

WORD LIST-1 (NOV 17, 2022)

1. welcome (adjective) – pleasing, agreeable, heartening, promising, much needed.
2. pragmatism (noun) – common sense, realism, matter-of-factness.
3. G-20 (noun) – The G20, formed in 1999, is a group of twenty of the world's largest economies that meets regularly to coordinate global policy on trade, health, climate, and other issues. It brings together the world's major advanced and emerging economies. The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, EU, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, UK and USA. The G20 Countries together represent around 90% of global GDP, 80% of global trade, and two thirds of the world's population.
4. presidency (noun) – premiership, leadership, stewardship.
5. in line with (phrase) – in alignment with; in accordance with.
6. vision (noun) - perception, foresight, far-sightedness, discernment.
7. handover (noun) - transfer, bestowal.
8. gavel (noun) – a hammer (with which an auctioneer, a judge, or the chair of a meeting hits a surface to call for attention or order).
9. take over (phrasal verb) – take control of, take charge of, assume responsibility for.
10. at the helm (phrase) – in charge, in command/control/authority; in the driving seat.
11. helm (noun) – in charge, in command, in authority, position.
12. consensus (noun) – an idea or opinion that is shared by all the people in a group, agreement, concurrence.
13. hardship (noun) – destitution, deprivation, distress, misfortune, suffering, trouble, affliction.
14. recessionary (adjective) – relating to a period of temporary economic downturn.
15. polarisation (noun) – separation of two contrasting groups (based on different opinions/beliefs).
16. host (verb) – organize, arrange (an event).
17. fraught (adjective) – full of, filled with, fraught (with), charged with, loaded with, rife with.
18. summit (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave.

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19. **Sherpa** (noun) – an expert (a civil servant or diplomat) accompanying the leader of a member country to an international summit meeting; The term is derived from local people employed as porters/guides for mountaineers in the Himalayas. In Tibetan, shar means East; pa is a suffix meaning ‘people’.
20. **delegation** (noun) – a group of people (task force) sent on a mission (assignment, undertaking, or operation); committee, council, directorate, group, commission.
21. **persevere** (verb) – persist, continue, carry on, keep going.
22. **conflict** (noun) - battle, clash, collision, skirmish, run-in.
23. **temper** (verb) – moderate, tone down, mitigate, decrease, lessen.
24. **negotiation** (noun) – discussion, dialogue, talk, consultation, deliberation.
25. **highlight** (verb) - underscore, emphasize, underline.
26. **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** (noun) – The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation, the creation of which was announced on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai (China). The SCO currently comprises eight Member States (China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) and is seen as a counterweight to NATO (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization). It was established as a multilateral association to ensure security and maintain stability across the vast Eurasian region, join forces to counteract emerging challenges and threats, and enhance trade, as well as cultural and humanitarian cooperation.
27. **in favour of** (phrase) – in support of, to the advantage of, approving of.
28. **equivocate** (verb) - be evasive, be non-committal, evade/dodge the issue, beat about the bush.
29. **communiqué** (noun) – official communication, press release, bulletin.
30. **condemn** (verb) - blame, criticize, denounce, charge.
31. **contribute to** (verb) – play a role, be instrumental in, be a factor in.
32. **the fact that** (phrase) – used to refer to a specific situation under consideration/discussion.
33. **extend** (verb) – offer, give, present.
34. **extend your hand** (noun) - to reach your hand to someone in order to shake hands (as a greeting).

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35. **banquet** (noun) – dinner, elaborate meal/treat/dining.
36. **contrast** (noun) - difference, dissimilarity, divergence, variance, variation.
37. **in contrast to** (phrase) – in opposition to, be very different from.
38. **stony** (adjective) – unfriendly, expressionless.
39. **demeanour** (noun) – behaviour, conduct, attitude, manner, appearance, bearing.
40. **thaw** (noun) – an increase in friendliness.
41. **talks** (noun) – discussions, negotiations, deliberation.
42. **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).
43. **standoff** (noun) – deadlock, stalemate, impasse (in a dispute/conflict).
44. **reflect** (verb) – indicate, show, display, demonstrate, reveal, disclose, exhibit.
45. **reality** (noun) – fact, actuality, truth.
46. **participation** (noun) - involvement, taking part, engagement, association.
47. **rival** (noun) – competitor, opponent, contestant, contender.
48. **necessary** (adjective) - obligatory, required, mandatory, compulsory.
49. **on board** (phrase) – onto a team.
50. **forum** (noun) – meeting, assembly, gathering, conference, convention.
51. **steer** (verb) – guide, conduct, direct/lead.
52. **peril** (noun) – danger, jeopardy, risk, difficulty.
53. **climate change** (noun) – a long-term change in the Earth's climate, or of a region on Earth (Courtesy: NASA).
54. **global warming** (noun) – it is the unusually rapid increase in Earth's average surface temperature over the past century primarily due to the greenhouse gases released as people burn fossil fuels.
55. **bridge** (verb) – join, link, connect.
56. **digital divide** (noun) – the gap between the people who access computer/the internet and those who don't access them.

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