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## **WORD LIST-1 (DEC 03, 2021)**

1. **Omicron variant** (noun) – On 26 November 2021, WHO designated the (new coronavirus) variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named Omicron, on the advice of WHO's Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution (TAG-VE). The first known confirmed Omicron infection was from a specimen collected on November 9. In recent weeks, infections in South Africa have increased steeply, coinciding with the detection.
2. **vaccination** (noun) – treatment with a vaccine to protect against a particular disease; immunization.
3. **cut** (verb) – reduce, decrease, lessen.
4. **novel coronavirus (nCoV) (SARS-CoV-2)** (noun) – a new strain (type/variety) coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans.
5. **outbreak** (noun) – outburst, flaring up, breakout, sudden appearance/occurrence of something.
6. **shroud** (verb) – cover, conceal, hide.
7. **genetic** (adjective) – relating to genes/genetics.
8. **genome** (noun) – the genetic material (a complete set of DNA, including all of its genes) of an organism. The sum total of the genetic material of a cell or an organism.
9. **sequence** (noun) – the complete order of compounds/building blocks (nucleotides) of nucleic acids, such as RNA or DNA.
10. **genome sequence** (noun) – a process that determines the order, or sequence, of the DNA (nucleotides i.e., A, C, G and U) in each of the genes present in the virus's genome.
11. **transparent** (adjective) – open/candid, forthright, straightforward, honest.
12. **vital** (adjective) – key, essential, important.

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13. **variant** (noun) – different or form or version or mutant of something (virus).
14. **mutation** (noun) – a significant and basic “alteration/variation” in the DNA sequence.
15. **spike (S) protein** (noun) – spike (S) protein is the sole viral membrane protein responsible for coronavirus entry into host cells.
16. **specimen** (noun) – sample.
17. **diligently** (adverb) – carefully, attentively, thoroughly.
18. **impose** (verb) – force, thrust, inflict, urge (an unwelcome decision).
19. **incongruous** (adjective) - inappropriate, contradictory, irreconcilable, strange, odd, absurd, bizarre.
20. **counterproductive** (adjective) – harmful, damaging, dangerous/destructive.
21. **rash** (adjective) – reckless, impulsive, hasty.
22. **disincentivise** (verb) – discourage, prevent, stop.
23. **promptly** (adverb) - quickly, swiftly, rapidly.
24. **public health** (noun) – the branch of medicine handling public health; public health is also the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities through education, policy making and research for disease and injury prevention.
25. **implications** (noun) – consequence/outcome, ramification, repercussion.
26. **pandemic** (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
27. **demonstration** (noun) – manifestation, indication, revelation, display.
28. **surveillance** (noun) – monitoring, observation, scrutiny, inspection.

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29. genomic (adjective) – relating to the gene (genetic material) of a living thing.
30. enhanced (adjective) – improved, reinforced, increased.
31. vaccine (noun) – a biological preparation that improves immunity to a particular disease.
32. go/put/come into effect (phrase) - implement, apply, carry out.
33. strain (noun) – variety, kind, type; variant, mutant.
34. probably (adverb) – most likely, in all likelihood, all things considered, perhaps.
35. flag (verb) – indicate, identify, point out.
36. reflect (verb) – indicate, show, display, demonstrate, reveal, exhibit.
37. relatively (adverb) – comparatively, proportionately, somewhat, to a certain extent/degree.
38. in place (phrase) - set up, established, arranged.
39. underscore (verb) – underline, emphasize, highlight.
40. quarantine (noun) – a process of separating out people, animals and things (such as plants) from others for a period of time in order to control/restrict the spread of a contagious disease; Quarantine is imposed to separate and restrict the movement of persons, who may have been exposed to infectious disease, but not yet known to be ill.
41. indiscriminate (adjective) - thoughtless, unthinking, unconsidered, casual, careless, aimless, foolish, mindless, impulsive, ill-considered.
42. pose (verb) – constitute, present, create, cause (a problem or danger or risk).
43. severity (noun) – seriousness.
44. surge (noun) – sudden increase or rise of something.
45. adherence (noun) – compliance, observance, conformity.

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