

WORD LIST-2 (APR 02, 2022)

1. exclusive (adjective) – especial.
2. reservation (noun) – a system of affirmative action in India that provides historically disadvantaged groups representation in education, employment, and politics.
3. backwardness (noun) – the condition/state of not developed.
4. quash (verb) – cancel, reverse, repeal, revoke, overrule, rule against.
5. the Tamil Nadu Special Reservation Act of 2021 (noun) – The Special Reservation Act of 2021, which was enacted in consultation with Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission Chairperson Justice (retired) M. Thanikachalam, scooped 10.5% of the total 20% MBC quota for Vanniyakula Kshatriyas community alone, citing their "extreme backwardness". Reservation in Tamil Nadu comprises 69% under a 1994 Act protected under the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. Of the 69%, backward classes, including Christians and Muslims, get 30%; MBCs get 20%; Scheduled Castes 18%; and Scheduled Tribes 1%.
6. ground (noun) – reason, cause, basis, base, rationale, premise, factor.
7. quantifiable (adjective) – measurable (as quantity).
8. quantifiable data (noun) – the type of data whose value is measured in the form of numbers or counts, with a unique numerical value associated with each data set. Also known as numerical data, quantitative data further describes numeric variables (e.g. How many? How often? How much?) This data type can also be defined as a group of quantifiable information that can be used for mathematical computations and statistical analysis which informs real-life decisions.
9. envisage (verb) – visualize, imagine, envision.
10. Most Backward Classes (MBC) (noun) – The Most Backward Classes within the Backward Classes were identified in Tamil Nadu as early as in 1957, when they were considered equivalent to Scheduled Castes but without the factor of untouchability.

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11. Denotified Communities (DNCs)/Tribes (DNTs) (noun) – Both the terms Denotified Tribes and Denotified Communities are synonymous to indicate one and the same groups of communities affected by the erstwhile Criminal Tribes Act (passed by the colonial government in 1871 to criminalize certain communities by designating them as habitual criminals).
12. assign (verb) – allocate, allot, give.
13. even though (phrase) – notwithstanding, regardless of, despite.
14. superficial (adjective) – casual, slight, outward, ostensible.
15. impression (noun) – opinion, view, perception.
16. per se (adverb) - in itself, themselves, intrinsically.
17. identification (noun) - recognition.
18. sole (adjective) – only, one, solitary.
19. pertinent (adjective) – relevant, appropriate, applicable.
20. contemporaneous (adjective) – happening in the same period of time.
21. point out (phrasal verb) – identify, indicate, specify, mention.
22. relative (adjective) – comparative, respective, comparable, correlative, parallel, corresponding, reciprocal.
23. hold (verb) – rule; decide.
24. competent (adjective) – capable, proficient, skilful, talented, knowledgeable.
25. among (preposition) – one of, amongst.
26. prescribe (verb) – stipulate, lay down, specify, impose, set down, determine, pronounce.
27. quantum (noun) – portion, part, division, bit.
28. formulate (verb) – draw up, design, create, frame, work out.
29. ancillary (adjective) – additional, extra, supplementary/subsidiary.
30. assent (noun) – approval, agreement, concurrence, acceptance.
31. The Ninth Schedule (noun) – The Ninth Schedule contains a list of laws that cannot be challenged in courts. Out of 284 such laws which are shielded from judicial review, 90 per cent of laws are about agriculture and landholding. The Ninth Schedule was brought in the Indian Constitution on 18 June 1951 to abolish Zamindari system.
32. regardless of (phrase) – irrespective of, without regard to, without reference to, notwithstanding, no matter, disregarding.

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33. move (noun) – step, action.
34. defend (verb) – justify, vindicate, support, stand up for, uphold.
35. episode (noun) – a group of events; incident, event, affair, occurrence.
36. census (noun) – an official survey, particularly of a population.
37. after all (phrase) – most importantly, above all, ultimately, essentially, basically.
38. adequate (adjective) – acceptable, reasonable, satisfactory, enough, sufficient.
39. hold the key (phrase) – to have control.
40. narrowly (adverb) – carefully, meticulously, scrupulously, painstakingly.
41. socio-economic (noun) – relating to the interaction of social (position, rank, or importance) and economic (income, pay, and wealth) aspects.
42. indicator (noun) – measure, barometer, standard.
43. applicant (noun) - candidate, job-seeker, competitor, contender, entrant.
44. relook (noun) - reconsideration.
45. creamy layer (noun) – income ceiling for Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation under which children of persons having a gross annual income of Rs 8 lakh or above for a period of three consecutive years would fall under the creamy layer category and would not be entitled to the benefit of reservation available to Other Backward Classes (OBC).
46. leave out (phrasal verb) – exclude, omit, eliminate, drop, count out, disregard, ignore, neglect.
47. equity (noun) – impartiality, even-handedness, lack of bias, lack of bigotry, fairness/justness.
48. Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) (noun) – Economically Weaker Section (EWS) or Economically Backward Classes (EBC) in India is a subcategory of people belonging to the General Category having an annual family income less than ₹8 lakh and who do not belong to any category such as SC/ST/OBC across India, nor to MBC in Tamil Nadu.
49. carry on (phrasal verb) - continue, persist, go on, keep going.
50. pie (noun) - a share of something.

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