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## ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (NOV 17, 2021)

1. realpolitik (noun) – realistic and practical politics (German word).
2. find oneself (verb) – discover himself/herself/itself to be in a particular situation.
3. catch-22 (noun) - a difficult situation from which a person cannot escape because of conflicting rules or limitations; dilemma, difficulty, pitfall, landmine.
4. engagement (noun) – participation, taking part, involvement.
5. lead to (verb) – result in, cause, bring on.
6. up the ante (phrase) - to increase demands/stakes (in a tough condition) even though it has risks; To take an action that raises the risks.
7. internecine (adjective) – deadly, destructive, ruinous, fierce.
8. warfare (noun) – war, fighting, combat, armed conflict.
9. 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.
10. contestation (noun) – contention, disagreement, disputation, argument.
11. spoils (noun) – gains, profits, benefits, advantage.
12. neighbourhood (noun) – (surrounding) area, region, country.
13. consensus (noun) – an idea or opinion that is shared by all the people in a group.
14. stabilise (verb) – reinforce, fortify, strengthen, secure, make stronger.
15. albeit (conjunction) – though, even though, however.
16. wise (adjective) – sensible, prudent; rational, logical, well thought out.
17. timely (adjective) – prompt, appropriate, opportune, well timed, at the right time.
18. thanks to (phrase) – as a result of, owing to, due to, because of.
19. coalition (noun) – union, alliance, partnership.
20. interest (noun) – involvement, participation, concern.
21. advance (noun) - approach, suggestion, appeal.
22. court (verb) – seek, try to obtain, pursue, go after, strive for, ask for.
23. evolve (verb) – develop, progress, advance, expand, enlarge gradually.
24. deteriorate (verb) – worsen, get worse, decline, degenerate.
25. pose (verb) – constitute, present, create, cause (a problem or danger or risk).

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26. **The Third Regional Security Dialogue** (noun) – The Third Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan was held on 10 November, 2021 in New Delhi in an expanded format. The National Security Advisers / Secretaries of the National Security Councils of the Republic of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.
27. **sober** (adjective) – serious/sensible, serious-minded, self-controlled, restrained, unemotional.
28. **stay away from** (phrasal verb) – avoid, not get involved in.
29. **pursue** (verb) – engage in, conduct, take part in, take up (an activity).
30. **autonomous** (adjective) – self-governing, independent, self-determining.
31. **unlikely** (adjective) – doubtful, implausible, improbable, questionable.
32. **go against** (phrasal verb) - oppose, contradict, resist, violate something.
33. **context** (noun) – circumstances, conditions, situation.
34. **sanctions** (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc.
35. **poise** (verb) – get into position, be prepared to do something.
36. **in the driving seat** (phrase) - in charge, in command/control/authority; responsible.
37. **matter of time** (phrase) – If something is just a matter of time, that it is sure to happen at some time in the future.
38. **legitimate** (adjective) – legal, lawful, constitutional.
39. **along with** (phrase) – together with, accompanying.
40. **revolve around** (phrasal verb) – be concerned with, focus on, concentrate on, centre around.
41. **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)** (noun) – The Belt and Road Initiative, formerly known as One Belt One Road or OBOR for short, is a global infrastructure development strategy adopted by the Chinese government in 2013 to invest in nearly 71 countries and international organizations. It is also referred to as “21st century silk road”. From South-east Asia to Eastern Europe and Africa, Belt and Road includes 71 countries that account for half the world’s population and a quarter of global GDP.

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42. **China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)** (noun) – A collection of infrastructure projects, is the flagship project of China's Belt Road Initiative (BRI). An economic project between two important strategic partners, both aligned against India, aimed to propel economic growth and prosperity of Pakistan by developing road, rail surface and digital communications, Gwadar port, power generation and Special Economic Zones (SEZs). It was said that CPEC-billed as a \$62 billion connectivity initiative linking China's landlocked Xinjiang region with Pakistan's Arabian Sea port.
43. **eventually** (adverb) – in the end, finally, at last.
44. **regime** (noun) – government.
45. **ride on** (phrasal verb) - depend on.
46. **strategy** (noun) – plan of action (in order to achieve a more expansive set of political, economic, and security interests).
47. **reek of** (verb) - give off a bad smell, smell bad.
48. **triumphant** (adjective) – an attitude or a belief that a particular doctrine, religion, culture, social system is superior to and should triumph all over others.
49. **lobby** (verb) – to influence (the government/its official group/elected legislators) to create the actions, policies, or decisions to help a particular organization.
50. **slide into** (verb) - fall, descend, decline.
51. **turmoil** (noun) – disorder, turbulence, confusion, trouble, chaos.
52. **zero-sum** game (phrase) – zero-sum game is one in which no wealth is created or destroyed. So, in a two-player zero-sum game, whatever one player wins, the other loses.
53. **aid** (verb) – help, assist, support, give assistance to, lend a hand to.
54. **dilemma** (noun) – quandary, predicament, difficulty.
55. **get back on one's feet** (phrase) – to be successful again after having problems (or) to be healthy again after a period of illness.
56. **coloniser** (noun) – a person who settles in a foreign country and exploits it by dominating its own (native) people.
57. **in the same breath** (phrase) – in the same statement.
58. **seek** (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
59. **the West** (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
60. **misery** (noun) – affliction, misfortune, difficulty, problem, adversity, ordeal, trouble, hardship.

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61. **thankless** (adjective) – unappreciated, unrecognized, unrewarded, unacknowledged.
62. **incentive** (noun) – motivation, encouragement, impetus, boost.
63. **successive** (adjective) – consecutive, succeeding.
64. **suspicious** (adjective) – doubtful, unsure, dubious, wary, distrustful.
65. **resent** (verb) – feel aggrieved about, feel bitter about, grudge, be annoyed about, be angry about, be angry at, be resentful of, dislike, be displeased at, object to.
66. **lash out** (phrasal verb) – criticize, castigate, condemn/censure.
67. **reach out** (phrasal verb) – contact someone to obtain/offer help/assistance/cooperation.
68. **delegation** (noun) – a body of representatives.
69. **call** (verb) – convene, call together, assemble.
70. **the heat** (noun) – unwelcome pressure.
71. **ties** (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
72. **bidding** (noun) – command, order, instruction.
73. **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”).
74. **on the other hand** (phrase) – as an alternative, as another option.
75. **willingness** (noun) - readiness, preparedness, disposition, inclination.
76. **conciliatory** (adjective) – appeasing, pacifying, peacemaking.
77. **run-up** to (noun) – a period of time just before an important event.
78. **for now** (phrase) – for the time being, for the present, for the moment.
79. **triumphalism** (noun) – boastfulness, self-assertion, self-satisfaction, excessive pride, extreme self-confidence, chutzpah, chest-thumping, chest-beating; an attitude or a belief that a particular doctrine, religion, culture, social system is superior to and should triumph all over others.
80. **takeover** (noun) – seizure, occupation, capture; gaining of control, change of ownership.
81. **bilateral** (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
82. **backchannel** (noun) – a secondary or secret route.
83. **reportedly** (adverb) – supposedly, seemingly, apparently, professedly, ostensibly, purportedly.
84. **with regard to** (phrase) – regarding, concerning, with respect to, in respect of, with reference to.

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85. **ceasefire** (noun) – a negotiated agreement that will be accompanied by other associated commitments to de-escalate the fighting; a temporary stoppage of war, truce, armistice.
86. **subsequent** (adjective) – following, ensuing, succeeding, successive.
87. **infiltration** (noun) – intrusion, incursion, trespassing, penetration.
88. **Line of Control (LoC)** (noun) – it is a 450 mile-long military control line lying between India and Pakistan's controlled parts of the former (under the British) Jammu and Kashmir. This line is not actually a legally recognized international boundary but prevails as per de facto. After the Simla Agreement signed in July 1972, this line was officially renamed as “Line of Control” from “the Cease-fire Line”.
89. **wither away** (phrasal verb) – diminish, dwindle, lessen, weaken.
90. **spike** (verb) – rise/increase sharply.
91. **withdraw** (verb) – retreat, pull back from, pull out.
92. **in lieu** (phrase) – as an alternative, as a substitute, as a replacement.
93. **statehood** (noun) – the condition of being an independent state.
94. **at best** (phrase) – only, simply, but, nothing but.
95. **post-facto** (adjective) – after a certain event.
96. **at worst** (phrase) – in the most serious situation.
97. **string along** (phrasal verb) – mislead, misguide someone intentionally over a period of time.
98. **ambassador** (noun) – envoy, diplomat, consul.
99. **centrality** (noun) – the quality of being of the greatest importance.
100. **in the wake of** (phrase) - as a result of, in the aftermath of, as a consequence of.
101. **war of words** (phrase) – a situation in which two people argue or criticize each other because they strongly disagree about a particular issue.
102. **play along** (phrasal verb) – mislead/misguide someone over a period of time.
103. **steadfastly** (adverb) – firmly, resolutely, single-mindedly.

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