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ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (MAY 25, 2023)

1. oblige (verb) – force, compel, impel, require, constrain, pressure, pressurize
2. overwhelming (adjective) – very large, massive, huge, sweeping, mind-blowing.
3. put paid to (phrase) – to end, finish or destroy something abruptly; bring an end to something, finish off, stop, check, block, prevent, impede, obstruct, hinder, hamper, stymie.
4. grumbling (noun) – complaint, criticism, objection.
5. resounding (adjective) – decisive, outright, conclusive, colossal, terrific.
6. doomsayer (noun) – cynic, pessimist, sceptic, doubter, prophet of doom; someone who predicts disaster.
7. prophecy (verb) – predict, foretell, foresee/augur.
8. fade away (phrasal verb) – disappear gradually.
9. obituary (noun) – death notice.
10. campaign (noun) – canvassing, electioneering, an act of soliciting (asking for/requesting) votes; an organized effort that seeks to influence the decision-making progress within a specific group.
11. on the ground (phrase) – in a situation/place where things are happening really/practically.
12. social justice (noun) – the equal access to wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society.
13. share of the pie (phrase) – share of something such as money, profits, benefits etc.
14. discontent (noun) – disappointment, dissatisfaction, disgruntlement, resentment, grievances, unhappiness, displeasure.
15. inflation (noun) – simply meaning “cost of living”; increase of price level of goods & services and vice versa decrease of currency value.
16. sibling (noun) – offspring (usually, brother or sister).
17. play a part/role (phrase) – contribute to, be instrumental in, be a factor in.
18. tick all the boxes (phrase) – to fulfill all the requirements.
19. lacklustre (adjective) – dull, uninspired/uninteresting, mundane.
20. anti-incumbency (noun) – a situation which is against elected officials currently in power; discontent against ruling government/ party in power.

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21. customary (adjective) – routine, familiar, common, ordinary.
22. centralisation (noun) – the process of having functions, powers, people or things only in a central location or authority.
23. top-down (approach) (noun) – the top-down approach relies on higher authority figures to determine larger goals that will filter down to the tasks of lower level people.
24. outreach (noun) – the level of reaching out/activity/effort; involvement.
25. prevail over (phrasal verb) – win, win through, triumph, be successful.
26. tout (verb) – endorse, praise, recommend, commend, speak of, urge.
27. “double engine” government theory (noun) – the concept behind “double engine” governments is that the same party (in this case BJP) should be in power in the state and at the Centre.
28. misfire (verb) – fail, flop, go wrong, founder.
29. polarisation (noun) – separation of two contrasting groups (based on different opinions/beliefs).
30. demonise (verb) – to show someone/something as evil/wicked/bad.
31. shred (noun) – a bit of, a tiny amount of, a small amount of.
32. rail against (phrasal verb) – express disapproval of, criticize severely, denounce, protest strongly at.
33. humiliation (noun) – embarrassment, loss of pride, loss of face, shame.
34. take revenge (phrase) – settle a score, hit back at someone, retaliate, get even, pay someone back.
35. commentator (noun) – critic, analyst, observer.
36. implication (noun) – consequence/outcome, ramification, repercussion.
37. at the expense of (Phrase) – at the cost of, at the loss of; sacrifice.
38. take refuge (phrase) – to (find a place) hide something, to find a place of safety.
39. repudiation (noun) – denial/refusal, disavowal/disclaimer, contradiction/rejection.
40. anointed (adjective) – selected, nominated, chosen (as successor/next in line).
41. electorate (noun) – all the people who entitled to vote in an election.

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42. sobering (adjective) – serious/sensible, thoughtful; logical/realistic, pragmatic.
43. rhetoric (noun) – bombast, loftiness, hyperbole/extravagant language.
44. weary (adjective) – tired, tired out, worn out, exhausted, fatigued, overtired, drained.
45. tangible (adjective) – real, actual, solid, concrete, substantial, well defined.
46. hanker (verb) – yearn, desire, wish.
47. hanker after/for something (phrase) - desire, want, long for, hope for, crave, wish for, yearn for.
48. tried and tested (adjective) – dependable, proved, reliable, reputable.
49. social engineering (noun) – the act of tricking someone into divulging (revealing sensitive (or) personal) information or taking action usually through technology. It is to take advantage of a potential victim's natural tendencies and emotional reactions.
50. take for granted (phrase) - assume/believe something is true without cross-questioning it (or) to value something/someone very lightly.
51. paradox (noun) – contradiction, inconsistency, dichotomy, incongruity, anomaly; oddity, conundrum, mystery, puzzle, enigma.
52. cliché (noun) – platitude, banality, overworked phrase.
53. for one's own good (phrase) - to an excessive extent or level, particularly to the extent that it is negative, gets in the way, etc.
54. at best (phrase) – only, simply, but, nothing but.
55. make inroads into (phrase) – progress/advance into (a new area/territory).
56. double down (phrasal verb) – to be more firm & resolute on something (decided) even if that might be a risky choice; to double or increase a risk involved in doing something.
57. ceiling (noun) – limit, cap, upper limit, limitation.
58. India stack (noun) – India Stack is the name used to describe a collection of disparate/different technology products and frameworks (or) a combination of technological projects that collectively are known as the India Stack.
59. gush (about) (verb) – enthuse, be enthusiastic, rave about, go mad/crazy.

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60. Unified Payment Interface (UPI) (noun) – Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application (of any participating bank), merging several banking features, seamless fund routing & merchant payments into one hood. It also caters to the “Peer to Peer” collect request which can be scheduled and paid as per requirement and convenience.
61. the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) (noun) – Swift (the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) is the main secure messaging system that banks use to make rapid and secure cross-border payments, allowing international trade to flow smoothly. It has become the principal mechanism for financing international trade. In 2020, about 38 million transactions were sent each day over the Swift platform, facilitating trillions of dollars’ worth of deals.
62. have nothing to do with (phrase) – be unconnected with, be unrelated to; steer clear of, keep away from, avoid, evade.
63. toxin (noun) – poison.
64. communalism (noun) – adherence/obedience to one’s own ethnic group (against the principle/practice of living together in wider society).
65. vein (noun) – character, attitude, tendency, disposition, frame of mind.

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