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## WORD LIST-1 (AUG 11, 2022)

1. volte-face (noun) – U-turn, about-face, turnaround, turnround, turnabout, backtracking, rowback.
2. convince (verb) – persuade, satisfy, cajole, win over, prevail on.
3. ally (noun) – partner, supporter (to form an alliance/coalition).
4. turnaround (noun) – about-face, volte-face, turnround, turnabout, U-turn, rowback.
5. join hands with (phrase) – work together with.
6. part ways with (phrase) – to separate, to depart, to end a relationship.
7. turn the tables (phrase) – reverse a disadvantaged situation/position to gain an advantage.
8. in the process (phrase) – as an unplanned/unpremeditated part of a plan of action.
9. scheme (verb) – plot, plan, conspire, intrigue, connive, manoeuvre.
10. sabotage (verb) – undermine, weaken, ruin, impair, damage, threaten, subvert.
11. dismiss (verb) – reject, refuse, deny, disregard, disapprove, say no to, rule out.
12. allegation (noun) – charge, accusation, claim, indictment.
13. point out (phrasal verb) – indicate, specify, detail, mention, refer to.
14. smoke and mirrors (phrase) – this expression is particularly in the contexts of politics and marketing. When you refer to the statement made by someone (politician/businessman) as being nothing more than ‘smoke and mirrors’, you are suggesting that the individual is distorting or obscuring the truth; that he is, in fact, lying. When you say that a politician’s argument is ‘smoke and mirrors’, you mean it lacks substance.
15. a pat on the back (phrase) - congratulations, praise, accolade, cheers, commendation, applause.
16. manoeuvre (verb) – intrigue, plot, scheme, plan, conspire; manipulate, contrive, manage, engineer, devise, fix, orchestrate, choreograph.
17. laud (verb) – praise, extol, hail, applaud, acclaim, commend, admire, approve of, speak highly of.
18. sight (noun) – perception, judgement, belief, opinion, point of view, view, viewpoint, outlook, observation.

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19. fixate on (verb) – obsessed with, preoccupied by, preoccupied with, single-minded about; set, determined, fixed.
20. trapeze game/act (noun) – a simple endless circus rope adventure game. An acrobat/gymnast swings and jumps from one trapeze to another and earn a point for each successful attempt. It's a challenging game that tests your timing. (trapeze is a horizontal bar hanging by two ropes and free to swing).
21. embrace (noun) – hold, encirclement, enclosure.
22. make for (phrasal verb) – produce, promote, facilitate, further, advance, foster, favour.
23. strange (adjective) – weird, eccentric, odd, peculiar, funny, bizarre, unusual, abnormal.
24. bedfellow (noun) – a person or thing allied or closely connected with another.
25. stretch (verb) – extend, draw out, elongate, expand.
26. ideological (adjective) – relating to a system of ideas (ideology).
27. ideology (noun) – a system of belief, set of principles.
28. infidelity (noun) – unfaithfulness, faithlessness, disloyalty, falseness, breach of trust, treachery, double-dealing, duplicity, deceit, perfidy.
29. in defence of something (phrase) - in support of something that is being attacked/criticized.
30. walking out (noun) – leaving, departure.
31. unlikely (adjective) – doubtful, implausible, improbable, questionable.
32. trample (verb) – disregard, show no consideration for, treat disrespectfully, treat with contempt, take for granted, encroach on, infringe.
33. mandate (noun) – approval, acceptance, endorsement, authority (given by a constituency to someone acting as its representative).
34. entrust (verb) – assign, confer on, bestow on, vest in, invest in, give responsibility for.
35. blatant (adjective) – evident, flagrant/glaring, obvious.
36. opportunism (noun) – expediency, exploitation, taking advantage, pragmatism, realism.
37. clutch at a straw (phrase) – to describe a desperate situation wherein someone unlikely gets any solution but he/she tries to get a small chance to improve the situation.

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38. road (noun) – way, path, route, direction, course.
39. en route (adverb) - on the way, in transit, on the journey, during the journey, along the road.
40. realignment (noun) – reorganisation, reordering, reshuffle.
41. setback (noun) – problem, difficulty, issue.
42. window (noun) – opportunity, chance, opening.
43. claimant (noun) – applicant, candidate, supplicant.
44. anti-incumbency (noun) – a situation which is against elected officials currently in power; discontent against ruling government/ party in power.
45. investigative agencies (noun) – India has a number of investigative agencies like The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), The National Investigation Agency (NIA), The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and others.
46. figure (noun) – person, individual.
47. affirm (verb) – state, assert, proclaim, pronounce; uphold, confirm, ratify, endorse.
48. intent (adjective) – determined, insistent, fixed, resolved, firm about, single-minded about, inflexible about.
49. at the expense of (phrase) – at the cost of, at the loss of; at the sacrifice of.
50. base (noun) – a group of people considered as supporting an organization/party.
51. foe (noun) – enemy, adversary, opponent, rival, nemesis.
52. alike (adverb) - similarly, the same, just the same, in the same fashion, in the same manner, in the same way, identically, uniformly.
53. strategy (noun) – plan of action (in order to achieve a more expansive set of political, economic, and security interests).
54. run the risk of (phrase) – do something that may cause something bad/unpleasant thing.
55. undermine (verb) – weaken, subvert, sabotage, damage.
56. established (adjective) – accepted, traditional, entrenched, well known, recognized, acclaimed, esteemed, acknowledged.
57. equation (noun) – the situation (or) the problem, the quandary, the predicament.
58. in the short/near term (phrase) - in the near future.
59. as in (conjunction) - in the sense of.

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