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WORD LIST-2 (FEB 18, 2022)

1. **planetary** (adjective) – relating to a planet/planets; belonging to a planet/planets.
2. **renewable energy** (noun) – clean energy, green energy; energy generated from natural resources (such as water, wind & solar energy).
3. **transition** (noun) – change.
4. **upset** (verb) – disturb, perturb.
5. **balance of nature** (noun) - it is a concept in Ecology which describes that the natural systems are in a state of equilibrium. Simply, it means that balance of nature is a concept that speaks of maintaining a balance in nature. If we disturb any one element, then all the other elements get interrupted in the entire system.
6. **perhaps** (adverb) – maybe, possibly.
7. **address** (noun) – speech, talk, discourse.
8. **fragile** (adjective) – weak, risky, tenuous, easily broken, easily destroyed.
9. **conserve** (verb) – preserve, protect, maintain, save.
10. **hypothesis** (noun) – theory, proposition; reason, basis, notion, concept, idea, opinion, view.
11. **Gaia hypothesis/Gaia theory** (noun) – The Gaia hypothesis, also known as Gaia theory or Gaia principle, proposes that all organisms and their inorganic surroundings on Earth are closely integrated to form a single and self-regulating complex system, maintaining the conditions for life on the planet. The Gaia hypothesis was formulated by the chemist James Lovelock and co-developed by the microbiologist Lynn Margulis in the 1970s.
12. **posit** (verb) – put forward, set forth, present, propose.
13. **inter-** (prefix) – between.
14. **inter-connectedness** (noun) – the state of being connected or related to each other.
15. **laureate** (noun) – a person who is honoured with an award for outstanding achievement.
16. **effluent** (noun) – (liquid) waste, sewage, (factory) outflow/emission.
17. **climate change** (noun) – a long-term change in the Earth's climate, or of a region on Earth.
18. **make the case** (phrase) - state the reasons & argue for something.

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19. **humanity** (noun) – human beings, humankind, the human race.
20. **anthropocene** (noun) – a new period/epoch in which human's collective activities dominate the planetary mechanism; the period of Earth's history during which humans have a decisive influence on the state, dynamics and future of the Earth system. It is widely agreed that the Earth is currently in this state.
21. **geological** (adjective) - relating to the study of the solid Earth, the materials of which it is made, the structure of those materials, and the processes acting upon them.
22. **distorted** (adjective) - misrepresented, twisted, falsified, misreported, missstated.
23. **vaguely** (adverb) – approximately, moderately, marginally, somewhat.
24. **notion** (noun) – idea, belief, concept, opinion, view.
25. **reinforce** (verb) – strengthen, fortify, bolster up, shore up, buttress, prop up, underpin, support.
26. **apocalyptic** (adjective) – serious, grave, catastrophic, ominous.
27. **documentary** (noun) – factual programme, factual film.
28. **glacier** (noun) – a large body of ice which flows under its own mass. Glaciers are made of layers of compressed snow that move or “flow” due to gravity and the softness of ice relative to rock.
29. **embrace** (noun) – adoption.
30. **tract** (noun) – a large area of land; (of land) region, sweep, stretch, belt, swathe, portion, section.
31. **apparent** (adjective) – evident/clear, visible, noticeable, recognizable.
32. **atmospheric** (adjective) – relating to the atmosphere of the earth.
33. **dawn** (noun) – rise, beginning, start.
34. **Industrial Age** (noun) - a period of history that encompasses the changes in economic and social organization that began around 1760 in Great Britain and later in other countries, characterized chiefly by the replacement of hand tools with power-driven machines such as the power loom and the steam engine, and by the concentration of industry in large establishments.
35. **fossil fuel** (noun) – non renewable resources (or fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas are formed from the buried/deposited organic materials).

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36. **relatively** (adverb) - to a certain degree, to a certain extent, partly, partially, in some measure, comparatively, moderately, a little, somewhat.
37. **in the blink of an eye** (phrase) - very quickly, immediately, instantaneously, suddenly, abruptly.
38. **agency** (noun) – influence, force, power, means.
39. **shield** (verb) – protect, save, keep safe, safeguard.
40. **perturbed** (adjective) - unsettled, disturbed, troubled.
41. **avalanche** (noun) – sudden arrival or happening of something (in very large quantities) at the same time; snowslide, snow slip, landslide, landslip, flood, deluge, torrent.
42. **hydropower** (noun) – power derived from the energy of falling water or fast running water.
43. **geology** (noun) – the study of the solid Earth, the materials of which it is made, the structure of those materials, and the processes acting upon them.
44. **inhospitable** (adjective) – unwelcoming, unfriendly, unsociable.
45. **landslide** (noun) – a landslide is defined as the movement of a mass of rock, debris, or earth down a slope. Landslides are a type of “mass wasting,” which denotes any down-slope movement of soil and rock under the direct influence of gravity; landslip, rockfall, mudslide, earthfall/slip.
46. **underline** (verb) – emphasize, underscore, highlight.
47. **time and again** (phrase) – often, frequently, repeatedly.
48. **lethal** (adjective) – fatal, deadly, life-threatening.
49. **disequilibrium** (noun) – lack of equilibrium, imbalance, instability.
50. **brittleness** (noun) - frailty, delicacy, fineness, insubstantiality; lack of strength.
51. **climate justice** (noun) – as a form of environmental justice, climate justice is the fair treatment of all people and the freedom from discrimination in the creation of policies and projects that address climate change as well as the systems that create climate change and perpetuate (cause to continue) discrimination.
52. **rely on** (phrasal verb) – depend on; resort to, have recourse to.
53. **ameliorate** (verb) - make better, enhance, improve (a bad or unpleasant situation).

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54. **reliable** (adjective) – acceptable, good, dependable.
55. **raze** (verb) - destroy, demolish, pull down, knock down, knock to pieces, level, flatten, bulldoze, fell, wipe out, ruin, wreck.
56. **fraught** (adjective) – anxious, worried, upset, distraught, overwrought, agitated, distressed, distracted, desperate, frantic, panic-stricken, panic-struck.
57. **the vulnerable** (noun) – the weak/neglected people who are in need of special care/support.
58. **pursuit** (noun) – activity, occupation; quest, search for something.
59. **net zero emissions/carbon neutrality** (noun) – it means annual zero net CO2 emissions; Carbon neutrality means every ton of anthropogenic (human-caused or influenced) CO2 emitted is compensated with an equivalent amount of CO2 removed (e.g. via carbon sink or carbon sequestration).
60. **decade** (noun) – a period of ten years.
61. **unknown unknowns** (noun) – unfathomable uncertainty; ('Known-knowns' means 'knowledge'; 'Unknown-knowns' means 'impact is unknown but existence is known, i.e., untapped knowledge', 'Known-unknowns' means 'risks').
62. **characterise** (verb) – identify, depict, describe.
63. **given** (preposition) – considering, taking into consideration, taking into account, in view of, bearing in mind.
64. **disproportionately** (adverb) – inordinately, immoderately, excessively.
65. **vulnerable** (adjective) – endangered, unsafe, unprotected, unguarded, ill-protected; easily affected by, prone to, at risk of.
66. **accelerate** (verb) – increase, rise, escalate.
67. **perturb** (verb) - unsettle, disturb, trouble, upset.
68. **incomprehensible** (adjective) - inaccessible; impossible to understand, unfathomable, mysterious, baffling, perplexing.
69. **outlast** (verb) – withstand, live through, outlive, survive.

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