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ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (MAY 29, 2023)

1. belligerence (noun) – hostility, aggression, combativeness, warmongering, hawkishness.
2. unsettling (adjective) – upsetting, discomfiting, disconcerting, disturbing, disquieting, troubling.
3. breakdown (noun) – failure, collapse.
4. catastrophic (adjective) – destructive, ruinous, disastrous, devastating.
5. set alarm bells ringing (phrase) - to make someone feel distressed/concerned about something.
6. trade war/tariff war (noun) – a condition in which a country increases tariffs on foreign goods and imposes quota restrictions to restrict other countries' trade.
7. morph into (verb) – change, transform, alter.
8. draconian (adjective) – (of laws or punishments) extremely harsh, severe, strict, stringent, tough, oppressive.
9. hobble (verb) – restrict/control/limit the activity or development of something.
10. 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).
11. shore up (phrasal verb) – support, help, assist someone/something from ; bolster up, buttress, strengthen, fortify, reinforce, underpin something from decline.
12. quasi- (combining form) – supposed, seeming, alleged, ostensible, purported, nominal, so-called.
13. 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.
14. cement (verb) - attach, secure, join, connect, bond.
15. stop it on its tracks (phrase) - prevent something from continuing.
16. detente (noun) – restoration of harmony, agreement, compromise/understanding. G-7 or Group of Seven (noun) – a multilateral forum made up of the world's seven largest so-called developed countries: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. They meet annually to discuss and exchange ideas on a broad range of issues, including global economy, security and energy.

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18. put forward (phrasal verb) - present, propose, produce, submit.
19. coercion (noun) – force/pressure, compulsion, enforcement, demand, constraint, oppression, harassment, intimidation.
20. militarisation (noun) – the act of making something similar to armed forces. the process of equipping something (an organisation/etc) with military forces/resources.
21. thaw (noun) – an increase in friendliness.
22. jostle (verb) – compete, battle, struggle, scramble.
23. bring to the fore (phrase) – to become obvious, to become visible, to become noticeable (to public attention); bring into a position of importance; (bring) into a prominent position.
24. consensus (noun) – an idea or opinion that is shared by all the people in a group, agreement, concurrence.
25. hegemony (noun) – leadership, dominance, authority, control, power.
26. free market (noun) – a type of economy that is controlled by the market forces of supply and demand, with little to no control or involvement from any central government agency.
27. world/international/global order (noun) – the arrangement of power and authority that provides the system for the conduct of diplomacy and world politics in relation to the entire world.
28. in a sense (phrase) - apparently, probably; from a point of view.
29. go rogue (phrase) - to behave in an erratic or dangerous, uncontrolled way (that ignores rules, norms, or expectations).
30. turn something on its head (phrase) - to change the basis/nature of something (idea, fact, argument, etc.) completely.
31. protectionism (noun) – the use of tariff and non-tariff restrictions on imports to protect domestic producers from foreign competition.
32. 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.

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33. dress down (phrasal verb) - reprimand, rebuke, admonish, reprove, criticize, castigate, censure.
34. communiqué (noun) – official communication, official announcement message, statement, report, press release, bulletin, missive, advisory.
35. vassal (noun) – subordinate, deputy, assistant, aide.
36. the tip of the iceberg (phrase) – if something is the tip of the iceberg, it is a small part of a much larger issue. This phrase is being used while talking about a problem.
37. artificial intelligence (AI) (noun) – an area of computer science that deals with giving machines the ability to seem like they have human intelligence (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
38. resent (verb) – begrudge, take offence at, be angry at, dislike.
39. game of chicken (phrase) – a competitive situation in which neither of the two contesting people wants to withdraw (back down) or let other win, even though not withdrawing can be very dangerous/harmful.
40. 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.
41. feed into (verb) – contribute to.
42. erroneous (adjective) – wrong, incorrect, inaccurate.
43. gut (verb) - destroy, ruin, wreck, demolish.
44. impoverish (verb) - weaken, exhaust, drain, diminish, deplete.
45. enrich (verb) – improve, enhance, augment, make richer.
46. the well off (noun) - rich, affluent, wealthy person.
47. fiddle around with (phrasal verb) - to keep making small changes to something, as you are not having satisfaction with it.
48. entitlement (noun) – a government scheme that provides benefits to any individual meeting certain eligibility requirements.
49. ills (plural noun) - problems, troubles, difficulties.
50. nuance (noun) – fine distinction, subtle difference/subtlety/nicety, subtle variation.
51. hawk (noun) – a person who supports an aggressive or warlike policy, (in external/foreign affairs).

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52. U.S. Congress (noun) – legislative assembly, parliament; The United States Congress is the bicameral (two chambers) legislature of the federal government of the United States, and consists of two chambers: the House of Representatives and the Senate.
53. hegemon (noun) – super power, major power.
54. by far (phrase) - undoubtedly, doubtlessly, without question.
55. diplomacy (noun) – international politics, foreign affairs, foreign policy; negotiations, discussions, talks, dialogue (related to international politics).
56. adversary (noun) - opponent, rival, contender, competitor.
57. echo chamber (noun) – an environment/situation where a person only encounters information or opinions that reflect and reinforce their own.
58. think tank (noun) – Think tank is a panel of experts who provide advice and ideas on political, social or economic issues.
59. estrangement (noun) - division, split, separation, break.
60. revel in (phrasal verb) - enjoy, delight in, take pleasure in, relish, rejoice, savour, bask in.
61. Line of Actual Control (LAC) (noun) – the de-facto (effective) border between India and China. The LAC is a 4,057-km border running through three areas-Western (Ladakh, Ladakh (Kashmir)), middle (Uttarakhand, Himachal) and eastern (Sikkim, Arunachal).

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