

WORD LIST-2 (MAR16, 2023)

1. divide (noun) - difference, disagreement (between people).
2. implications (noun) – consequence/outcome, ramification, repercussion.
3. AUKUS (noun) – it is a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific, between Australia, the U.K. and the U.S. The security grouping AUKUS will focus on advancing strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific region. As part of this, Australia will acquire nuclear-powered submarines with help from the U.K. and the U.S.
4. trilateral (adjective) – involving three nations/parties/groups.
5. pact (noun) - treaty, agreement, accord, protocol, deal.
6. serve as (phrasal verb) – act as, function as.
7. deterrent (noun) – a person/thing that discourages an action and makes it difficult to do.
8. exacerbate (verb) – intensify, heighten, increase; aggravate, worsen, make worse.
9. conflict (noun) - dispute, quarrel, squabble, disagreement, antipathy, strife, friction.
10. base (noun) - a centre from which (military/naval) activities are coordinated; post, centre, station.
11. optics (noun) – the way in which something (political action/situation) is recognized by the general public.
12. substance (noun) – significant subject, important matter/content, valid message.
13. rivalry (noun) – competition, opposition, conflict, discord, friction, enmity.
14. The Indo-Pacific (region) (noun) – the Indo-Pacific region refers to the confluence (convergence) of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, which interconnect in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and more).
15. embed (verb) – incorporate, include, implant.
16. personnel (noun) – staff, employees, workforce.
17. submarine (noun) – a warship submerged in the water.

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18. **SSN** (noun) – it is a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine.
19. **SSN-AUKUS** (noun) – a new, nuclear-powered submarine and it will be built and used by all three navies of AUKUS, with interoperable workings. It is a trilaterally-developed submarine based on the United Kingdom's next-generation design that incorporates technology from all three nations, including cutting edge U.S. submarine technologies. Australia and the United Kingdom will operate SSN-AUKUS as their submarine of the future.
20. **interoperable** (adjective) – relating to the ability of different (two or more) systems, devices, applications or products to connect and communicate & exchange data in a coordinated way without effort from the end-user.
21. **working** (noun) - functioning, operation, performance, mechanism.
22. **alliance** (noun) – association, union, partnership.
23. **invasion** (noun) – attack, offensive, onslaught, incursion, assault.
24. **growing** (adjective) – increasing.
25. **assertiveness** (noun) – aggressiveness, belligerence, combativeness, hostility, pugnacity.
26. **destabilising** (adjective) – undermining, weakening, impairing, damaging.
27. **counter** (verb) – combat, confront, stand up to, oppose, resist, rebuff, rebut, repel.
28. **exert** (verb) – apply, use, utilize, deploy (a force/influence/control).
29. **claim** (noun) – rights, entitlement; demand, assertion.
30. **fleet** (noun) – a number of vehicles/flights/ships working together (under a single ownership).
31. **nuclear proliferation** (noun) – the spread of nuclear weapons, and, more generally, the spread of nuclear technology and knowledge that might be put to military use.
32. **proliferation** (noun) – rapid increase, rise, escalation.

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33. **nuclear-armed** (adjective) – equipped/furnished with nuclear weapons.
34. **violation** (noun) – breach, contravention, infringement, breaking, non-observance.
35. **Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)** (noun) – The NPT is a landmark international treaty whose objective is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament & general and complete disarmament.
36. **regime** (noun) - system.
37. **muted** (adjective) - restrained, controlled, toned down.
38. **discomfort** (noun) – embarrassment, discomfiture, unease, uneasiness.
39. **in part** (phrase) – to a certain degree/extent, relatively, to a point, somewhat.
40. **the fact that** (phrase) – used to refer to a specific situation under consideration/discussion.
41. **brief** (verb) - inform of, tell about, update on, notify of.
42. **hesitant** (adjective) - reluctant, unenthusiastic, disinclined, resistant.
43. **strategic** (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.
44. **Quad/Quadrilateral** (noun) – The ‘Quadrilateral’ is described as four democracies (the United States, Japan, Australia and India) with a shared objective to ensure and support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.
45. **breather** (noun) – break, pause, comfort, respite.
46. **calculus** (noun) – calculation, prediction, estimation.
47. **voice** (noun) – opinion, view, comment/remark.
48. **The Global South** (noun) – the poor developing countries (of Asia, Africa, South America, amongst others).
49. **The Global North** (noun) – the economically developed countries (of Europe, North America, Australia, amongst others).
50. **combine** (noun) - collaboration, cooperation, union.

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