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ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (JUN 03, 2023)

1. status quo ante (phrase) – a Latin phrase meaning “the state of affairs existing before” (or) “the way things were before”.
2. Hobson's choice (noun) – a situation in which only one choice is given and there is no alternative choice(s) to choose from.
3. tacitly (adverb) – indirectly, implicitly, understandably, in a implied/hinted way.
4. unabated (adjective) – continuous, continuing, unending uninterrupted, non-stop, unrelenting, persistent.
5. valley (noun) – a low area between hills or mountains typically with a river running through it.
6. integrity (noun) – unity, unification, wholeness, coherence, cohesion, togetherness, solidarity.
7. of late (adverb) – recently, in recent times.
8. sacrosanctity (noun) – something considered as too important or valuable that no one is permitted to criticize or change it; the sacred, holy, respected or hallowed thing; inviolability.
9. override (verb) – disallow, cancel, reverse, repeal, revoke, overturn, quash, nullify, invalidate.
10. bumpy (adjective) – uneven, irregular, turbulent.
11. grandstanding (noun) – a way of speaking or acting to get attention from the spectators (people) and then influencing them.
12. preserve (noun) – domain, area, field, sphere, territory.
13. Article 3 of the Indian Constitution (noun) - it deals with the formation of new States and alteration of areas, boundaries or names of existing States.
14. unilateral (adjective) – relating to a method of taking decisions (on international relations) by a state (country) individually without considering other states (countries).
15. unprecedented (adjective) – not done or experienced before.
16. Sixth Schedule (noun) – Article 244 (2) provides – “The provisions of the Sixth Schedule shall apply to the administration of the tribal areas in the State of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram”. Sixth Schedule allows constitution (formation) of Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) in the Northeastern states of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram (three Councils each), and Tripura (one Council) to safeguard the rights of tribal population.
17. constitution (noun) – body of law; system of rules; regulations, fundamental principles, charter.

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18. **The Constitution of India** (noun) – India, also known as Bharat, is a Union of States. It is a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic with a parliamentary system of government. The Republic is governed in terms of the Constitution of India which was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November, 1949 and came into force on 26th January, 1950.
19. **dissension** (noun) – disagreement, difference of opinion, dispute, dissent, conflict, friction.
20. **mobilisation** (noun) – the act of bringing forces/people/resources together for a particular cause.
21. **elusive** (adjective) – difficult to find, difficult to achieve; intangible.
22. **antagonistic** (adjective) – hostile, inimical, opposed.
23. **traction** (noun) – grip, purchase; popularity or acceptance.
24. **rubicon** (noun) – critical point, decisive point, turning point.
25. **ethnic** (adjective) – relating to a population subgroup (cultural, national, traditional/folk) with a common national or cultural tradition.
26. **ethnic cleansing** (noun) – the mass expulsion or killing of ethnic group members in a place by another one, particularly a majoritarian group in that place.
27. **unleash** (verb) – let loose, unchain, unshackle, let something go freely/uncontrollably.
28. **demographic** (adjective) – relating to the statistical study/structure of populations, especially human beings.
29. **fait accompli** (noun) – (from French) an accomplished fact, something that has already occurred and cannot be changed.
30. **radical** (adjective) – thorough, profound, comprehensive, exhaustive, sweeping, far-reaching.
31. **change gears** (phrase) – have a different approach.
32. **plausible** (adjective) – likely, probable, possible, convincing, acceptable, reasonable.
33. **roadblock** (noun) – barrier, hindrance, obstruction.
34. **reluctance** (noun) – unwillingness, disinclination, hesitation.
35. **compromise** (verb) – settle a dispute, come to terms, come to an understanding, come to a deal, strike a balance.
36. **rubric** (noun) – a set of rules; a set of guidelines; a set of instructions.
37. **sovereign** (adjective) – independent, self-governing, self-determining, autonomous.

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38. **Nagaland** (noun) – Greater Nagaland (a sovereign/independent Naga statehood); The term Nagaland refers to the entire Naga ancestral domain (areas belonging to the Naga people in Northeast India and northwest Myanmar) which was partitioned by the British between India and Burma, now Myanmar. The Nagas' history is one of colonisation, in the 19th century by the British, and then by India, who inherited the territory from the British colonial power. The word "Lim" derives from the Ao Naga dialect "Limah" meaning "Land".
39. **staunch** (adjective) – firm, steadfast, resolute, loyal, faithful, committed, dependable, reliable.
40. **in due course** (phrase) – at the appropriate time; in due time, at some point in the future, subsequently, sooner or later, eventually.
41. **invoke** (verb) – cite, refer to, bring forth, adduce, use, put into effect, turn to, resort to.
42. **cardinal** (adjective) – fundamental, basic, primary, main.
43. **counterpoint** (verb) – contradict, oppose, disagree (an original or main idea/point).
44. **lay down** (phrasal verb) – formulate, stipulate, set down, draw up, frame.
45. **extant** (adjective) – present, existing.
46. **Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Act, 1971** (noun) – An Act to provide for the establishment of District Councils in the Hill Areas in the Union territory of Manipur.
47. **exploration** (noun) – research, examination, investigation.
48. **harnessing** (noun) – utilizing, exploiting, applying, employing.
49. **offset** (verb) – even up, counterbalance, equalize, neutralize; make amends for, compensate for.
50. **insurmountable** (adjective) – unassailable, unbeatable, unstoppable, overwhelming, hopeless, impossible; no way to overcome/defeat.
51. **integrationist** (adjective) – relating to an idea which urges two or more groups to come together.
52. **entail** (verb) – require, necessitate, demand, call for, be grounds/reason for, warrant, involve.
53. **dissolution** (noun) – cessation/end, termination, suspension.
54. **asymmetrical** (adjective) – lopsided, unequal, off-balance, disproportionate, distorted.
55. **Article 371C of the Indian Constitution** (noun) – it deals with "Special provision with respect to the State of Manipur".

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56. impasse (noun) – deadlock, stalemate, checkmate, stand-off.
57. accommodation (noun) – adjustment, adaptation, attunement.
58. federalism/federal framework/system (noun) – a system of government in which establishments such as states or provinces share power with a national government.
59. emulate (verb) – imitate, follow, mirror; take as a model, take as an example.
60. spawn (verb) – produce, generate, promote/trigger.
61. constellation (noun) – similar people or things.
62. resuscitate (verb) – bring back, energize, revitalise, revive, breathe new life into.
63. Constituent Assembly (noun) – The Constituent Assembly of India, consisting of indirectly elected representatives, was established to draft a constitution for India. It existed for approx. three years, the first parliament of India after independence in 1947.
64. prejudice (noun) – bigotry, bias, partiality, injustice.
65. overweening (adjective) – high-handed, domineering, overbearing.
66. autocracy (noun) – dictatorship, authoritarianism, tyranny, totalitarianism, despotism.
67. vote down (phrasal verb) – decide against.
68. the jury is still out (phrase) - it means the group has not yet reached a decision. It also refers to anything that remains undecided.
69. accommodate (verb) – help, assist, favour.

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