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ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (DEC 09, 2021)

1. **legacy** (noun) – something received from a predecessor or from the past.
2. **strained** (adjective) – impaired, troubled, embarrassed.
3. **geopolitical** (adjective) – relating to (the study of) the geographical factors (a country's position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources &, etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.
4. **inaugural** (adjective) – first, initial, introductory.
5. **2+2 meeting** (noun) – it is a term adopted in foreign diplomacy that implies a dialogue between two countries' defence and external affairs ministries.
6. **engagement** (noun) – participation, taking part, involvement.
7. **fray** (noun) – strain, overtax, irritate, put on edge, make edgy, make tense.
8. **diplomatic** (adjective) – tactful, sensitive, subtle, delicate; consular, foreign-policy.
9. **milieu** (noun) – context, background, backdrop; environment, atmosphere.
10. **uncertainty** (noun) – unpredictability, unreliability, riskiness/precariousness.
11. **flurry** (noun) – spate, series, succession.
12. **blind** (verb) – stop someone seeing; obscure, hide, conceal, obstruct.
13. **pose** (verb) – constitute, present, create, cause (a problem or danger or risk).
14. **formidable** (adjective) – strong & powerful; taxing, difficult.
15. **constraint** (noun) – restriction, limitation, restraint.
16. **a friend in need is a friend indeed** (phrase) – a friend who helps in difficulty is a true friend.
17. **in need** (phrase) – requiring help; (in difficulty, in trouble).
18. **balance of power** (phrase) – stability in a system composed of a number of autonomous forces. Whenever the equilibrium is disturbed either by an outside force or by a change in one or the other elements composing the system, the system shows a tendency to re-establish either the original or a new equilibrium.
19. **shrink** (verb) - reduce, decrease, lessen.
20. **robustness** (noun) - strength, power.
21. **warmth** (noun) – friendliness, affability, kindness, sympathy, understanding, affection, fondness.

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22. **given** (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
23. **organic** (adjective) – structured, organized, coordinated, ordered, systematic, systematized, methodical.
24. **bluntly** (adverb) – straightforwardly, directly, candidly, forthrightly.
25. **bilateral** (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
26. **arms** (noun) - weapons, weaponry, firearms.
27. **stasis** (noun) - a situation or period in which there is no change or development; inactivity, stagnation, lethargy, laziness, dullness, equilibrium.
28. **kick in** (phrasal verb) – come into operation, come into effect.
29. **sooner rather than later** (phrase) – soon, immediately, without delay.
30. **evaporate** (verb) – vanish, fade, disappear, contract, lessen.
31. **quadrilateral** (adjective) - involving four groups or countries.
32. **dynamics** (noun) – basic/fundamental cause or force that triggers change within a system.
33. **implications** (noun) – consequence/outcome, ramification, repercussion.
34. **antagonism** (noun) – enmity, hostility, antipathy.
35. **quad** (noun) – four countries.
36. **to a large/great extent** (phrase) – substantially, largely.
37. **apex** (noun) – pinnacle, height, highest point.
38. **rivalry** (noun) – competition, opposition, conflict, discord, friction, enmity.
39. **matrix** (noun) – network, template, pattern, frame/form.
40. **first-order** (adjective) – primary.
41. **tier** (noun) – grade, level.
42. **divorce** (verb) – separate, disconnect, divide, disunite, disjoin, split, dissociate, detach, isolate.
43. **parallel** (adjective) – related, equivalent, similar; coexisting.
44. **albeit** (conjunction) – though, even though, however.
45. **certainty** (noun) – sureness, assurance, conviction, certitude, reliability.
46. **in/over the long term** (phrase) – over a long period of time; in the future.
47. **quadrilateral** (adjective) – relating to four countries.
48. **go on to** (phrasal verb) – last, continue, carry on, proceed; happen, occur.

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49. **time-tested** (adjective) – established.
50. **drive a wedge between** (phrase) - to cause misunderstanding or quarrel between two people and damage their good relationship.
51. **aggression** (noun) – hostility, belligerence, combativeness, warmongering, hawkishness.
52. **play a part/role** (phrase) – contribute to, be instrumental in, be a factor in.
53. **aggressive** (adjective) – hostile, belligerent, bellicose, hawkish, combative.
54. **rationale** (noun) – reason, logic, grounds, basis.
55. **pro-** (prefix) – supporting.
56. **tilt** (noun) - inclination, position.
57. **invariably** (adverb) – always, every time, each time.
58. **hurdle** (noun) – obstacle, difficulty, problem, barrier, impediment, obstruction, hindrance.
59. **read** (verb) – look at, interpret, understand, comprehend.
60. **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).
61. **strategy** (noun) – plan of action (in order to achieve a more expansive set of political, economic, and security interests).
62. **put differently** (phrase) – express differently, put/express in other words.
63. **more so** (phrase) – to a greater degree; to a greater extent.
64. **recall** (verb) – remember, recollect, call to mind, think of.
65. **stand-off** (noun) – deadlock, stalemate, impasse (in a dispute/conflict).
66. **Line of Actual Control (LAC)** (noun) – the de-facto (effective) border between India and China. The LAC is a 4,057-km border running through three areas-Western (Ladakh, Ladakh (Kashmir)), middle (Uttarakhand, Himachal), and eastern (Sikkim, Arunachal).
67. **procure** (verb) – buy, purchase.
68. **among other things** (phrase) – used to indicate that there are several more things like the one mentioned, but that you do not intend to mention them all.
69. **hedge** (noun) - safeguard, protection, shield.
70. **dormant** (adjective) – inactive, passive, inoperative.
71. **periphery** (noun) – border, outer limits, perimeter, boundary.

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72. **vis-à-vis** (preposition) – concerning, with regard to, in relation to, as/in comparison with, in connection with (*Vis-à-vis* from Latin via. French, means literally “face-to-face”).
73. **rapprochement** (noun) – reconciliation, reuniting, restoration of harmony, compromise/understanding.
74. **war of words** (phrase) – a situation in which two people argue or criticize each other because they strongly disagree about a particular issue.
75. **geopolitics** (noun) – the study of the geographical factors (a country’s position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources & etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.
76. **adversarial** (adjective) – involving conflict or opposition.
77. **undergo** (verb) – go through, experience, endure, bear, tolerate, stand, withstand, put up with, weather, suffer.
78. **exploit** (verb) – take advantage of, make use of, utilize, capitalize on, benefit from.
79. **in a sense** (phrase) - in a way, from a point of view.
80. **Iran nuclear deal (or) Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)** (noun) – JCPOA, known commonly as the Iran nuclear deal or Iran deal, is an agreement on the Iranian nuclear program reached in Vienna on 14 July 2015, between Iran and the P5+1 (China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States) together with the European Union.
81. **plays one's cards right/well** (phrase) - utilize one's opportunities correctly/properly; to execute carefully designed plan successfully; to do something cleverly.
82. **heft** (noun) – influence, ability; weight/strength.
83. **status quo** (noun) – the present situation, the current state, the existing state of affairs.
84. **virtually** (adverb) – practically, almost, nearly.
85. **notwithstanding** (conjunction) – although, in spite of the fact that, despite the fact that, even though.
86. **agility** (noun) - sharpness, quickness, briskness (while thinking and understanding something).
87. **stay the course** (idiom) – work hard till the end to accomplish the task.
88. **high-stakes** (adjective) – high risk, dangerous.
89. **contestation** (noun) – contention, disagreement, disputation, argument.

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