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# ODISHA CAREER FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMS

## VOCABULARY

1. **Negate:** to cause something to have no effect.
  - **Synonyms:** nullify, neutralise
  - **Antonyms:** enhance, boost
  - **Example:** A healthy diet can negate the need for excessive supplements.
2. **Adage:** a well-known phrase expressing a general truth about people or the world.
  - **Synonyms:** maxim, aphorism
  - **Antonyms:** absurdity, paradox
  - **Example:** The old adage “early to bed early to rise” emphasises the importance of a consistent sleep schedule.
3. **Obnubilate:** Make unclear, indistinct, or blurred.
  - **Synonyms:** obfuscate, becloud
  - **Antonyms:** illuminate, elucidate
  - **Example:** His confusion seemed to obnubilate the clarity of his thoughts.

4. **Flagged:** warned or told people about something that was important or was a problem.
- **Synonyms:** indicated, highlighted
  - **Antonyms:** disregarded, overlooked
  - **Example:** Before submitting the report, make sure to flag any potential errors.
5. **Fortifying:** making something stronger, especially in order to protect it.
- **Synonyms:** buttressing, bolstering
  - **Antonyms:** debilitating, undermining
  - **Example:** Reading books regularly is an excellent way of fortifying your knowledge.
6. **Unsound:** containing mistakes; that you cannot rely on.
- **Synonyms:** flawed, shaky
  - **Antonyms:** reliable, dependable
  - **Example:** Due to the unsound financial strategy, the company faced significant losses
7. **Heft:** the influence, ability, importance
- **Synonyms:** sway, clout
  - **Antonyms:** incompetence, ineptitude
  - **Example:** Mark's heft in problem-solving made him the go-to person for challenging tasks.

8. **Excruciating**: in an extremely bad or painful way.

- **Synonyms**: severely, acutely
- **Antonyms**: pleasantly, soothingly
- **Example**: Untangling the knot in the shoelace proved to be excruciatingly frustrating

9. **Prevailed**: Defeated an opponent, especially after a long struggle.

- **Synonyms**: conquered, triumphed
- **Antonyms**: capitulated, succumbed
- **Example**: Despite their best efforts, rival team prevailed in the championship match.

10. **Waning**: becoming weaker in strength or influence.

- **Synonyms**: dwindling, fading
- **Antonyms**: burgeoning, mounting
- **Example**: Interest in the topic seemed to be waning among the group.

11. **Disconcerting**: making someone feel uncertain and uncomfortable or worried.

- **Synonyms**: perturbing, disquieting
- **Antonyms**: heartening, reassuring
- **Example**: The unexpected change in plans was disconcerting to everyone.



12. **Prelude:** something that come before a more important event or action that introduces or prepares for it.

- **Synonyms:** precursor, forerunner
- **Antonyms:** conclusion, epilogue
- **Example:** A quiet conversation in the garden acted as a prelude to their friendship.

### PHRASAL VERBS

13. **Throw up:** to produce new problems or ideas.

### PHRASES

14. **Red flag:** a sign that something bad is happening or could happen.

15. **Draw level:** to move into a position where you are equal to someone else in a race, game, or competition.