

**Rocky summit: when Trump met Putin**

**Overshadow(V):** surpass, exceed- मात करना

**Allegation(N):** accusation, insinuation – आरोप

**Meddle(V):** interfere, intervene, (butt in)- दखल

**Scandal(N):** an event regarded as morally or legally wrong- परिवाद

**Intercontinental(Adj.):** relating to or travelling between continents- महाद्वीपों के बीच का

**Ballistic missile(N):** a missile with a high, arching trajectory (path), which is initially powered and guided but falls under gravity on to its target.- बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल

**Treason(N):** treachery, lese-majesty- राज-द्रोह

**Contentious(Adj.):** controversial, disputable- विवादास्पद

**Shambles(N):** chaos, mess, muddle- गड़बड़

**Ratchet (something) up:** to increase something over a period of time.

**Junk(V):** discard, scrap- दूर करना/ छोड़ना

**The stakes are high (IDIOM):** It means that the participants have a lot to gain or lose.

**Dial down(Phr. Verb):** to reduce the intensity of-प्रभाव कम करना

- A summit between the leaders of the world's strongest nuclear powers, which fought the Cold War for decades, is an opportunity to discuss areas of shared interest, find ways to dial down mutual tensions and work together to address global issues.
- **Major Developments:**
- The new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) is set to expire in 2021 and Russia has shown interest in extending it.
- From the crisis in Ukraine to the civil war in Syria, Russia-U.S. cooperation is vital to finding lasting solutions.
- The Iran nuclear deal, for which Mr. Putin and Barack Obama worked together despite differences, is in a shambles.
- Most of these issues, including the threat posed by nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missiles, were discussed at the summit.

- But it's not clear whether the talks will lead to any significant change in policies. Since the Ukraine crisis, the West has tried different methods, including sanctions and pressure tactics, to isolate Russia and change its behaviour.
- But those methods have proved largely unsuccessful as Russia is now a far more ambitious foreign policy power with an enhanced presence in Eastern Europe and West Asia — even if its sanctions-hit economy is struggling.
- Instead of continuing a policy that has failed and ratcheted up global tensions, the Western alliance should junk its Cold War mentality and engage with Russia;
- Russia, in turn, will have to shed its rogue attitude and be more open and stable in its dealings.
- The stakes are high and the bitterness of the past should not hinder U.S.-Russia relations. That should have been the message from Helsinki.

**Rocky summit: when Trump met Putin Tone : Technical**

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The following sentence is divided into four parts i.e. (1), (2), (3), (4) Among these four parts, the highlighted part is correct and you have to find out one or more incorrect parts among the remaining three parts .The single part or the combination of those incorrect parts will be your answer. If none of the options follow your choice mark (5) No Error as your answer.

Germany trade minister will (1)/ lead the country's first business delegation (2)/ to visit Russia in 5 years after sanctions over (3)/ a nuclear program was eased.(4)

(1) Only 3      (2) Both 3 and 4      (3) Both 1 and 4      (4) Only 4      (5) No Error

Option (3)

**Explanation:**

Part (1)-Germany's trade minister

Part (4)- were eased

**A fishy matter: on the formaldehyde contamination of fish**

Fishy(Adj.): suspicious, questionable, dubious- संदेहजनक

Stoke(V): incite, stimulate, instigate- भड़काना

Inhale(V): breathe in, gulp- साँस लेना

**Ingest(V): take (food, drink, or another substance) into the body by swallowing- निगलना**

**Unadulterated(Adj.): purified, unsullied-साफ़**

**Unscrupulous(Adj.): unprincipled, unethical- निर्लज्ज**

**Pass off(Phr. Verb): to pretend someone or something as something else.**

- Reports of traces of the chemical formaldehyde in fish in several States highlight both the uncertainties of science, and the importance of clear risk-communication. In June, the Kerala government found formaldehyde-laced fish being transported into the State.
- The Hindu carried out a joint investigation with the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalithaa Fisheries University to look for formaldehyde in Chennai. The study revealed around 5-20 ppm of the chemical in freshwater and marine fish in two of the city's markets. Next, Goa reported similar findings.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has banned formaldehyde in fresh fish, while the International Agency for Research on Cancer labelled the chemical a carcinogen in 2004.

There is a third complication.

- When certain marine fish are improperly frozen during transit, formaldehyde forms in them naturally. But this formaldehyde binds to the tissue, unlike added formaldehyde, which remains free.
- And so, measuring free formaldehyde versus bound formaldehyde can be one way of distinguishing a contaminant from a naturally occurring chemical.
- Some formaldehyde consumption may be unavoidable for fish-lovers, and it may not be a health risk either. But the line between safe and unsafe consumption should be drawn by experts, in a transparent manner.

**A fishy matter: on the formaldehyde contamination of fish Tone : Technical**

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**Q. Explain the side effects of formaldehyde on Human Health.**