

WORD LIST-1 (OCT 19, 2022)

1. pleasure (noun) – satisfaction, fulfilment.
2. constitution (noun) – body of law; system of rules; regulations, fundamental principles, charter.
3. provision (noun) – clause, requirement, condition.
4. sack (verb) – dismiss, discharge, throw out.
5. in keeping with (phrase) – consistent with, in accordance with, in agreement with, in line with, compatible with.
6. dignity (noun) – self-esteem, self-respect, morale.
7. in line with (phrase) – in alignment with; in accordance with.
8. claim (noun) - allegation, contention, charge, submission.
9. invite (verb) – cause, lead to, call forth, bring on, make happen.
10. withdrawal (noun) - cancellation, repeal, annulment, abolition, invalidation.
11. (doctrine of) pleasure (noun) – The doctrine of pleasure has its origins in English law. In England, the moral rule is that a civil servant of the Crown holds office during the pleasure of the Crown. This means his services can be terminated at any time by the Crown, without assigning any reason. In India, under Article 310 even civil servants hold office at the pleasure of the President or the Governor as the case may be. That pleasure is absolute.
12. constitutional (adjective) – relating to the Constitution.
13. Article 164 of the constitution of India (noun) – Article 164 of the constitution of India deals with the appointment of the Council of Ministers and the Chief Minister.
14. aid and advice (phrase) – The real authority to take decisions lies in the elected government. This is the meaning of ‘aid and advice’. Titular head (Governor/Lt. Governor) has to act in accordance to aid and advice.
15. hold (verb) – occupy, have (a position/post).
16. at the pleasure of (phrase) - used to mention that something can be done for the reason that someone needs it to be done.
17. legislative (adjective) – law-making, parliamentary, policy-making, administrative.
18. incumbent (adjective) – current, existing, present.

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19. **in doubt** (phrase) – doubtful, uncertain, open to question, unsure, unconfirmed, undecided, undetermined.
20. **judicially** (adverb) - legitimately, permissibly, legally.
21. **on the floor/ground** (phrase) – in a place where practical work is carried out.
22. **legislature** (noun) – law-making body or governing body; parliament, congress, council, assembly.
23. **vote of confidence** (phrase) – a vote of confidence, or a trust vote, is sought by the government in power on the floor of the House in order to prove the majority.
24. **means** (noun) – way, method, mode.
25. **doctrine** (noun) – principle, belief, rule.
26. **exercise** (verb) – use, utilize, employ.
27. **euphemism** (noun) – an innocuous (inoffensive/harmless) or pleasant word/phrase/expression that is used as an alternative to something offensive & unpleasant; polite term, indirect term, mild alternative, understatement.
28. **drop** (verb) – dismiss, discharge, exclude, oust, kick out.
29. **the Council of Ministers** (noun) – the supreme executive organ in a government. The term is usually equivalent to the word “cabinet”.
30. **context** (noun) – circumstances, conditions, factors, state of affairs; background, situation, backdrop.
31. **confrontation** (noun) – clash, fight, conflict, tussle, skirmish.
32. **reluctance** (noun) – unwillingness, disinclination, hesitation.
33. **assent** (noun) - approval, agreement, concurrence, acceptance.
34. **Kerala University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022** (noun) - the University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022 which alters the composition of the search-cum-selection committee to appoint Vice Chancellors and effectively provide the State government greater leverage in the process. It clips the powers of the Governor in appointing Vice Chancellors to universities.

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35. **Bill** (noun) – A Bill is a draft statute that becomes law after it is passed by Parliament (for nationwide statute) / Legislative Assembly (for statewide statute) and assented to by the President. All legislative proposals are brought before Parliament/Legislative Assembly in the forms of Bills.
36. **reconsideration** (noun) - review, re-examination, reassessment.
37. **instead of** (phrase) – rather than.
38. **withhold** (verb) – stop, check; to refuse to give something; to refrain from giving permission.
39. **trigger** (noun) – cause, reason.
40. **differ** (verb) – disagree, dissent, be in dispute, be in opposition, clash, cross swords, lock horns.
41. **stall** (verb) – obstruct, impede, hinder, hamper, block, interrupt, stop.
42. **legislation** (noun) – body of laws, acts, rules, regulations, statutes.
43. **unpalatable** (adjective) – disagreeable, unpleasant, displeasing, distressing.
44. **realm** (noun) – area of activity; sphere, domain.
45. **in the public domain/realm** (phrase) – if something (e.g. information) is in the public domain, people generally know about it since it is no secret.
46. **Chancellor** (noun) – The chancellor is titular head of a state university. In almost all states, the Governor serves as ex-officio chancellor, and in this capacity appoints vice-chancellors of state universities and presides over convocation ceremonies, among other responsibilities. (As per the provisions of the Act of the concerned University, the Governor appoints the Vice Chancellor on the advice/in consultation with the State Government).
47. **friction** (noun) – conflict, discord, disagreement, dissent, opposition, clashing.
48. **statute** (noun) - Act, bill, law, decree.
49. **competent** (adjective) – capable; qualified, empowered.
50. **curtail** (verb) – reduce, diminish, decrease, cut, lower, lessen.

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51. **abolish** (verb) - quash, get rid of, discard, remove, eliminate, discontinue, cancel.
52. **M.M. Punchhi Commission** (noun) – The Government of India constituted a Commission on Centre-State Relations under the chairmanship of Justice Madan Mohan Punchhi, former Chief Justice of India on 27th April 2007 to look into the new issues of Centre-State relations keeping in view the changes that have taken place in the polity and economy of India since the Sarkaria Commission had last looked at the issue of Centre-State relations over two decades ago.
53. **burden** (verb) - load, overload, trouble, disturb.
54. **exaggerated** (adjective) – overstated, overemphasized, amplified, excessive.
55. **notion** (noun) – idea, belief, concept, conception, conviction, opinion, view, thought.
56. **defend** (verb) - protect, safeguard, secure.
57. **the regime** (noun) – the government, the administration, the state.
58. **violate** (verb) – contravene, breach, infringe, break, disobey, defy, flout.
59. **absence** (noun) – lack, non-existence, unavailability.
60. **time-frame** (noun) – a particular period of time (within which something has to be done).
61. **discretionary** (adjective) – optional, voluntary, up to the individual, non-mandatory, non-compulsory.
62. **function** (verb) - work.

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