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TET, NDA/AIRFORCE, NET and all Govt.
Exams**

1. Shove (धक्का देना)

- **Meaning:** To push forcefully or roughly.
- **Synonyms:** Push, thrust, jostle
- **Antonyms:** Pull, withdraw, drag gently
- **Example:** In Japan, attendants often shove passengers in to close the train doors on time.

2. Inevitable (अनिवार्य / अपरिहार्य)

- **Meaning:** Certain to happen; unavoidable.
- **Synonyms:** Unavoidable, inescapable, destined
- **Antonyms:** Avoidable, preventable, uncertain
- **Example:** For many in Mumbai, overcrowded trains seem like an inevitable part of daily life.

3. Capricious (अस्थिर / चंचल)

- **Meaning:** Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.
- **Synonyms:** Fickle, whimsical, unpredictable, impulsive
- **Antonyms:** Steady, consistent, predictable, stable
- **Example:** The women's final was dramatic and capricious, shifting unpredictably between brilliance and mediocrity.

4. Sweeping (व्यापक / दूरगामी)

- **Meaning:** Having broad range or effect.
- **Synonyms:** Extensive, wide-ranging, comprehensive
- **Antonyms:** Limited, narrow, restricted
- **Example:** The PiS had implemented sweeping reforms during its tenure.

5. Lynchpin (मुख्य आधार)

- **Meaning:** A person or thing vital to an organization or system.
- **Synonyms:** Keystone, cornerstone, backbone
- **Antonyms:** Nonessential, peripheral, trivial
- **Example:** Address some of the challenges faced by the lynchpin MSME sector.

6. Abject (बेहद खराब)

- **Meaning:** Extremely bad, unpleasant, and degrading.
- **Synonyms:** Miserable, wretched, deplorable
- **Antonyms:** Exalted, commendable, splendid
- **Example:** They lived in abject poverty, without even the basic necessities of life.

7. Deleterious (हानिकारक)

- **Meaning:** Causing harm or damage.
- **Synonyms:** Harmful, damaging, detrimental
- **Antonyms:** Beneficial, helpful, advantageous
- **Example:** The deleterious effects of pollution on health cannot be ignored.

8. Lucrative (लाभकारी)

- **Meaning:** Producing a great deal of profit.
- **Synonyms:** Profitable, gainful, remunerative
- **Antonyms:** Unprofitable, loss-making, costly
- **Example:** The new venture proved to be highly lucrative for the investors.

9. Insidious (कपटपूर्ण)

- **Meaning:** Proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with harmful effects.
- **Synonyms:** Cunning, stealthy, treacherous
- **Antonyms:** Harmless, straightforward, sincere
- **Example:** The insidious spread of the disease went unnoticed until it had affected a large portion of the population.

10. Coax (मनाना)

- **Meaning:** To persuade or urge someone gently and persistently.
- **Synonyms:** Persuade, convince, entice
- **Antonyms:** Dissuade, repel, discourage
- **Example:** She managed to coax her little brother into doing his homework by offering him a treat.

VOCABULARY

One-word substitute:

1. Patricide

Meaning – The act of killing one's father.

2. Regicide

Meaning – The act of killing a king.

3. Homicide

Meaning – The act of killing a human being.

4. Filicide

Meaning – The act of killing one's son or daughter.

VOCABULARY

Phrasal Verbs:

1. Go overboard

Meaning- to do something excessively or beyond what is necessary.

2. Hang in

Meaning - to persevere or not give up.

3. Hang out

Meaning - to spend time casually with friends or others.

4. Look out for

Meaning - to watch for or take care of someone or something.

VOCABULARY

Idioms & Phrases

1. Ant in Your Pants

Meaning - to be very restless or impatient.

2. Dropping like Flies

Meaning - die or collapse in large numbers.

3. Hold your horses

Meaning - wait, slow down.

VOCABULARY

4. In the dog house

Meaning - in trouble with another person

5. Until the cow comes home

Meaning - for an indefinitely long time.

Article for Reading

**Maximum Mumbai:
On the city, its
transportation needs**

The railways have proposed automatic sliding doors with ventilation louvres in all Mumbai suburban trains by next year in response to the Mumbra train tragedy on Monday (June 9, 2025) — four people died and nearly a dozen others were injured. Sliding doors could potentially force people inside and prevent footboard travel, a factor in the accident. They could ensure that passengers do not get down at unscheduled stops and put themselves in danger of being mowed down by passing trains. The proposed vestibules connecting the coaches may also help to evenly distribute the crowds. As in Japan, each station may then need a few enforcers who could shove the crowds in so that the doors could shut and the trains move. While footboard travel is indeed a dangerous safety issue, it is only an outcome of the dangerous overcrowding in Mumbai trains. For vast numbers of people, the trains offer the least expensive travel option.

Not too long ago, the dangers of overcrowding resulted in the infamous stampede at the Elphinstone Road station bridge in 2017. Multiple deaths are common along the three arteries that are the lifelines of Mumbai – the Central, Harbour and Western railway lines. Many are hit by trains while crossing tracks instead of using roads or bridges. While rail safety is an immediate issue that needs to be addressed, it is also time city leaders engineer inexpensive, alternative travel options to the trains. Mumbai's trains have been seen as an inevitable part of the extreme urbanisation that the city represents and romanticised by literature. But they are simply not humane modes of transport. The suburban train system has undergone little change over the decades though the city has boosted its roads and enabled more vehicular traffic. Two-wheelers that were a rarity a few decades ago are now common. While the Metro promises to decongest the city to an extent, these services price out the lower classes.

Bus services could be enhanced for routes connecting shorter distances. Along with doubling efforts to change the structuring of the city from a north-south network with commuter movements dictated by times, planners should consider expanding ferry transport — a cheaper and possibly more eco-friendly mode of transport to a city bound by the sea. Broadly speaking though, stampedes such as the one in Bengaluru, fire accidents in congested areas, and train tragedies such as the Mumbai one only highlight how unprepared India is to handle the consequences of urbanisation and the thrust to overturn the engagement of the vast majority of the people with agriculture.

Summary

The passage discusses the proposed safety measures by Indian Railways in response to the tragic Mumbra train incident on June 9, 2025, where four people died and several were injured. The plan includes introducing automatic sliding doors with ventilation louvres in Mumbai's suburban trains to prevent footboard travel and unsafe alighting. Vestibule connections and crowd enforcers, akin to Japan's system, are also suggested. However, the root issue remains the severe overcrowding, stemming from a lack of affordable alternatives. The author recalls past tragedies, such as the 2017 Elphinstone Road stampede, to emphasize the recurring dangers. While infrastructure like roads and Metros has improved, the lower-income population is priced out of these developments. The passage advocates for enhanced bus services, ferry options, and urban restructuring to ease commuter pressure. It ends by reflecting on how such tragedies underline India's inadequate urban planning amid rapid urbanisation and a declining engagement with agriculture.

Tone:

Critical – of current infrastructure and urban planning policies.

Urgent – highlighting the immediate need for safety and reform.

Reflective – referencing past incidents to underscore systemic issues.

Empathetic – toward the plight of the urban poor and daily commuters.

Advocative – suggesting actionable alternatives and long-term reforms.

Reading Comprehension

Based on the above passage, answer the following questions:

Question 1:

Which of the following is NOT suggested by the author as part of the solution to Mumbai's urban transport woes?

- A) Deployment of station enforcers to push in crowds**
- B) Enhancing bus services for short-distance travel**
- C) Expanding ferry services as eco-friendly transport**
- D) Integrating AI-driven passenger analytics in suburban trains**
- E) None of the above**

Question 2:

Why does the author refer to the Elphinstone Road stampede in the article?

- A) To argue that private security firms should handle railway safety**
- B) To support the claim that overcrowding is a persistent, deadly issue**
- C) To suggest that passengers lack awareness about using bridges**
- D) To highlight successful infrastructure reforms after the incident**
- E) None of the above**

Question 3:

What broader critique does the article make about India's urban planning in the context of train tragedies and disasters?

- A) It is too focused on rural development at the expense of cities**
- B) It heavily invests in high-speed rail while neglecting metros**
- C) It fails to anticipate the effects of rapid urbanisation and de-agrarianisation**
- D) It lacks technological integration in public transport**
- E) None of the above**

Article for Skimming

**Polarised Poland: On
politics, the
Presidential election
results**

When Donald Tusk's diverse coalition came to power in Poland in 2023, ending the eight-year rule of the right-wing Law and Justice Party (PiS), the veteran centrist promised "to chase away the darkness". Two years on, with the Tusk government still struggling to deliver on key reforms, Polish voters have elected a conservative backed by PiS as the country's next President. Karol Nawrocki, a 42-year-old historian and former boxer with little political experience, won the June 1 presidential run-off with 50.89% votes, narrowly defeating the liberal Mayor of Warsaw, Rafal Trzaskowski, who secured 49.11%. Mr. Nawrocki, endorsed by Donald Trump and his MAGA movement, presented himself as an outsider populist, and promised a 'Poland first' approach that echoed Trumpian rhetoric. During its rule (2015–23), the PiS had implemented sweeping reforms that were aimed at tightening its control over state institutions and media, and recasting the Polish society along its ideological lines.

It curbed abortion rights, overhauled education and filled the judiciary with party loyalists, often clashing with the European Union. Mr. Tusk attempted to roll back some of these measures, but met with strong opposition from the outgoing President, Andrzej Duda, also a PiS ally. As legislative logjam derailed Mr. Tusk's reform agenda, Mr. Nawrocki capitalised on public resentment, attacking the Polish establishment and Brussels. While Poland's presidency is largely ceremonial, Mr. Nawrocki's victory could significantly impact its politics. First, the President can veto laws passed by Parliament or send them to the constitutional court, now packed with judges appointed by the PiS government. In a post-election rally, Mr. Nawrocki said the Tusk government was trying to achieve a "monopoly" of power and vowed to prevent it, in a sign of what is to come. As the government does not have the three-fifths majority in Parliament to override presidential vetoes, Mr. Tusk could face further gridlock.

Second, Mr. Nawrocki's victory is a morale boost for Poland's Eurosceptic right and may strengthen the alliance between the populist movements across the Atlantic. Despite his campaign rhetoric to oppose Ukraine joining NATO, he is unlikely to change Poland's foreign policy core — be it its political and security alliance with the West or its opposition to Russia. But on social and economic policies, he is likely to follow the PiS's right-wing conservatism. Third, the election result could exacerbate internal tensions within Mr. Tusk's ideologically broad coalition which threaten to reduce Mr. Tusk to being a lame duck Prime Minister. All this points to a turbulent phase for Poland, where a politically polarised and socially divided nation braces for a prolonged tug of war between the pro-European centrists and ascendant populist conservatives.

Question 4:

Which of the following outcomes is LEAST likely in the wake of Nawrocki's election?

- A) Strengthening of transatlantic populist alliances**
- B) A rollback of Poland's pro-Western foreign policy**
- C) An emboldening of Poland's conservative right**
- D) Further division within Tusk's ideologically diverse coalition**
- E) None of the above**

Question 5:

Which of the following statements BEST represents the editorial's view of Karol Nawrocki's political rise?

- A) It marks a return to mainstream centrism in Polish politics**
- B) It signifies a dangerous foreign policy pivot toward Russia**
- C) It is rooted in populist rhetoric and institutional manipulation**
- D) It reflects the public's unwavering faith in Donald Tusk's leadership**
- E) None of the above**

Today's Descriptive Question:

- **Write an essay of 200 words about the role of teachers in shaping future generations.**

Teachers play a pivotal role in shaping future generations, serving as the cornerstone of education and development. They are not merely conveyors of knowledge but also mentors who inspire and guide students. Through their dedication, teachers foster critical thinking, creativity, and a love for learning, which are essential skills for the future.

A teacher's influence extends beyond academics. They instill values such as empathy, responsibility, and resilience, which are crucial for personal and social development. By creating inclusive and supportive environments, teachers help students develop confidence and self-esteem. They recognize and nurture each student's unique talents and potential, encouraging them to pursue their passions and dreams.

Moreover, teachers act as role models, demonstrating the importance of

lifelong learning and ethical behavior. They adapt to evolving educational technologies and methodologies, ensuring students are prepared for the challenges of the modern world. Through collaboration and communication, teachers build strong relationships with students, parents, and the community, fostering a collective effort towards educational success.

In essence, teachers are architects of the future. Their commitment and passion shape not only individual lives but also the broader society. By empowering students with knowledge, skills, and values, teachers lay the foundation for a brighter and more equitable future.

- **Write a letter to the company addressing an issue with a product or service, seeking resolution or compensation.**

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Email Address]

[Date]

[Company Name]

[Company Address]

[City, State, ZIP Code]

Subject: Request for Resolution of Faulty Product

Dear Customer Service Team,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention an issue with a product I recently purchased from your company.

On July 10, 2024, I bought a [product name] (Order #12345) through your website. Unfortunately, upon using the product, I discovered it was defective. Specifically, [describe the issue in detail, e.g., "the device fails to power on despite following all troubleshooting steps"].

I am disappointed, as I have always trusted the quality of your products. I kindly request a resolution to this matter. Ideally, I would like to receive a replacement for the defective item. If that is not possible, I would appreciate a full refund of the purchase price.

Please let me know the steps I need to follow to return the defective product and receive either a replacement or a refund. I have attached a copy of the receipt and photographs of the defective item for your reference.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to a swift resolution.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Match the column

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Ant in Your Pants | A. Die or collapse in large numbers |
| 2. Dropping like Flies | B. In trouble with another person |
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Answer:

1-e

2-a

3-d

4-b

5-c

Vocabulary

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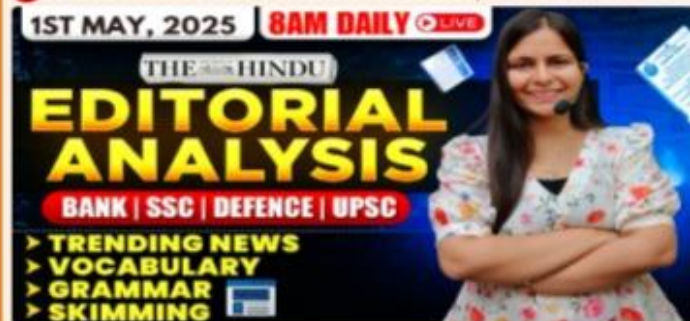


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Rc ans

1.

Ans: D

Explanation:

No mention is made of AI-driven analytics in the passage.

Other Options (all mentioned in the passage):

A) “As in Japan, each station may then need a few enforcers who could shove the crowds...”

B) “Bus services could be enhanced for routes connecting shorter distances.”

C) “Planners should consider expanding ferry transport — a cheaper and possibly more eco-friendly mode...”

2.

Ans: B

Explanation:

“Not too long ago, the dangers of overcrowding resulted in the infamous stampede at the Elphinstone Road station bridge in 2017.”

This reinforces the overcrowding problem.

Incorrect Options:

A) No mention of private security firms.

C) While people cross tracks, the bridge issue is part of infrastructure strain, not just awareness.

D) The article does not detail any reforms post-stampede.

3.

Ans: C

Explanation:

“...train tragedies such as the Mumbai one only highlight how unprepared India is to handle the consequences of urbanisation and the thrust to overturn the engagement of the vast majority of the people with agriculture.”

This directly supports C.

Incorrect Options:

A) The issue is not rural focus, but urban neglect.

B) High-speed rail isn't discussed.

D) While tech like automatic doors is mentioned, lack of tech is not the central critique.

4.

Ans: B

Explanation:

“He is unlikely to change Poland’s foreign policy core — be it its political and security alliance with the West or its opposition to Russia.”

Incorrect Options:

- A) “...may strengthen the alliance between the populist movements across the Atlantic.”
- C) The win is seen as a morale boost for the Eurosceptic right.
- D) The passage warns of internal tensions in Tusk’s coalition.

5.

Ans: C

Explanation:

Nawrocki is described as a Trump-endorsed outsider populist.

The judiciary remains packed with PiS loyalists, aiding vetoes and court challenges.

Incorrect Options:

A) Nawrocki is a populist, not a centrist.

B) He maintains Poland's anti-Russia stance.

D) The election is portrayed as a setback to Tusk, not support for him.