

## WORD LIST-2 (MAR 13, 2023)

1. **reconciliation** (noun) – restoration of friendly relations, restoration of harmony, agreement, compromise, understanding, peace, an end to hostilities; conciliation, pacification, appeasement.
2. **mindful (of)** (adjective) - aware of, conscious of, alert to, awake to, acquainted with, heedful of, watchful of, careful of, wary of'.
3. **pitfall** (noun) – danger, risk, problem.
4. **seek** (verb) – request, ask for, appeal for.
5. **cold peace** (noun) – an unsettled peace among nations formerly engaged in a cold war.
6. **brokered** (adjective) – negotiated (a deal/agreement).
7. **reflect** (verb) – indicate, show, display, demonstrate.
8. **rival** (noun) – opponent, adversary, contender, competitor.
9. **warm up** (phrasal verb) – prepare, get ready, get into condition.
10. **increasingly** (adverb) – more and more, steadily more, continuously more, gradually more.
11. **play a role** (phrase) – contribute to, be instrumental in, be a factor in.
12. **preoccupy** (verb) – engross, concern, absorb, obsess, occupy.
13. **enmity** (noun) – hostility, bitterness, rancour, resentment.
14. **Shia** (adjective) – relating to Shia branch/sect of Islam.
15. **theocracy** (noun) – A form of government in which God or a deity of some type is recognized as the supreme ruling authority. A form of government by religious leaders.
16. **Sunni** (adjective) – relating to Sunni branch/sect of Islam.
17. **absolute** (noun) – autocratic, dictatorial, tyrannical, domineering, draconian, high-handed.
18. **monarchy** (noun) – kingdom, sovereign state; a form of government in which a country is ruled by someone who rules for life and usually receives their position from another person when that person dies.
19. **driver** (noun) – driving force/factor; reason, cause.
20. **conflict** (noun) – armed conflict, fight, war, warfare, battle, (armed) confrontation.
21. **unveil** (verb) – uncover, expose, reveal, show, display, exhibit, disclose, manifest.

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22. **Houthi rebels** (noun) – a decades-old resistance movement, born in opposition to Saudi Arabia's religious influence. Yemen's Houthi rebels are leading the fight against a Saudi-led coalition.
23. **diplomatic** (adjective) – tactful, sensitive, subtle, delicate; consular, foreign-policy.
24. **sever** (verb) – break off, end, suspend, discontinue.
25. **realignment** (noun) – reorganisation, reordering, reshuffle.
26. **normalise** (verb) – to cause something previously considered abnormal or unacceptable as normal.
27. **ties** (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
28. **deepen** (verb) – grow, increase, intensify.
29. **brutal** (adjective) – savage, vicious, barbaric, murderous, wicked.
30. **occupation** (noun) – annexation, capture, seizure, annexing, takeover.
31. **deprioritise** (verb) – reduce the level of priority/importance/preference.
32. **counter** (verb) – combat, confront, face up to, stand up to, oppose, resist.
33. **The Indo-Pacific (region)** (noun) – the Indo-Pacific region refers to the confluence (convergence) of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, which interconnect in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and more).
34. **influence** (noun) – power, authority, sway, domination, leverage.
35. **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.
36. **look out** (phrasal verb) – search for something.
37. **mark** (verb) – indicate, represent, signify.
38. **broker** (noun) – negotiator; mediator.
39. **multilateral** (adjective) – involving many different countries.
40. **talks** (noun) – discussions, negotiations, deliberation.
41. **Iran nuclear deal (or) Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)** (noun) – JCPOA, known commonly as the Iran nuclear deal or Iran deal, is an agreement on the Iranian nuclear program reached in Vienna on 14 July 2015, between Iran and the P5+1 (China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States) together with the European Union.

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42. **unilaterally** (adverb) – used to indicate something done by a person/country without approval/agreement from other people/countries involved in the situation.
43. **withdraw** (verb) – leave, quit, pull out, disengage, pull back.
44. **hostile** (adjective) – unfriendly, bitter, vicious, combative; opposing, inimical.
45. **undergo** (verb) – go through, experience, encounter, be subjected to.
46. **neighbourhood** (noun) – (surrounding) area, region, district/country.
47. **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.
48. **opening** (noun) – opportunity, chance (to achieve something).
49. **detente** (noun) – restoration of harmony, agreement, compromise/understanding.
50. **hold** (verb) – carry on, continue, go on; exist, remain, hold good.
51. **far-reaching** (adjective) – extensive, profound, radical, comprehensive, sweeping, all-embracing.
52. **implications** (noun) – consequence/outcome, ramification, repercussion.
53. **geopolitics** (noun) – 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.
54. **given** (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
55. **build on** (phrasal verb) – develop, enhance, improve.
56. **momentum** (noun) – driving power, strength, impetus.

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