

WORD LIST-1 (APR 11, 2023)

1. right (adjective) – supporting right-wing views; right-wing.
2. lack (noun) – absence, non-existence, unavailability.
3. professionalism (noun) – the behaviour, characteristics and skills that someone with a professional job is required to have; expertness, skillfulness, dedication, competence, probity, ethical behavior.
4. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) (noun) – an autonomous organisation set up in 1961 by the Government of India to assist and advise the Central and State Governments on policies and programmes for qualitative improvement in school education.
5. betray (verb) – reveal, expose, disclose, lay bare, make known.
6. curriculum (noun) – syllabus, course of studies, subjects. (curricula is the plural form of the curriculum).
7. arbitrary (adjective) – capricious, personal (whim/choice), discretionary, random, erratic, unreasoned, illogical, irrational.
8. surreptitious (adjective) – secret, indirect, hidden.
9. betray (verb) – reveal, expose, disclose, lay bare, make known.
10. bad faith (noun) – dishonest behaviour.
11. prevailing (adjective) - current, existing, present, popular.
12. climate (noun) – atmosphere, condition, feeling, attitude.
13. ecosystem (noun) – complex situation/environment.
14. central to (adjective) - more important.
15. rationalisation (noun) – systematisation, formalisation, rationale, justification.
16. reference (noun) – mention of, comment on, remark about, citation of.
17. dislike (noun) – aversion, antipathy, hostility, enmity, hatred, antagonism, revulsion, disgust.
18. extremist (noun) – militant, radical, fanatic, hardliner.
19. assassination (noun) – murder, killing.
20. Naxalite movement (noun) – a social movement in India in the post-independence years. It is basically a revolutionary movement of peasants and labour-class people.

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21. **The Emergency** (noun) – In India, “The Emergency” refers to a 21-month period from 1975 to 1977 when Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had a state of emergency declared across the country. Officially issued by President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed under Article 352 of the Constitution because of the prevailing “internal disturbance”, the Emergency was in effect from 25 June 1975 until its withdrawal on 21 March 1977.
22. **movement** (noun) – campaign, crusade, drive.
23. **point out** (phrasal verb) – identify, draw attention to, indicate, specify, mention.
24. **wide-ranging** (adjective) - comprehensive, extensive, all-inclusive, broad-ranging.
25. **keep in the dark** (phrase) – to fail to tell/inform something to someone; to keep secret or hidden; ignorant of, uninformed about.
26. **University Grants Commission (UGC)** (noun) – The University Grants Commission (UGC) came into existence on 28th December, 1953 and became a statutory Organization of the Government of India by an Act of Parliament in 1956, for the coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education.
27. **lead to** (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
28. **plainly** (adjective) – simply.
29. **prejudice** (noun) - bias, bigotry, intolerance, inequity.
30. **prejudiced** (adjective) - unfair, biased, bigoted, partisan, one-sided, narrow-minded, intolerant, discriminatory.
31. **irrational** (adjective) - absurd, pointless, unreasonable, illogical.
32. **perception** (noun) – understanding, discernment, recognition/realization; interpretation.
33. **Indian History Congress** (noun) – Founded in 1935, the Indian History Congress (IHC) is the largest association of professional historians in South Asia. It has about 35000 members of which over 2000 delegates participate in its session every year. Its main objective is to promote secular and scientific writing of history.

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34. sought past and past participle of seek (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
35. characterise (verb) – identify, depict, describe.
36. transparent (adjective) – clear, straightforward, unequivocal, unambiguous; obvious, apparent, blatant, flagrant.
37. oversight (noun) – mistake, error, blunder, fault, lapse; carelessness, inattention, neglect, negligence.
38. firm (adjective) - resolute, determined, decide, insistent, single-minded.
39. robust (adjective) – strong, powerful.
40. ethics (noun) - principle, standard, criterion, morality, ideology.
41. the collective (noun) – community, society, cooperative (by all people as a group).
42. reflect (verb) - indicate, express, display, reveal, demonstrate,
43. evolve (verb) – develop, progress, advance, mature.
44. over time (phrase) - gradually.
45. promote (verb) - encourage, advance, stimulate, support.
46. integration (noun) - unification, consolidation, inclusion.
47. critical thinking (noun) – the analysis of facts to form a judgment.
48. scientific temper (noun) – it refers to an individual's attitude of logical and rational thinking. Jawaharlal Nehru in *The Discovery of India*, writes, “Scientific temper is a way of life — an individual and social process of thinking and acting which uses a scientific method which may include questioning, observing reality, testing, hypothesising, analysing and communicating.” Scientific temper can be viewed through two lenses — one of the traditional scientific community and the other of society as a whole.
49. episode (noun) – incident, event, occurrence.
50. equanimity (noun) – self-control, composure, calm.
51. pedagogy (noun) - education, teaching, schooling.
52. periodically (adverb) – occasionally, sometimes, at times, now and then.
53. carry out (phrasal verb) - perform, do, conduct, execute, implement.

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54. partisan (adjective) – biased, prejudiced, one-sided.
55. disregard (noun) – inaction, inactivity, carelessness, inattention, apathy, negligence.
56. expertise (noun) – skill, knowledge, proficiency, competence.
57. turn out (phrasal verb) – appear, emerge, be present; transpire, happen, occur, come about.
58. toxic (adjective) – poisonous, dangerous, injurious.
59. strife (noun) – conflict, friction, discord, disagreement.
60. harmony (noun) – unity, solidarity, cooperation, agreement/concord.
61. bursting (adjective) – passionate, excited.
62. vocational (adjective) – relating to job or work & its related skills.
63. caring (adjective) – kind-hearted, concerned, responsible, affectionate, sympathetic, compassionate, loving.
64. pluralistic (adjective) – coexistent; (of people) exist in harmony irrespective of various differences.
65. harmonious (adjective) – coordinated, balanced, proportional, compatible; agreeable, cooperative.
66. consultation (noun) – discussion, dialogue, discourse, debate, negotiation, deliberation, parley.

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