

WORD LIST-2 (APR 06, 2022)

1. in the middle (of) (phrase) – in the midst of; in the process of doing something.
2. non-aligned (adjective) – relating to a state (country) in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). (after the World War 2, the NAM was set up with an aim to “create an independent path in world politics that would not result in member States becoming pawns in the struggles between the major power blocs (Western/Capitalist bloc aligned with the USA or Eastern/Soviet bloc aligned with the former Soviet Union).
3. relevant (adjective) – appropriate, apt, suitable, proper; connected, related; to the point, to the purpose, germane.
4. evident (adjective) - obvious, clear, visible, discernible, perceptible, noticeable, recognizable.
5. stream (noun) – a mass/group of people moving continuously in the same direction.
6. dignitary (noun) – important/notable person, VIP, leader.
7. from overseas (phrase) – from abroad; from a foreign country.
8. 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 (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
9. regime (noun) – system.
10. three-pronged (adjective) – having three different parts.
11. abstain (verb) – not vote, decline to vote, refuse to vote (formally).
12. resolution (noun) – a formal decision taken at a meeting with the help of a vote; motion, proposal.
13. UN resolution (noun) – United Nations resolution is formal expression of the opinion or will of United Nations organs. It is a decision or declaration voted on by all member states of the United Nations and it usually requires a simple majority (50 percent of all votes plus one) to pass. Although any UN body can issue resolutions, in practice most resolutions are issued by the Security Council or the General Assembly.
14. critical (adjective) - significant, important, paramount, serious.
15. invasion (noun) – occupation, conquering, capture, seizure, annexation, annexing, takeover.
16. accelerate (verb) – increase, rise; speed up, hurry up, expedite, hasten.
17. discourage (verb) – prevent, stop, avert, put off.

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18. rupee-rouble system (noun) – Indian and Russian industries are making transactions and payment in trade relations via Rupee-Rouble (exchange) method instead of using dollars for transactions. (Rouble is the currency of the Russian Federation).
19. mechanism (noun) – system, arrangement, regime, apparatus.
20. subvert (verb) - weaken, undermine, sabotage, damage.
21. backfill (verb) - restore, reload, refill.
22. sharper comparative adjective of sharp (adjective) - loud, intense, harsh, strident, high-pitched.
23. public (adjective) - known, widely known, overt, plain, obvious.
24. host (verb) – receive guests, have guests, play host, provide hospitality; arrange, organize, have (an event).
25. the West (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
26. red carpet (noun) – greeting, welcoming; warm welcoming treatment to a visitor.
27. cordial (adjective) – friendly, warm, affable, amiable, pleasant, affectionate, warm-hearted, good-natured.
28. make clear (phrase) – explain, clarify, elucidate.
29. amenable to (adjective) – susceptible, receptive, responsive, reactive, vulnerable.
30. reinforce (verb) - strengthen, fortify, bolster up, shore up, buttress, prop up, underpin, support.
31. interest (noun) – common concerns (in politics/business).
32. given (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
33. curtail (verb) – decrease, lessen, reduce, restrict, limit.
34. intake (noun) – supply.
35. likely (adverb) – probably, in all probability, presumably, doubtlessly.
36. veer off (verb) – change direction, deviate, diverge.
37. course (noun) – approach, strategy, system, procedure.
38. 2+2 talks/meetings (noun) - ‘2+2 talks’ is a term adopted in foreign diplomacy that implies a dialogue between two countries’ defence and external affairs ministries. India holds such talks with Japan and Australia as well but at the foreign secretary and defence secretary level. It is only with the US that India holds ministerial-level talks.
39. waiver (noun) – deferral, rejection, renunciation (with no stipulations/restrictions).

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40. [Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act \(CAATSA\)](#) (noun) – CAATSA is a specifically enacted legislation that aims to prevent revenue from flowing to Russia.
41. [S-400 \(Triumph\) missile defence system](#) (noun) – Developed by Russia, the S-400 (Triumph/Triumpf) air defence system integrates a multifunction radar, autonomous detection and targeting systems, anti-aircraft missile systems, launchers, and command and control centre. It is capable of firing three types of missiles to create a layered defence. The S-400 is capable of destroying incoming hostile aircraft, missiles and even drones within a range of up to 400 km. It has a tracking capability of nearly 600 km.
42. [keen](#) (adjective) – ready, prepared, disposed, inclined.
43. [squeeze](#) (verb) – have a damaging effect on something.
44. [multilateral](#) (adjective) – involving many different countries (in which all WTO member countries are party to the agreement).
45. [G-20](#) (noun) – The G20, formed in 1999, is a group of twenty of the world's largest economies that meets regularly to coordinate global policy on trade, health, climate, and other issues. It brings together the world's major advanced and emerging economies. The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, EU, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, UK and USA. The G20 Countries together represent around 90% of global GDP, 80% of global trade, and two thirds of the world's population.
46. [UN Human Rights Council \(UNHRC\)](#) (noun) – The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe and for addressing situations of human rights violations and make recommendations on them. The Council is created on 15 March 2006 and it is made up of 47 United Nations Member States which are elected by the UN General Assembly. The Human Rights Council replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights.
47. [fault](#) (verb) – criticize, find fault with.
48. [bow](#) (verb) - bend under pressure.
49. [flexible](#) (adjective) - accommodating, adaptable, amenable, willing to compromise, cooperative, tolerant.

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50. stand (noun) – stance, point of view, viewpoint, opinion, standpoint, position, perspective, approach.
51. bilateral (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
52. ground situation (noun) - practical condition.
53. gross (adjective) – flagrant, overt, blatant, glaring, obvious/evident; total/complete.
54. human rights (noun) – Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights, without discrimination.
55. violation (noun) – contravention, breaking, non-compliance.
56. complexion (noun) - nature, character; aspect.
57. call (for) (noun) – demand, requirement, need.
58. inquiry (noun) – investigation, particularly an official one.
59. allegation (noun) – charge, accusation, indictment.
60. intervention (noun) – the process of intervening in something; involvement, interference.
61. tighten (verb) – make stricter, make more rigorous, make more stringent, stiffen, toughen.
62. unlikely (adjective) – doubtful, implausible, improbable, questionable.
63. relinquish (verb) – hand over, let go of, surrender, give up.
64. rival (noun) – opponent, adversary, enemy, foe.
65. let up (phrasal verb) - lessen, decrease, diminish.
66. counter-measure (noun) – corrective action; solution, answer, antidote, cure.
67. last (verb) – continue, go on, carry on; stay, remain, persist, endure.
68. uncommitted (adjective) - non-aligned, non-partisan, neutral, impartial, independent.
69. have an eye on (phrase) - observe, inspect, examine, scrutinize.
70. theatre (noun) – place of action, arena.
71. have an ear (to the ground) (noun) - to be aware of what is happening around you, particularly current events & trends.
72. keep one's mind open (phrase) - be willing to listen to others' ideas/opinions.
73. lie (noun) - be present, exist.

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