

## WORD LIST-2 (OCT 20, 2022)

1. **travesty** (noun) – misrepresentation, distortion/perversion, poor imitation.
2. **probe** (noun) - investigation, examination, scrutiny, inspection.
3. **panel** (noun) – committee, council, commission, advisory group.
4. **lapse** (noun) – failure, mistake, blunder, oversight.
5. **mar** (verb) – spoil, ruin, destroy, impair.
6. **clean slate** (noun) – If you start with a clean slate, you do not factor in previous mistakes or failures.
7. **whimsy** (noun) – impulse, urge, notion, idea, vagary, inclination.
8. **fly in the face of** (phrase) – go against, flout, defy, disobey, disregard, ignore; break, violate, contravene, breach.
9. **circumstances** (noun) – situation, condition.
10. **led** past participle of **lead to** (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
11. **mandate** (verb) – instruct, direct, order, require, make something mandatory.
12. **terms of reference** (noun) – scope of reference, field of reference; scope, limits, sweep, purview.
13. **rest with** (phrasal) – to be the responsibility of something; to be the responsibility of someone.
14. **preset** (adjective) – prearranged, pre-agreed, pre-established, pre-planned, pre-decided.
15. **diabolical** (adjective) – wicked, shocking, dreadful/terrible.
16. **accentuate** (verb) – emphasize, underline, bring attention to, underscore, highlight.
17. **conspiracy** (noun) – (unlawful) plan/plot/script, intrigue, collaboration/deception, collusion.
18. **conspiracy theory** (noun) – an event or situation that invokes a conspiracy by sinister (criminal/menacing) and powerful groups, often political in motivation.
19. **hatch** (verb) – conspire (a plot/plan/scheme/script); devise, plan, conceive, formulate, think up.
20. **context** (noun) – circumstances, conditions, factors, state of affairs; background, situation, backdrop.

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21. **opportunism** (noun) – expediency, exploitation, taking advantage, pragmatism, realism.
22. **find fault with** (phrase) – criticize, attack, censure, condemn, complain about.
23. **aide** (noun) – companion, close friend, confidant, right-hand person.
24. **fall short of** (phrase) – fail to meet/reach; be deficient/inadequate/insufficient.
25. **perplexingly** (adjective) – complicatedly, intricately, challengingly.
26. **lay with** (phrasal verb) – depend on, rest with, up to.
27. **culpable** (adjective) – guilty, at fault, accountable/responsible for misconduct.
28. **damning** (adjective) – incriminating, condemnatory, damaging.
29. **trail** (noun) – path, course, track, route.
30. **to the doorstep** (phrase) – very near/close to something.
31. **on one's doorstep** (phrase) – literally meaning “very close to someone”; by extension, it means “as someone’s responsibility”.
32. **post-facto** (adjective) – after a certain event.
33. **stint** (noun) – spell, period, time, turn, term.
34. **out of line** (phrase) – not in accordance with something (e.g. constitutional propriety); improper, incorrect, inappropriate.
35. **allegation** (noun) – charge, accusation, claim, indictment.
36. **medical professional** (noun) - doctor, physician.
37. **in charge of** (phrase) - responsible for.
38. **conjecture** (noun) – surmise, notion, thought, speculation, supposition.
39. **glaring** (adjective) – evident, flagrant, blatant, obvious.
40. **sidestep** (verb) - circumvent, avoid, dodge, escape.
41. **constitute** (verb) - form, create, set up.
42. **course** (noun) – procedure, direction, plan of action.
43. **diagnosis** (noun) – the process of identifying a disease, condition, or injury from its signs and symptoms; identification, recognition.
44. **cherry-pick** (verb) – pick and choose; look at the various things that are on display and select the one you want.
45. **deposition** (noun) – statement, sworn statement, affidavit, attestation, affirmation.
46. **seemingly** (adverb) – obviously, palpably, apparently, evidently, supposedly, allegedly, professedly, purportedly, on the face of it.

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47. **pre-determined** (adjective) – prearranged, preset, pre-planned.
48. **narrative** (noun) – a representation of a particular situation; portrayal, account, description, statement.
49. **peddle** (verb) – to suggest, recommend, promote, present, put forward, advocate, champion (an idea/view) persistently to make people to accept/believe it.
50. **heap** (verb) – accumulate, collect; confer on, give, grant.
51. **calumny** (noun) – character assassination, defamation (of character), slander, evil-speaking, verbal abuse, smear campaign.
52. **respondent** (noun) – a person/the party against whom a petition/case is filed.
53. **categorically** (adverb) – unqualifiedly, unconditionally, unequivocally, absolutely, explicitly, unambiguously, certainly, directly, completely.
54. **elaborate** (adjective) – detailed, complicated, intricate, complex.
55. **unfathomably** (adverb) - incomprehensibly, not understandably, confusedly, mystifyingly, mysteriously.
56. **contra-** (prefix) – against, opposite.
57. **render** (verb) – give, provide, present, contribute.
58. **unqualified** (adjective) – ill-equipped, incompetent, unsuitable, insufficient.
59. **call** (noun) – decision, judgement, or prediction.
60. **reek of** (verb) – be indicative of something (unpleasant/undesirable).
61. **malfeasance** (noun) – wrongdoing, misconduct, duplicity, untruthfulness (particularly by a public official).
62. **seek** (verb) – request, ask for, appeal for; try to obtain, aim, attempt.
63. **oblige** (verb) – oblige, compel, bind, commit, require.
64. **long-drawn-out** (adjective) – prolonged, protracted, lengthy, lasting, long-lasting, extended.
65. **bury** (verb) – hide, cover something completely.

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