

WORD LIST-2 (MAR 11, 2023)

1. widen (verb) – increase, enlarge, expand.
2. rift (noun) – disagreement, dispute, conflict.
3. downward (adjective) – descending, falling, sinking, sliding, slipping, going down.
4. slide (noun) – fall, decline, slump, tumble, downturn, deterioration.
5. ties (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
6. difference (noun) – difference of opinion, disagreement, dispute, quarrel.
7. polarise (verb) – separate into two opposing groups.
8. a point of no return (phrase) – a crucial point/stage in a course of action beyond which reversal is not possible.
9. on-going (adjective) – continuing, under way, in progress, happening, occurring, current.
10. take aim at somebody/something (phrase) – to criticize somebody/something strongly; lash out, condemn, scorn.
11. delegation (noun) – a group of people (task force) sent on a mission (assignment, undertaking, or operation); committee, council, directorate, group, commission.
12. unprecedented (adjective) – not done or experienced before.
13. all-round (adjective) – thoroughgoing, extensive, far-ranging, out-and-out.
14. containment (noun) – restriction, isolation, restraint, constraint, limitation.
15. suppression (noun) – crackdown, clampdown, getting tough/severe measures.
16. underline (verb) – emphasize, put stress on, underscore, highlight, draw attention to.
17. starkly (adverb) – clearly, distinctly, strikingly.
18. deteriorate (verb) – (gradually) undermine, weaken, spoil, erode, destroy.
19. seek (verb) – aim, try, attempt.
20. encircle (verb) – surround, enclose, border, lock in, confine, circumscribe.
21. administration (noun) – government.

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22. **out-compete** (verb) – outdo, beat, outshine, conquer.
23. **conflict** (noun) – armed conflict, fight, war, warfare, battle, (armed) confrontation.
24. **means** (noun) – way, method, manner, mode.
25. **suppress** (verb) – crack down on, clamp down on, repress, overpower, crush, conquer.
26. **in all respects** (phrase) – absolutely, entirely, fully.
27. **hit the brakes** (phrase) – slow down or stop (an activity).
28. **confrontation** (noun) – clash, fight, conflict, tussle, skirmish.
29. **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.
30. **inspire** (verb) – to produce, arouse, prompt, bring about, give rise to (a feeling, thought, etc.).
31. **scheduled** (adjective) – arranged, organized.
32. **Secretary of State** (noun) – In the United States, the Secretary of State is the head of the government department which deals with foreign affairs.
33. **surveillance/spy balloon** (noun) – a type of balloon that is employed as an aerial platform for gathering intelligence and spotting artillery.
34. **grave** (adjective) – crucial/critical, important/significant, serious.
35. **provocation** (noun) – annoyance, irritation, agitation, vexation; stirring, goading, prompting.
36. **on the eve of** (phrase) – a period or day before an important event.
37. **engagement** (noun) – association, involvement, participation, meeting.
38. **slam** (verb) – criticize, find fault with, censure, condemn.

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39. **shoot down** (phrasal verb) – gun down, bring down (an aircraft or missile or something).
40. **civilian** (noun) – non-military person, ordinary citizen.
41. **meteorological** (adjective) – relating to the branch of science that deals with phenomena (events) of the atmosphere or weather.
42. **airship** (noun) – balloon.
43. **reflect** (verb) – indicate, show, display, demonstrate.
44. **hysteria** (noun) – madness, panic, irrationality, frenzy, wildness.
45. **be here to stay** (phrase) – to be permanent; to be generally accepted; to be present for a long time.
46. **look at** (verb) – view, regard, consider, think of, deem.
47. **prism** (noun) – a viewpoint that clarifies/distorts something.
48. **all-encompassing** (adjective) – comprehensive, all-inclusive, intensive, complete, thorough.
49. **rivalry** (noun) – competition, opposition, conflict, discord, friction, enmity.
50. **mend fences** (phrase) – be friends again, bury the hatchet, settle differences.
51. **court** (verb) – seek the favour of, try to win over, make up to, curry favour with.
52. **neighbour** (noun) – a country that is next to another country; (bordering) country.
53. **summit** (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave (between leaders/heads of government).
54. **strain** (verb) – damage, exhaust, impair.
55. **strained** (adjective) – awkward, uneasy, uncomfortable, difficult, troubled, embarrassed.
56. **warm** (adjective) – friendly, affable, amiable, cordial.
57. **shore up** (phrasal verb) – support, help, assist someone/something from ; bolster up, buttress, strengthen, fortify, reinforce, underpin something from decline.
58. **alliance** (noun) – coalition, association, union, partnership.
59. **so far** (phrase) - until now, up to this point, thus far, up to the present.
60. **adeptly** (adverb) – skilfully, talentedly.

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61. **fallout** (noun) – adverse results/consequence; after-effects, repercussions.
62. **adhere to** (verb) – comply with, follow, obey, conform to, stick to, abide by.
63. **self-interest** (adjective) – self-serving.
64. **given** (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
65. **Line of Actual Control (LAC)** (noun) – the de-facto (effective) border between India and China. The LAC is a 4,057-km border running through three areas-Western (Ladakh, Ladakh (Kashmir)), middle (Uttarakhand, Himachal) and eastern (Sikkim, Arunachal).
66. **vocal** (adjective) – vociferous, outspoken, forthright; relating to someone who expresses his/her views frankly.
67. **objection** (noun) – protest, opposition, counter-argument, disapproval, disagreement, complaint.
68. **Quad/Quadrilateral** (noun) – The ‘Quadrilateral’ is described as four democracies (the United States, Japan, Australia and India) with a shared objective to ensure and support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.
69. **calculus** (noun) – calculation.
70. **grapple with** (phrasal verb) – face, confront, withstand, stand firm against, stand up to.
71. **front** (noun) – a particular situation; a particular area of activity.
72. **nimble** (adjective) – active, quick, skillful.
73. **exploit** (verb) – take advantage of, make use of, utilize.
74. **uncertainty** (noun) – unpredictability, unreliability, riskiness/precariousness.

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