

# The Hindu EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

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Exams**

## 1. Extricate (मुक्त करना)

- **Meaning:** To free someone or something from a difficult or tangled situation.
- **Synonyms:** Free, release, disentangle, liberate
- **Antonyms:** Entangle, trap, ensnare
- **Example:** The rescue team managed to extricate the passengers from the wrecked vehicle.

## **2. Cursory (ऊपरी तौर पर किया गया)**

- Meaning: Done quickly and without giving enough attention to details.**
- Synonyms: Superficial, hasty, brief**
- Antonyms: Thorough, detailed, careful**
- Example: He gave the contract only a cursory glance before signing it.**

### 3. Conciliatory (मेलमिलाप करने वाला)

- **Meaning:** Intended to gain goodwill or reduce hostility.
- **Synonyms:** Pacifying, appeasing, peacemaking
- **Antonyms:** Provocative, antagonistic, confrontational
- **Example:** The leader's conciliatory speech helped ease tensions between the two conflicting groups.

## 4. Sabotage (तोड़फोड़ करना)

- **Meaning:** Deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct something.
- **Synonyms:** Undermine, wreck, disrupt
- **Antonyms:** Assist, support, aid
- **Example:** The rival company was accused of attempting to sabotage the launch of the new product.

## 5. Reprieve (दंड स्थगन)

- **Meaning:** A temporary relief from a difficult or unpleasant situation.
- **Synonyms:** Respite, postponement, delay
- **Antonyms:** Continuation, execution, enforcement
- **Example:** The accused received a last-minute reprieve from the court.

## 6. Rebuffed (ठुकराना / अस्वीकार करना)

- **Meaning:** To reject someone or something in an abrupt or ungracious manner.
- **Synonyms:** Rejected, dismissed, spurned
- **Antonyms:** Accepted, embraced, welcomed
- **Example:** The company rebuffed the takeover bid, insisting on remaining independent.

## 7. Setback (झटका)

- **Meaning:** A reversal or slowing of progress.
- **Synonyms:** Hindrance, obstacle, defeat
- **Antonyms:** Progress, advancement, success
- **Example:** The sudden injury to their star player was a major setback for the team's championship hopes.



## 8. Prohibited (निषिद्ध)

- **Meaning:** Formally forbidden by law, rule, or authority.
- **Synonyms:** Banned, forbidden, restricted
- **Antonyms:** Allowed, permitted, authorized
- **Example:** Smoking is strictly prohibited in public places.

## 9. 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.

## 10. 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.

## VOCABULARY

### One-word substitute:

**1. To disturb the smoothness or calmness of something:**

**Ruffle**

**2. An incorrect or inappropriate name or term:**

**Misnomer**

**3. A natural liking or attraction toward someone or something:**

**Affinity**

**4. In a dying or stagnant state; lacking vitality:**

**Moribund**

## VOCABULARY

### Phrasal Verbs:

#### 1. Fess up

Meaning: To admit the truth or confess something.

#### 2. Fiddle away

Meaning: To waste time or money on unimportant things.

#### 3. Figure out

Meaning: To understand or solve something.

#### 4. Fill in

Meaning: To provide missing information or substitute for someone.

# VOCABULARY

## Idioms & Phrases

### 1. Draw a longbow

Meaning - to exaggerate in telling stories

### 2. Run around the circles

Meaning - to keep doing or talking about the same thing without achieving anything

### 3. Boil the ocean

Meaning - undertaking an impossible task

## VOCABULARY

### **4. Down for the count**

**Meaning - having failed in something that you are doing**

### **5. Step up your game**

**Meaning - to enhance performance, quality, skills, or talents**

## **Article for Reading**

**Building resilience:  
On the 17th Summit  
of BRICS emerging  
economies**



**The 17th Summit of BRICS emerging economies, which ended on Monday (July 7, 2025) came at a time when the organisation was in the global spotlight. This was the first such meeting that included all the newly inducted members (Egypt, Ethiopia, the UAE, Iran and Indonesia; Saudi Arabia has not joined so far). It also followed the U.S.-Israel attacks on Iran's nuclear programme, and the escalation in Israel's bombardment of Gaza. This was the first summit since the four-day India-Pakistan conflict in May. and also after the G-7 summit in Canada. The BRICS grouping, seen as the next challenger to the global financial order, is in U.S. President Donald Trump's cross-hairs, as he sees it mounting an alternative to the dollar in international trade. In addition, the group has several internal rivalries that have brought its sustainability into question. In April, the BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting ended without a joint statement, as the African members held up the wording on the expansion of the UN Security Council.**

**Meanwhile, despite India's clarification in March that it is not considering de-dollarisation of trade in any form, and that there is no "unified BRICS position" on the issue, Brazil's President Lula da Silva doubled down on rhetoric against the U.S., saying that BRICS proves the world "doesn't need an emperor". Mr. Trump has since repeated threats that BRICS countries would face an extra 10% tariffs due to the grouping's "anti-American stance" — an awkward moment for New Delhi as it attempts to conclude a trade agreement with Washington. Despite all the challenges, the Rio declaration underlined the basic cohesion and consensus within BRICS members on a range of issues. In the joint statement, there was strong language against the attacks on Gaza and condemnation of the strikes on Iran, given the risks to nuclear safety. India was able to ensure a paragraph with tough language condemning the Pahalgam terror attack and references to terror financing and "cross-border movement of terrorists".**

**India and Brazil won endorsements of the whole grouping on playing a larger role at the UN, “including the Security Council”. The absence of the Chinese and Russian Presidents allowed more space for the non-P5 countries to promote a common vision for the Global South, adding several important resolutions on energy security, climate change and re-ordering the WTO. The Rio declaration also took a stern view of the U.S.’s moves on tariffs. As India prepares for its leadership of the BRICS grouping next year, that now represents about half the global population, around 40% of the global GDP and a quarter of global trade, it can move forward with this consensus, fulfilling the vision for the grouping’s acronym that Mr. Modi recast as “Building Resilience and Innovation for Cooperation and Sustainability”.**

## Summary

**The 17th BRICS Summit, held on July 7, 2025, marked the first meeting with newly added members like Egypt and Iran. Amid global tensions, including U.S.-Israel attacks on Iran and Gaza, BRICS showed unity on key issues like UN reform, energy security, and condemnation of violence. Despite internal disagreements and U.S. tariff threats, the Rio Declaration reflected growing cohesion. India, set to lead BRICS next year, aims to strengthen its role in shaping a more balanced global order.**

## **Tone:**

**Analytical – It critically examines the geopolitical significance and internal dynamics of BRICS.**

**Informative – Provides detailed context on recent events, member positions, and summit outcomes.**

**Slightly assertive – Especially in its portrayal of BRICS as a rising counterweight to U.S. dominance and in noting India's diplomatic balancing act.**

## Reading Comprehension

Based on the above passage, answer the following questions:

**Question 1:**

**What internal challenge within BRICS was highlighted during the April 2025 Foreign Ministers' meeting?**

- A. Brazil's economic downturn impacting funding**
- B. Lack of consensus on establishing a BRICS peacekeeping force**
- C. African members' objections over UN Security Council expansion language**
- D. India's proposal to exclude Iran from future summits**
- E. None of the above**

**Question 2:**

**What diplomatic contradiction did India face during the BRICS summit?**

- A. Advocating de-dollarisation while exporting to the U.S.**
- B. Supporting U.S. sanctions while opposing them in BRICS**
- C. Supporting Saudi Arabia's entry while blocking Indonesia**
- D. Clarifying it's not de-dollarising trade while Brazil pushed the opposite view**
- E. None of the above**



**Question 3:**

**What was the significance of the absence of Chinese and Russian Presidents at the summit?**

- A. It weakened BRICS unity on condemning the Gaza war**
- B. It enabled non-P5 members to push a common Global South agenda**
- C. It postponed the BRICS+ expansion plan**
- D. It led to the delay of WTO-related resolutions**
- E. None of the above**

## **Article for Skimming**

**Death by negligence:  
On the railway gate  
accident in  
Cuddalore**

**Tragedy struck without warning recently when a van carrying children on their daily school commute collided with a train on the tracks. Three schoolchildren were killed on Tuesday (July 8, 2025) when the Villupuram-Mayiladuthurai Passenger train, hurtling at 95 kmph, rammed into their school van at a manned railway gate at Semmankuppam in Tamil Nadu's Cuddalore district, dragging it for 50 metres. Despite conflicting claims about how the gate at the non-interlocked level crossing remained open as the train approached, preliminary evidence points to human error. Southern Railway has suspended the gatekeeper — now arrested for criminal negligence — alleging that he yielded to pressure from the van driver and opened the gate in violation of established protocols. However, accounts from a surviving student and eyewitnesses contradict this version. The survivor has stated that the gate was already wide open and the sound of the oncoming train was not heard.**

**There are also claims that the gatekeeper had fallen asleep. Yet, some reports suggest that just minutes before the collision, he had exchanged the secret private number with the station master, indicating the train's approach to Alappakkam — a detail that may not go unverified in the inquiry. Even if this is true, this would only show partial adherence to protocol. He failed in the essential duty of keeping the gate closed until the train had passed — as clearly laid out in the Indian Railways Permanent Way Manual. At the heart of this accident is the continued use of non-interlocked manned level crossings. Unlike interlocked gates — where train signals turn green only when gates are securely locked — non-interlocked systems rely solely on the alertness and judgment of the gatekeeper. As of October last year, 11,053 manned level crossing gates in India are interlocked. In the Southern Railway zone, over 300 gates remain non-interlocked. Railway unions have long flagged the pressure gatekeepers face from impatient motorists.**

**The only foolproof solution to prevent such fatal incidents is the construction of road overbridges or underpasses. However, these projects are often delayed due to administrative hurdles and land acquisition issues. In this case, Southern Railway has accused the Cuddalore Collector of not having cleared a railway-funded underpass for over a year — a serious charge that demands scrutiny. Until permanent solutions are in place, the Indian Railways must urgently prioritise the conversion of non-interlocked crossings to interlocked ones. Human lives depend on it.**

**Question 4:**

**What is the key difference between interlocked and non-interlocked level crossings as highlighted in the passage?**

- A. Interlocked gates are manually operated only by local police**
- B. Non-interlocked gates are monitored via satellite sensors**
- C. Interlocked gates ensure train signals turn green only after gates are locked**
- D. Non-interlocked gates are opened only for VIP convoys**
- E. None of the above**

**Question 5:**

**What is the Indian Railways' accusation against the Cuddalore administration in the aftermath of the accident?**

- A. Failure to maintain signal visibility**
- B. Delaying clearance of a railway-funded underpass for over a year**
- C. Obstructing CCTV installation at crossings**
- D. Reducing funding for school safety campaigns**
- E. None of the above**

## Today's Descriptive Question:

- **Write an essay of 200 words about the ethical implications of Genetic Engineering.**



**Genetic engineering, the manipulation of an organism's DNA, poses significant ethical challenges. On one hand, it offers tremendous potential for advances in medicine, agriculture, and other fields. For instance, genetic engineering can be used to eliminate hereditary diseases, enhance crop yields, and even extend human life. These possibilities raise hopes for a future where suffering is minimized and resources are abundant.**

**However, the ethical implications are profound. The alteration of human genes, particularly germline editing, raises concerns about "playing God" and the potential for unintended consequences that could affect future generations. The possibility of creating "designer babies" with selected traits also introduces ethical dilemmas regarding social inequality and the devaluation of diversity. There is a fear that genetic engineering could lead to a new form of eugenics, where only those who can afford genetic enhancements will benefit, exacerbating existing social divides.**

**Moreover, the long-term effects of genetic modifications are unknown, and the potential for misuse by governments or corporations adds another layer of concern. The ethical debate surrounding genetic engineering thus revolves around the balance between potential benefits and the risks of unforeseen and possibly irreversible consequences, highlighting the need for careful regulation and global ethical consensus.**

- **Write a resignation letter addressed to the manager of the company.**

**[Your Name]**

**[Your Address]**

**[Email Address]**

**[Date]**

**[Recipient's Name]**

**[Company Name]**

**[Company Address]**

**Subject: Resignation letter**

**Dear [Recipient's Name],**

**I am writing to formally resign from my position as [Your Position] at [Company Name], effective [Last Working Day, typically two weeks from the date of the letter].**

**This decision was not easy, as I have greatly enjoyed working at [Company Name] and am grateful for the opportunities I've had to learn and grow professionally. However, after careful consideration, I have decided that it is time for me to pursue new challenges and opportunities.**

**I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and am happy to assist in training my replacement or handing over my responsibilities in the coming weeks. Please let me know how I can best help during this period.**

**Thank you for the support and guidance you have provided during my time here. I have appreciated the chance to be part of such a dynamic team, and I look forward to staying in touch.**

**I wish the company continued success in the future.**

**Sincerely,  
[Your Name]**

**Match the column**

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Draw a longbow        | A. having failed in something that you are doing           |
| 2. Run around the circle | B. undertaking an impossible task                          |
| 3. Boil the ocean        | C. to enhance performance                                  |
| 4. Down for the count    | D. to exaggerate in telling stories                        |
| 5. Step up your game     | E. to keep doing the same thing without achieving anything |

## **Answer:**

**1-d**

**2-e**

**3-b**

**4-a**

**5-c**

## Vocabulary

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2. Cursory:
3. Conciliatory:
4. Sabotage:
5. Reprieve:
6. Rebuffed:
7. Setback:
8. Prohibited:
9. Relinquish:
10. Malleable:

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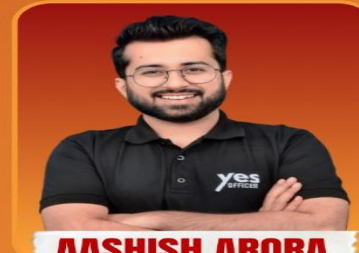
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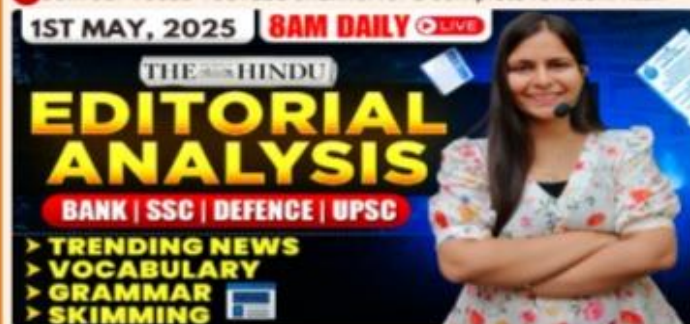


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**Rc ans**

**1.**

**Ans: C**

**Explaantion:**

**Reference:**

“In April, the BRICS Foreign Ministers’ meeting ended without a joint statement, as the African members held up the wording on the expansion of the UN Security Council.”

**Incorrect options:**

A: Brazil’s economic status isn’t discussed.

B: No mention of any peacekeeping force.

D: India didn’t propose exclusion of any country.

**2.**

**Ans: D**

**Explanation:**

**Reference:**

“...India’s clarification... it is not considering de-dollarisation of trade... Brazil’s President Lula da Silva doubled down on rhetoric against the U.S.”

**Incorrect options:**

A: India didn’t advocate de-dollarisation.

B: No U.S. sanctions supported by India mentioned.

C: Indonesia has already joined; Saudi Arabia hasn't, but not due to Indian objection.

**3.**

**Ans: B**

**Explanation:**

**Reference:**

“The absence of the Chinese and Russian Presidents allowed more space for the non-P5 countries to promote a common vision for the Global South...”

**Incorrect options:**

A: The group did condemn Gaza strikes despite their absence.

C: Expansion had already occurred (5 new members).

D: WTO reordering was still addressed.

4.

**Ans: C**

**Explanation:**

“Unlike interlocked gates — where train signals turn green only when gates are securely locked...”

**Incorrect options:**

A: Interlocked gates are operated by railway personnel, not police.

B: There's no mention of satellite monitoring.

D: VIP movement is irrelevant here.

**5.**

**Ans: B**

**Explanation:**

“Southern Railway has accused the Cuddalore Collector of not having cleared a railway-funded underpass for over a year...”

**Incorrect options:**

A, C, D: These concerns are not mentioned anywhere in the editorial.