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**PREPARE FOR BANK (PO/ CLERK), SSC,UPSC,
State PSC, CAT,CTET,RAILWAY EXAMS,CDS,
TET, NDA/AIRFORCE, NET and all Govt.
Exams**

1. Eulogistic (प्रशंसात्मक)

- **Meaning:** Expressing praise, especially in a formal speech or piece of writing.
- **Synonyms:** Laudatory, flattering, commendatory
- **Antonyms:** Critical, disparaging, condemnatory
- **Example:** The retiring principal received a eulogistic tribute highlighting his decades of service.

2. Impunity (दण्डमुक्ति)

- **Meaning:** Exemption from punishment or consequences for wrongdoing.
- **Synonyms:** Immunity, exemption, absolution
- **Antonyms:** Accountability, punishment, liability
- **Example:** The warlord continued his brutal campaigns with complete impunity due to lack of international pressure.

3. Munificence (उदारता)

- **Meaning:** The quality of being very generous, especially with money or gifts.
- **Synonyms:** Generosity, largesse, bountifulness
- **Antonyms:** Stinginess, meanness, parsimony
- **Example:** The munificence of the donor helped build a school in the remote village.

4. Incipient (प्रारंभिक)

- **Meaning:** In an initial stage; beginning to happen or develop.
- **Synonyms:** Emerging, nascent, budding
- **Antonyms:** Mature, developed, established
- **Example:** The incipient signs of unrest were ignored by the authorities until it was too late.

5. Insatiable (अतृप्त)

- **Meaning:** Impossible to satisfy, especially in terms of desires or appetite.
- **Synonyms:**
Unquenchable, voracious, greedy
- **Antonyms:** Satisfied, content, fulfilled
- **Example:** Her insatiable curiosity drove her to read every book she could find on the subject.

6. Supercilious (अभिमानी)

- **Meaning:** Behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others.
- **Synonyms:** Arrogant, condescending, haughty
- **Antonyms:** Humble, modest, unassuming
- **Example:** His supercilious attitude toward his colleagues made him very unpopular.

7. Pernicious (हानिकारक)

- **Meaning:** Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.
- **Synonyms:** Destructive, harmful, damaging
- **Antonyms:** Beneficial, helpful, wholesome
- **Example:** The pernicious influence of social media on mental health is becoming increasingly evident.

8. Blatant (स्पष्ट)

- **Meaning:** Done openly and unashamedly, often in a way that is offensive
- **Synonyms:** Obvious, glaring, flagrant
- **Antonyms:** Subtle, concealed, hidden
- **Example:** His blatant disregard for the rules led to his suspension from the team.

9. Acrimonious (कटु / झगड़ालू)

- **Meaning:** Angry and bitter, typically in speech or debate.
- **Synonyms:** Bitter, hostile, caustic
- **Antonyms:** Harmonious, peaceful, friendly
- **Example:** The acrimonious exchanges between the government and the Opposition disrupted the entire session.

10. Insipid (नीरस)

- **Meaning:** Lacking vigor or interest; dull.
- **Synonyms:** Bland, lifeless, uninspiring
- **Antonyms:** Exciting, flavorful, lively
- **Example:** The speech was so insipid that the audience struggled to stay awake.

VOCABULARY

One-word substitute:

1. Distinctive and stylish elegance or flair:

Panache

2. Done without preparation or planning:

Impromptu

3. The purest and most perfect example or essence of something:

Quintessence

4. To waste time or move slowly:

Dawdle

VOCABULARY

Phrasal Verbs:

1. Fall in

Meaning: To collapse or cave in; also, to assemble in formation (especially military).

2. Farm out

Meaning: To assign or outsource work to someone else.

3. Feed on

Meaning: To sustain oneself by eating something; also, to derive strength or satisfaction from something.

4. Fence off

Meaning: To enclose or separate an area with a fence or barrier.

VOCABULARY

Idioms & Phrases

1. Turn a blind eye

Meaning - to ignore something that you know is wrong

2. Read the riot act

Meaning - to chastise loudly, or to issue a severe warning

3. I've got it in the bag

Meaning - something is assured of success

VOCABULARY

4. Play fast and loose

Meaning - to behave in a clever and dishonest way

5. Tooth and nail

Meaning - to try very hard to get something you want

Article for Reading

**Quick fix: On India's
Research
Development and
Innovation scheme**

The Union Cabinet recently approved a ₹1-lakh crore Research Development and Innovation (RDI) scheme that aims to incentivise the private sector to invest in basic research. The scheme will primarily consist of a special purpose fund established within the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), which will act as the custodian of funds. The funds will be in the form of low-interest loans. The ANRF is conceived as an independent institutional body, with oversight by the Science Ministry, to allocate funds for basic research and to incentivise private sector participation in core research. The involvement of the ANRF here is a novel move as the newly created organisation is meant to be the equivalent of a single-window clearance mechanism for funding research and development for universities and academic institutions. It is also expected to get about 70% of its budget from private sources.

In sum, through the RDI and the ANRF, the government is looking to stake the bold claim that it has played its part and that it is now up to the private sector to come forward and reverse the ratio from where the government today accounts for about 70% of India's R&D spend. However, already incipient in the government's tall ambitions are traces of what has caused previous such schemes to falter. The first of these is conservatism. It turns out that a condition for availing funds is that only products that have reached a certain level of development and market potential or, what are called Technology Readiness Level-4 (TRL-4) projects, would be eligible. There are nine TRL levels, a hierarchy that was first conceived by the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the 1970s. TRL-1 represents a basic level of research and TRL-9 a state of advanced readiness. TRL-4 appears to be an arbitrary decision to support any promising research that has progressed halfway.

Were there such a magic sauce, venture capital industries, premised on the fickleness of predicting the ‘next big thing’, would not exist. The scheme also seems to forget that technologically advanced countries have become what they are because of their military industrial complexes — where the spectre of war incentivises the development of technology that is risky and expensive but, over time, may prove to be of immense civilian value — examples are the Internet or the Global Positioning System. India continues to haemorrhage scientists to the West due to the lack of opportunities commensurate with their training. Finally, it lacks a deeply skilled manufacturing sector that can make the products that scientists conceive of. Budgetary allowances cannot overnight fix that which requires major surgery.

Summary

The Union Cabinet has approved a ₹1-lakh crore Research Development and Innovation (RDI) scheme to promote private sector investment in basic research, primarily through a fund managed by the newly formed Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). The ANRF will act as a single-window body for disbursing low-interest loans to research projects, with the aim of shifting the R&D funding balance from government-dominated (currently 70%) to private-led. However, the scheme is already showing signs of potential failure due to its overly cautious approach, notably the restriction to only fund projects at Technology Readiness Level-4 (TRL-4) and above. This excludes early-stage, high-risk research that often leads to breakthrough innovations. The editorial argues that India's R&D ambitions may falter without military-grade innovation incentives, better scientific opportunities, and a strong manufacturing backbone, all of which are currently lacking.

Tone:

Critical – The passage highlights shortcomings in the government's scheme, such as conservative funding criteria and systemic weaknesses.

Cautionary – It warns that similar past schemes have failed and this one risks the same fate without addressing foundational issues.

Analytical – The author draws comparisons with global practices (e.g., NASA, military-industrial innovation) to explain what India's scheme is missing.

Reading Comprehension

Based on the above passage, answer the following questions:

Question 1:

What role is the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) expected to play in India's R&D ecosystem?

- A. It will serve as a regulatory body to license scientific patents.**
- B. It will provide market linkages for start-ups in TRL-9 stage.**
- C. It will fund foreign academic institutions collaborating with India.**
- D. It will act as a custodian and allocator of R&D funds with Science Ministry oversight.**
- E. None of the above**

Question 2:

Why is the Technology Readiness Level-4 (TRL-4) threshold criticized in the editorial?

- A. It places unrealistic financial demands on academic institutions.**
- B. It fails to include foreign-developed technologies.**
- C. It introduces arbitrary conservatism, excluding early-stage basic research.**
- D. It overemphasises military projects at the cost of civilian uses.**
- E. None of the above**

Question 3:

Which critical structural weakness does the passage cite as a barrier to translating R&D into real-world innovations in India?

- A. An outdated intellectual property law framework**
- B. An underdeveloped, deeply skilled manufacturing sector**
- C. Low availability of angel investors in rural areas**
- D. High import tariffs on research equipment**
- E. None of the above**

Article for Skimming

**Stop the slaughter:
On Trump, Israel and
the Gaza war**

In his third White House visit in six months, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, on Monday (July 7, 2025), heaped praise on U.S. President Donald Trump for his “pursuit of peace and security... in the Middle East” and even nominated him for a Nobel Peace Prize but stopped short of making any commitment on the most pressing issue in West Asia today — a ceasefire in Gaza. While indirect talks between Hamas representatives and Israel continue in Doha, Israel appears to be readying the forcible relocation of Palestinians to the south of Gaza. Defence Minister Israel Katz says he has instructed the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) to come up with a plan to relocate the entire population of Gaza, of 2.3 million people, to the ruins of Rafah, which the Israelis call a “new humanitarian city”. There were reports in the Israeli media about the IDF chief, Eyal Zamir, opposing the plan, saying that “the hungry and angry” Palestinians “could turn on the IDF”.

The IDF killing dozens of Palestinians, including children, in Gaza is a daily occurrence; starving civilians are shot down in aid centres. Doctors who served in Gaza in the past 20 months have horror stories of babies being starved to death or bodies of children being brought to hospitals with sniper wounds in their heads. None of this moves Mr. Netanyahu and his backers in the West, including Mr. Trump, who calls himself “a man of peace”. Mr. Trump had said before the meeting that he would be “very firm” with Mr. Netanyahu on the need for a ceasefire. But words alone are not enough. Mr. Trump has the leverage to compel Israel to accept a ceasefire in Gaza. He demonstrated his influence in the final hours of the Iran-Israel war, publicly demanding that Tel Aviv turn back its fighter jets that had taken off to bomb Iran. Israel complied, after carrying out only a symbolic strike. Today’s Israel is dependent on the U.S. as ever before. During the war on Iran, Israel had to rely on America for offensive and defensive support. Israel needs American weapons to continue its devastating war in Gaza.

And Mr. Netanyahu, who is facing an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity, needs American political and diplomatic backing to continue his wars across West Asia with impunity. If the U.S. continues to support Israel and refuses to use its leverage to end the Gaza war, it will be condemned by future historians and fact-finders as a country that was complicit in Israel's crimes against Palestinians. There are no excuses for Israel to prolong this brutal war, which has killed an estimated 70,000 people in 20 months. The slaughter must stop, and Israel must be held accountable for its crimes.

Question 4:

What controversial plan by Israel is highlighted in the passage, and what is the associated risk mentioned?

- A. Construction of illegal settlements in West Bank; economic sanctions from U.S.**
- B. Relocation of Gaza's population to Rafah; rebellion from displaced Palestinians**
- C. Withdrawal of IDF from Gaza; backlash from Israeli settlers**
- D. Annexation of Rafah; condemnation from UN General Assembly**
- E. None of the above**

Question 5:

Based on the passage, what hypocrisy or contradiction does the editorial suggest regarding Netanyahu and Trump's portrayal of peace?

- A. Their “peace” rhetoric stands in sharp contrast to actions enabling mass civilian deaths**
- B. Both leaders have funded Hamas secretly**
- C. They are vocal critics of each other while secretly collaborating**
- D. Their commitment to disarmament has led to instability**
- E. None of the above**

Today's Descriptive Question:

- **Write an essay of 200 words about the effects of bullying on Child Development.**

Bullying significantly impacts child development, affecting emotional, psychological, and academic aspects of a child's life. Victims of bullying often experience low self-esteem and chronic anxiety, which can lead to depression and, in severe cases, suicidal thoughts. The constant fear and stress caused by bullying can hinder emotional growth, making it difficult for children to form healthy relationships and trust others.

Psychologically, bullying can cause long-lasting trauma. Children who are bullied may develop a negative self-image, believing they are worthless or unworthy of kindness and respect. This can result in long-term mental health issues, including anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and ongoing emotional instability.

Academically, bullying disrupts a child's ability to concentrate and participate in school activities. Fear of encountering bullies can lead to increased absenteeism,

lower grades, and disengagement from school. This academic decline can affect future educational and career opportunities, perpetuating a cycle of disadvantage.

Moreover, bullying can impact social development. Victims may struggle to develop essential social skills and withdraw from peer interactions, leading to social isolation. This isolation can hinder the development of communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively, which are crucial for personal and professional success.

In conclusion, bullying has profound and far-reaching effects on child development. Addressing bullying through comprehensive prevention and intervention programs is essential to ensure that all children can grow up in a safe and supportive environment, allowing them to reach their full potential.

- **Write a letter to the mayor of your city on behalf of the Principal of your school, requesting him to preside over a seminar on 'School Education' in your city.**

[Principal's Name]

[School Name]

[School Address]

[City, State, ZIP Code]

[Email Address]

[Phone Number]

[Date]

Honorable [Mayor's Name]

[City Hall Address]

[City, State, ZIP Code]

Subject: Invitation to Preside Over Seminar on 'School Education'

Dear Honorable [Mayor's Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of [School Name], I am writing to invite you to preside over a seminar on 'School Education' that we are organizing in [City].

The seminar aims to discuss the current challenges and future prospects of school education, and your esteemed presence would greatly inspire the participants and add significant value to the discussions.

We would be honored if you could share your insights and experiences with us during this important event. The seminar is scheduled for [Date] at [Time] at [Venue].

Thank you for considering our invitation. We look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

[Principal's Name]

[School Name]

[Contact Information]

Match the column

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Turn a blind eye | A. to chastise loudly, or to issue a severe warning |
| 2. Read the riot act | B. to behave in a clever and dishonest way |
| 3. I've got it in the bag | C. to try very hard to get something you want |
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| 5. Tooth and nail | E. to ignore something that you know is wrong |

Answer:

1-e

2-a

3-d

4-b

5-c

Vocabulary

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10. Insipid:

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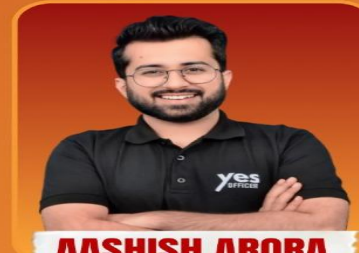
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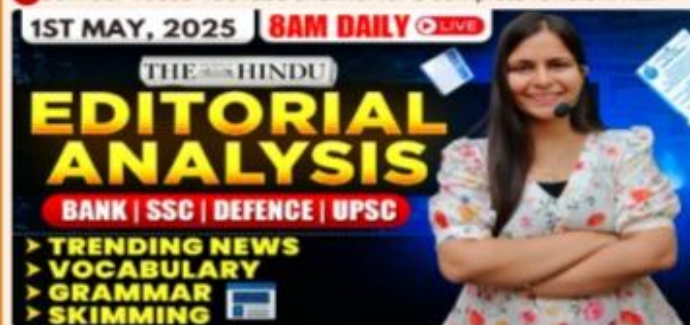


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1.

Ans: D

Explanation:

Reference: “The scheme will primarily consist of a special purpose fund established within the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), which will act as the custodian of funds... with oversight by the Science Ministry.”

Incorrect options:

A: Patent licensing is not mentioned.

B: The ANRF doesn't specifically support TRL-9 or start-ups with market linkages.

C: Focus is on domestic institutions, not foreign collaborations.

2.

Ans: C

Explanation:

Reference: “The first of these is conservatism... only products that have reached... TRL-4... TRL-4 appears to be an arbitrary decision... Were there such a magic sauce, venture capital industries... would not exist.”

Incorrect options:

A: No mention of cost pressures on academic institutions.

B: The scheme focuses on domestic research; foreign technologies aren't referenced here.

D: U.S. military R&D is cited as a model to emulate, not a flaw in India's policy.

3.

Ans: B

Explanation:

Reference: “Finally, it lacks a deeply skilled manufacturing sector that can make the products that scientists conceive of.”

Incorrect options:

A: IP laws are not discussed.

C: Investment types or locations are not covered.

D: Tariffs are not mentioned.

4.

Ans: B

Explanation:

Reference: “Israel appears to be readying the forcible relocation of Palestinians to the south of Gaza... Defence Minister... plan to relocate the entire population... IDF chief... opposed the plan... ‘the hungry and angry’ Palestinians ‘could turn on the IDF’.”

Incorrect options:

A, C, D: None of these events are mentioned in the current passage. The focus is specifically on Gaza relocation and internal military dissent.

5.

Ans: A

Explanation:

Reference: “Netanyahu... heaped praise on... Trump... for ‘peace’... but stopped short of making any commitment... Mr. Trump... calls himself ‘a man of peace’... The IDF killing dozens... is a daily occurrence... If the U.S. continues to support Israel... it will be condemned...”

Incorrect options:

B: No secret funding of Hamas is mentioned.

C: They are clearly allies in the narrative.

D: No discussion of disarmament.