



# THE HINDU EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

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# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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- Complete Article Discussion
- Vocabulary
- One word substitution
- Idioms and phrases
- Phrasal verb
- Grammar



# ARTICLE

(pass nalkarne luyak) - Deadlock ✓

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## Dangerous impasse ✓

→ ||

Peace on the border is important for all aspects of India's relations with China ✓

arrived / started ✓

In a relationship without any urge to be

Winter has set in Ladakh, and the chill in India's relations with China remains after more than a month since the last round of talks between Corps Commanders to take forward disengagement on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). There is no road map yet to a return to the status quo prior to

} described the current situation  
State of affairs

May's transgressions by China, which, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar acknowledged last week, have brought ties to the "most difficult phase" in the last 30 to 40 years. ✓

# ARTICLE

\* a body of experts providing advice & ideas  
on specific political or economic problems.

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Mr. Jaishankar, speaking to a think-tank, said the relationship had been  
“<sup>completely</sup> profoundly disturbed” this summer, and China had “literally brought tens of  
thousands of soldiers in full military preparation mode right to the LAC in  
Ladakh”. The Minister’s forthrightness has stood as a sharp contrast to the  
persistent denials from the government this summer about the seriousness  
of the border situation, which it was forced to confront publicly after the  
tragic loss of 20 Indian soldiers in the Galwan Valley in June. His remarks  
drew a strong response from China, which yet again blamed India

Forth

outspoken



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for the crisis, saying “the responsibility totally lies with the Indian side” and that it had strictly abided by border agreements, a claim that does not square with the unprecedented mobilisation of Chinese troops to various points across the LAC since early May. The Ministry of External Affairs then responded, asking China to “match its words with actions”.

Tone  
} agree with

The sharp exchange last week underlined the perilous state of relations and the long road ahead towards restoring normalcy, which, India has made clear, is predicated on peace on the border. In an interview to this newspaper on December 2, the External Affairs Minister cautioned that full disengagement may not be an immediate prospect, drawing a parallel to the Suidorong Chu crisis of 1986 that took nine years to resolve.

# ARTICLE

Cold war

Pre - before

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insist — on/upon

The slow-moving talks on the LAC — both sides are yet to schedule the next round following the eighth meeting between Corps Commanders on November 6 — raise questions about China's willingness to both restore fully the status quo and abide by past agreements, which India must **insist upon**. The government, for its part, should be far more forthcoming than it has been so far on the situation on the LAC. Peace on the border is what every other aspect of the relationship with China has rested on over the past three decades, from trade to growing links in new fields such as investment and education. Transparency, without which the public will not be fully aware about the border situation and the state of the broader relationship with China, should take **precedence** over optics and political **expediency**.

convinces

convenience

# VOCABULARY

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1. **Transgressions (noun)**– an act that goes against a law, rule, or code of conduct; an offence.  
**synonyms**– violation/ misbehavior/ infringement  
**antonyms**– obedience/ submission/ kindness
  
2. **Profoundly (adverb)**– in a great way.  
**synonyms**– completely/ extremely/ thoroughly  
**antonyms**– incompletely/ partially
  
3. **forthrightness (adverb)**– going straight to the point.  
**synonyms**– candidness/ frankness/ gullibility  
**antonyms**– impurity/ blame

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4. **Abided (noun)**– accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation).  
**synonyms**– accept/stand for/tolerate  
**antonyms**– dodge/avoid/contradict
5. **Unprecedented (adjective)**– never done or known before.  
**synonyms**– bizarre/extraordinary/fantastic  
**antonyms**– customary/commonplace
6. **Perilous (adjective)**– full of danger or risk.  
**synonyms**– hazardous/risky/rugged  
**antonyms**– calm/certain/definite



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7. **Precedence (noun)**– accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation).  
**synonyms**– precession/earliness/lead  
**antonyms**– subservience/inferiority
8. **Expediency (noun)**– the quality of being convenient and practical despite possibly being improper or immoral; convenience.  
**synonyms**– practicality/contrivance  
**antonyms**– disadvantage/impracticality
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# ESSAY (HW)

Saturday - 12th Dec

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## ✓ FARM BILLS 2020 (pros and cons) ✓

→ Can submit  
by today evening

Task of the Day.  
Farmers Bills 2020 (Pros and cons?)

Farmers protest in India's National capital has created quite flutter globally too. Since, 26 Nov. farmers from Punjab and Haryana protesting against the recently passed Farmers Bills. The reasons behind the protest is a request to repeal the recently passed "farmers" (Empowerment and protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Service Act, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act and the essential commodities (Amendment) Bill-2020.

Pros (as per the government). Para

Farmers have got a new option. They will have the freedom to sell their produce outside the APMC (Agriculture produce market committee) market. There will be no tax on such trade which will fetch a higher price to the farmers.

Farmers can sell their produce within the state or anywhere else in the country and there will be no restriction on this type of trade.

There will be no need for any kind of license for traders to purchase agricultural produce of farmers in trade area outside the APMC mandis. This will facilitate trade in agricultural products and will benefit the farmers.

Essay - try to  
write it in

**Rakshita**  
Paragraph

In case of any dispute arising in such business, the matter will be settled within 30 days by the Sub-divisional Magistrate.

There are also provisions of heavy penalty for violation of rules and regulations.

Cons (as per the farmers). Para

The Acts deprive status of their revenue via cess or levy. Therefore, these acts are a challenge to the separation of powers which functions as the backbone to a democracy.

The acts change all kind of farming trade into digital contractual terms reveals how there is an attempt at selling the farmer's produce in a language that the farmer himself does not know.

Lack of skill, knowledge and expertise will provoke farmers into hiring middlemen, thereby increasing the operational cost for the farmer.

When such contracts are signed with multinational companies, farmers shall either be forced into paying hefty fees to lawyers.

When these Acts define term "farmer", they exclude the chopper, labourer, tiller etc. The impact of this is that certain person involved in producing crop are systematically excluded.

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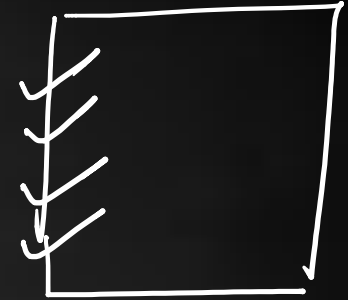
# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

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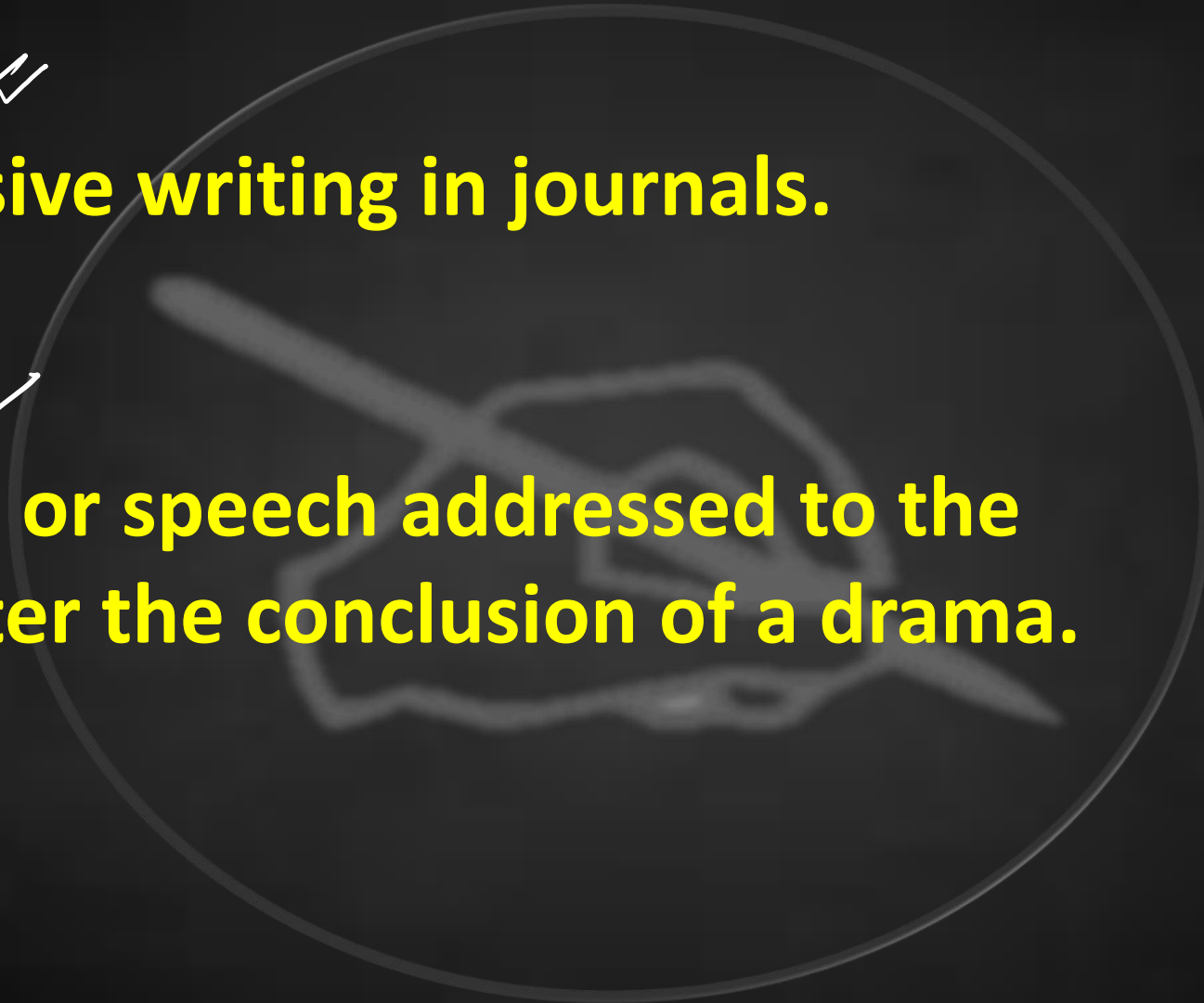
1. Scurrilous ✓✓

**Severely abusive writing in journals.**



2. Epilogue ✓✓

**A short poem or speech addressed to the spectators after the conclusion of a drama.**



# IDIOMS AND PHRASES

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(cw)

1. Those who work by fits and starts seldom show good results.

chhannam

- (1) rarely
- (2) disinterestedly
- (3) irregularly
- (4) regularly

fit → (stop)  
↓  
Start



# IDIOMS AND PHRASES

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2. The new manager thought that he would give employees enough rope for the first six months after which he would check the work done himself.

- (1) many directives and orders
- (2) sufficient advice
- (3) all the material they needed
- (4) enough freedom for action

Sunday  
✓  
Every Saturday  
① Topic  
✓  
already  
✓

# IDIOMS AND PHRASES

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3. He was all at sea when he began his new Job.

Q3 - Sneah

✓ k.p. gope

(1) happy

(2) sad

(3) puzzled ✓

(4) triumphant

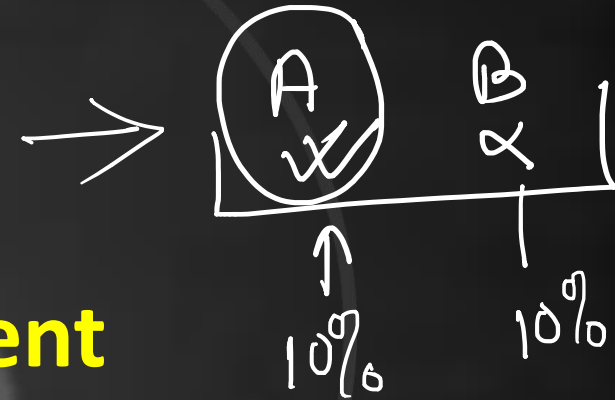
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4. The sweeping statement by the boss left the conscientious workers disgusted.

- (1) rash statement
- (2) unpremeditated statement
- (3) thoughtless statement
- (4) generalised statement





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