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WORD LIST-1 (MAR 14, 2022)

1. **unguided** (adjective) - (of a missile) not controlled by internal equipment or remote control.
2. **missile** (noun) – a self-propelled/rocket-propelled weapon designed to deliver a conventional/nuclear explosive warhead with great accuracy at high speed; projectile.
3. **malfuction** (noun) - breakdown, fault, failure, defect, flaw, collapse.
4. **probe** (noun) – inquiry, investigation, examination, scrutiny, analysis.
5. **unwarranted** (adjective) – unjustified, unnecessary, unreasonable, uncalled for, groundless.
6. **get to** (phrasal verb) - deal with something in due time.
7. **firing** (noun) - launch, take-off, ascent.
8. **led** past participle of **lead to** (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
9. **unintended** (adjective) – unplanned, unexpected, accidental.
10. **escalation** (noun) – intensification, aggravation, exacerbation.
11. **tension** (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
12. **nuclear-armed** (adjective) – equipped/furnished with nuclear weapons.
13. **fortunately** (adverb) - thankfully, luckily, providentially, opportunely.
14. **in the course of** – (phrase) – during (the particular time/activity).
15. **due to** (phrase) – because of, owing to, on account of, as a result of.
16. **court of inquiry** (noun) – a tribunal (officially appointed to investigate a serious accident or incident).
17. **charge d'affaires** (noun) - ambassador, emissary, diplomat.
18. **High Commission** (noun) – the embassy of one Commonwealth country in another Commonwealth country.
19. **call** (verb) – summon, order, ask for.
20. **concern** (noun) – issue, matter.
21. **allege** (verb) – state, affirm, claim, indicate; charge, accuse (without proof).
22. **loophole** (noun) – ambiguity; flaw/fault, defect.
23. **lapse** (noun) – failure, mistake, blunder, oversight.
24. **handling** (noun) - administration, management, control, conduct, regulation, leadership, governing, supervision, oversight.

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25. **strategic** (adjective) – relating to something (a weapon) necessary for in fighting a war.
26. sought past tense of **seek** (verb) – try, aim, attempt; ask for, appeal to, demand.
27. **involvement** (noun) - participation, engagement, taking part.
28. **strategic** (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.
29. **stability** (noun) – safety, security, strength.
30. **strategic stability** (noun) – it describes the absence of armed conflict between nuclear-armed states. It also describes a regional or global security environment in which states enjoy peaceful and harmonious relations.
31. **fixation** (noun) – obsession, preoccupation, craze, mania.
32. **conflict** (noun) – war, armed conflict, battle, fighting.
33. **neighbour** (noun) – a country that is next to another country; (bordering) country.
34. **deep** (adjective) - intense, deeply felt, deep-rooted.
35. **thinking** (noun) - reasoning, idea, opinion.
36. **image** (noun) - good name, character, repute, reputation, standing, stature, status, position, perception.
37. **decade** (noun) – a period of ten years.
38. **restrained** (adjective) - self-controlled, confined, restricted.
39. **command** (noun) - a group of officers controlling a particular operation; authority, control.
40. **in doubt** (phrase) - doubtful, uncertain, open to question, debatable, problematic.
41. **fray** (verb) – strain, overtax, irritate, put on edge, make edgy, make tense.
42. **reputation** (noun) – standing, stature, status, position, image.
43. **measure** (noun) – action, step, procedure.
44. **description** (noun) - report, narration, narrative, portrayal, account, explanation, interpretation.
45. **surface-to-surface missile (SSM)** (noun) - ground-to-ground missile (GGM); a missile designed to be launched from the ground or the sea and strike targets on land or at sea.
46. **speculation** (noun) - conjecture, supposition, guesswork, opinion.

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47. **BrahMos** (noun) - a two-stage missile with a solid propellant booster engine as its first stage which brings it to supersonic speed and then gets separated. The liquid ramjet or the second stage then takes the missile closer to 3 Mach speed in cruise phase. The BrahMos missile, an Indo-Russian joint venture, has a range of 290 km and is the fastest cruise missile in the world with a top speed of Mach 2.8 (nearly three times the speed of sound)
48. **Mach** (noun) - The ratio of the speed of a body (aircraft) to the speed of sound in the surrounding medium (i.e. air) with Mach 1 equating to the speed of sound, Mach 2 equating twice the speed of sound, etc.
49. **supersonic** (adjective) - relating to the speed of an object that exceeds the speed of sound.
50. **cruise missile** (noun) – it is a guided missile that flies with constant speed to deliver a warhead at specified target over long distance with high accuracy.
51. **inventory** (noun) – a complete list of items (in stock); list, listing, catalogue, directory, record, register.
52. **the services** (noun) - armed forces, armed services.
53. **Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)** (noun) – The MTCR has been in place since 1987 as a multilateral effort to combat missile proliferation. Together, its members have set an effective international standard for responsible efforts to control the proliferation of missiles. Members exchange information on the licensing of exports, enforcement actions and best practices.
54. **acceptance** (noun) - acknowledgement, recognition, admission.
55. **reliable** (adjective) - acceptable, trustworthy, dependable.
56. **contribute to** (verb) - play a part in, be instrumental in, be a factor in.
57. **hypersonic** (adjective) – relating to speeds of more than five times that of sound (Mach 5).
58. **variant** (noun) - alternative form; different version.
59. **regulate** (verb) - supervise, oversee, monitor, check, inspect.
60. **checks and balances** (plural noun) – a system in which all departments of a government organization have right to amend/limit the powers of the other departments in order to avoid dominance of one department.

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61. [echo](#) (verb) - repeat, say again, restate, reiterate.
62. [air strike](#) (noun) - attack, air attack, assault.
63. [dogfight](#) (noun) - fight, armed conflict, clash, struggle.
64. [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”.
65. [Mi-17V5 helicopter](#) (noun) – Mi-17V-5 (domestic designation Mi-8MTV-5) is a military transport variant in the Mi-8/17 family of helicopters. It is produced by Kazan Helicopters, a subsidiary of Russian Helicopters. Mi-17V5 is a 13 tonne-class helicopter. With this whopping 2700hp engine, it can quickly climb to an altitude of 18,000 feet and perform its task. It can transport 36 armed soldiers or 4,500kg of load on a sling. This is probably the only helicopter in the IAF’s inventory with full-authority digital control system (FADEC). The Mi-17V5 has a maximum speed of 250km/h. With two auxiliary fuel tanks, it has a range of 1000+ kms and without it nearly 600 kms.
66. [crash](#) (verb) – (of an aircraft/missile) fall from the sky.
67. [shortly](#) (adverb) - momentarily, very soon, immediately, quickly.
68. [take-off](#) (noun) – launch, ascent, firing.
69. [personnel](#) (noun) – force, staff, employees, workforce; players in this context.
70. [onboard](#) (adverb) – on or in an aircraft, train, ship or boat.
71. [civilian](#) (noun) – non-military person, ordinary citizen.
72. [on the ground](#) (phrase) – in a situation/place where things are happening really/practically.
73. [scope](#) (noun) – opportunity, possibility, chance.
74. [objective](#) (noun) - aim, intention, purpose.
75. [nevertheless](#) (adverb) - in spite of that, anyway, nonetheless, even so.

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