals.
- (C) Incorrect: The passage does not suggest the WHO ranks compassion below medical efficiency.
- (D) Incorrect: The WHO is actively promoting compassion, not treating it as a personal choice.

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