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## WORD LIST-2 (MAY 27, 2023)

1. lot (noun) - group.
2. Roland Garros (noun) - French open; a major tennis tournament (clay-court grand slam) held over two weeks at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France.
3. Grand Slam (noun) – it is also referred to as majors, are the world's four most important annual tennis events. The Grand Slam consists of the Australian Open in Melbourne, French Open in Paris, Wimbledon in London, and the U.S Open in New York.
4. decade (noun) – a period of ten years.
5. elusive (adjective) – difficult to find, difficult to achieve; intangible.
6. a shadow at high noon on solar equinox (phrase) - used to refer to the time when vertical objects appear to cast no shadow; (Zero Shadow Day (ZSD), an interesting celestial phenomenon, occurs twice in a year, when the sun is directly overhead and thus no shadow of any vertical object can be seen).
7. (solar) equinox (noun) – it means “equal night” in Latin. It is either of the two days ("vernal equinox/spring equinox" around 20-21 March and “autumnal equinox/fall equinox" 22–23 September) in the year when the Sun is exactly above the equator and daytime and nighttime are equal everywhere on the planet, Earth.
8. debut (noun) – introduction, inception.
9. legendary (adjective) – famed, fabulous, storied, celebrated, outstanding.
10. Spaniard (noun) – A native of Spain.
11. occasional (adjective) – infrequent, periodic, irregular, intermittent.
12. uprising (noun) – resistance, opposition, rebellion.
13. iron-clad (adjective) – impossible to change/weaken.
14. crush (verb) – defeat, vanquish, overpower, triumph over.

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15. characteristic (noun) – typical, distinctive, predictable.
16. menace (noun) – a threatening quality.
17. Serb (noun) – a native of Serbia.
18. Parisian (adjective) – relating to Paris.
19. set to (adjective) – ready, prepared, primed, organized.
20. herald (verb) – signal, indicate, foretell, point to, announce, spell, usher in.
21. keep someone out (phrasal verb) – exclude, prevent from entering/participating.
22. change of guard (phrase) – It used to refer to a situation in which there is a (dramatic) change in which new people are replacing people (existing) in positions of importance.
23. in the offing (phrase) – likely to happen, on the way, coming soon, coming up, close at hand, imminent, on the horizon, in the wings, just around the corner, upcoming, forthcoming.
24. vice-like (adjective) – very tight and firm.
25. hold (noun) – grip, control.
26. break the tie (phrase) – (in sports) to end a tiebreaker situation in which two competitors same points/scores by playing extra game.
27. reigning (adjective) – defending, current.
28. tune-up event (noun) – a preparatory activity or warm-up, as before a contest or game.
29. prime (verb) – get ready, prepare, make ready, gear up, equip.
30. centre stage (noun) – centre of attention, spotlight, public eye.
31. establish (verb) – prove, demonstrate, show, indicate, display; achieve.
32. credentials (noun) – identities, qualities; achievement, experience, knowledge.

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33. scandinavian (adjective) – relating to a region in Northern Europe, with strong historical, cultural, and linguistic ties. it comprises Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, and allied territories.
34. summit clash (noun) – final match.
35. newfound (adjective) – newly found, recently established, recently discovered.
36. red dirt (noun) – red soil.
37. at best (phrase) – only, simply, but, nothing but.
38. wild card (noun) – special opportunity, permission (to play in a sports tournament without playing qualifiers).
39. in contrast (noun) – when compared to another.
40. departure (noun) – shift/change, deviation, divergence.
41. wear (verb) – have, present, show, display, exhibit, give (a particular look/appearance).
42. troika (noun) – a group of three (people, institutions, countries & etc).
43. swept past participle of sweep (verb) – to win a contest completely.
44. preparatory (adjective) – prior.
45. if anything (phrase) – perhaps. maybe. presumably.
46. first among equals (phrase) – a person/position that is formally equivalent to others in a group, but is superior to others in some aspects.
47. primus inter pares (noun) – a Latin phrase meaning “first among equals”; the senior member of a group.
48. by virtue of (phrase) – because of, on account of, owing to, thanks to.
49. runner-up (noun) – the competitor who finishes second. finalist.
50. calf (noun) – the muscle part at the back of a person's leg below the knee & behind your shin bone (tibia).
51. dark horse (noun) – a little known competitor who wins.

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