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## **WORD LIST-2 (DEC 09, 2021)**

1. **diplomatic** (adjective) – tactful, sensitive, subtle, delicate; consular, foreign-policy.
2. **boycott** (noun) – ban, prohibition, sanction; avoidance, shunning, rejection, refusal.
3. **diplomatic boycott** (noun) – it means that while the athletes will still compete, government representatives/officials will not attend the event. It simply means no official representation.
4. **winter olympics** (noun) – a major international multi-sport event held once every four years for winter sports. The Summer and Winter Olympic Games organized by the International Olympic Committee occur every four years. The Summer Olympics, more popularly known as just The Olympics is a much bigger event with 204 countries participating as of 2012. The Winter Olympics is an event on a relatively smaller scale, with about 88 countries participating in 2014. Even though these events occur every four years, the summer and winter events are staggered so that there's an Olympic event every two years.
5. **clash** (noun) – confrontation, fight, conflict, skirmish.
6. **ties** (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
7. **strain** (noun) - tension, stress; pressure, demands, burdens.
8. **business as usual** (phrase) – a normal state of affairs, the daily round, routine, a normal pattern.
9. **as such** (phrase) – in itself, of itself, by itself, intrinsically.
10. **abuse** (noun) – misuse, mistreatment, maltreatment, ill treatment.
11. **atrocity** (noun) – act of barbarity/brutality, cruelty, inhumanity.
12. **summit** (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave.
13. **Summit for Democracy** (noun) – On December 9-10, 2021, President Biden will host the first of two Summits for Democracy, which will bring together leaders from government, civil society, and the private sector to set forth an affirmative agenda for democratic renewal and to tackle the greatest threats faced by democracies today through collective action.
14. **outright** (adjective) – complete, entire, total, categorical.
15. **provocation** (noun) – inducement, incitement, stirring, goading; annoyance, irritation, agitation, vexation.

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16. countermeasure (noun) – corrective action; solution, answer, antidote, cure.
17. aside (adverb) - notwithstanding, nevertheless, despite that, in spite of that.
18. largely (adverb) – to a large/great extent.
19. unlikely (adjective) – doubtful, implausible, improbable, questionable.
20. weight (noun) – importance, significance.
21. absence (noun) – non-attendance, non-appearance, absenteeism.
22. traction (noun) – popularity, acceptance; purchase, grip.
23. campaign (noun) – an organized effort which seeks to influence the decision making progress within a specific group.
24. ally (noun) – a country/state with an alliance with another one in which they promise to support each other militarily and to defend each other.
25. underline (verb) – emphasize, underscore, highlight.
26. amid (preposition) – in the middle of, surrounded by; during.
27. divergence (noun) – difference, dissimilarity, variance, contrast.
28. the West (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
29. seize upon (phrasal verb) - to take an opportunity decisively.
30. counter (adjective) - opposing, opposed, opposite, contrary, conflicting, contrasting.
31. white paper (noun) – a government report that informs people concisely about a complex issue.
32. money politics (noun) – a political system in which a politician will support the interests of a specific interest group in exchange for monetary support.
33. sympathetic (adjective) – in favour of, in sympathy with, approving of, pro, on the side of, supportive of.
34. leave out (phrasal verb) – exclude, omit, miss out.
35. find oneself (verb) – discover himself/herself/itself to be in a particular situation.
36. tread (verb) – walk, step, stride, go (in a particular way).

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37. **middle ground** (noun) – intermediate position between two groups (which do not belong to either of these groups).
38. **clash of values** (noun phrase) - the clash of values is increasingly found between factions within the civilizations; between what can be called different interpretations of whatever these civilizations take as their collective conscience.
39. **downturn** (noun) – decline; setbacks, blows, upsets.
40. **sign off** (phrasal verb) - sign a register.
41. **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.
42. **stop short of** (phrase) – shy away from, shrink from, draw back from.
43. **merely** (adverb) – only, simply, just.
44. **look ahead** (phrasal verb) – to think about what will happen in the future.
45. **reportedly** (adverb) – supposedly, seemingly, apparently, professedly, ostensibly, purportedly.
46. **exchange** (noun) – conversation, dialogue, talk, discussion, meeting.
47. **virtual** (adjective) – performing a task with the use of a computer, especially over a network.
48. **virtual summit** (noun) – online meeting.
49. **growing** (adjective) – increasing.
50. **ideological** (adjective) – relating to a system of ideas (ideology).
51. **difference** (noun) – disagreement, difference of opinion, misunderstanding, dispute, argument.
52. **geopolitical** (adjective) – relating to (the study of) the geographical factors (a country's position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources &, etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.
53. **leverage** (noun) – influence, power, authority, sway.

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