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WORD LIST-1 (APR 13, 2023)

1. state (noun) – condition, situation, circumstances, state of affairs.
2. preparedness (noun) - readiness, alertness, preparation, awareness, carefulness.
3. gear up (phrasal verb) – get ready, prepare, equip (oneself) for something.
4. face (verb) - encounter, experience, run into.
5. management (noun) - governance, administration, handling, supervision, oversight.
6. clairvoyance (noun) - the ability/power to predict future events.
7. post-facto (adjective) – after a certain event.
8. damp squib (noun) – fiasco, failure/blunder, catastrophe/disaster.
9. possibly (adverb) - maybe, perhaps, it may/could be.
10. as on date (phrase) - until today; up till now.
11. lineage/clade (noun) – a genetically closely related group of virus variants derived from a common ancestor.
12. Omicron variant (noun) – On 26 November 2021, WHO designated the (new coronavirus) variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named Omicron, on the advice of WHO's Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution (TAG-VE). The first known confirmed Omicron infection was from a specimen collected on November 9. In recent weeks, infections in South Africa have increased steeply, coinciding with the detection.
13. XBB.1.16 variant (noun) – The XBB.1.16 is a mutant strain of SARS CoV 2, mainly of Omicron, and has the ability to escape the immunity system of the body (both vaccine and natural immunity) smartly. XBB.1.16 is a recombinant lineage of the virus and is a descendent of the XBB lineage of COVID-19.
14. proliferation (noun) – rapid increase, rise, escalation.
15. fatality (noun) – death, casualty, mortality/loss.
16. reassuring (adjective) - alleviating, comforting, hopeful, optimistic, heartening, promising, encouraging.

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17. **virulent** (adjective) – deadly, fatal, lethal, life-threatening, dangerous.
18. **strain** (noun) - different variant or form or version or mutant of something (virus); variety, kind, type.
19. **scarcely** (adverb) – hardly, barely, only just, almost not; rarely, seldom.
20. **afford** (verb) - bear, sustain, carry, stand.
21. **under prepared** (adjective) - inadequately prepared.
22. **traumatic** (adjective) – painful, distressing, disturbing.
23. **raging** (adjective) – fuming, furious, incensed, wrathful, infuriated.
24. **pandemic** (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
25. **take a/its toll** (phrase) - have a serious/adverse effect on someone/something; cause damage to someone/something; cause suffering.
26. **considering** (preposition) - taking into consideration, in view of, bearing in mind, keeping in mind.
27. **traumatic** (adjective) – painful, distressing, disturbing.
28. **raging** (adjective) – spreading (very quickly or uncontrollably).
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30. **toll** (noun) – number, count, total (number of deaths).
31. **take its/a toll** (phrase) - cause suffering, deaths, or damage.
32. **long-winded** (adjective) – long-winding, lengthy, long, long-drawn-out.
33. **realm** (noun) – an area/field of activity; arena, domain, sphere, field, territory, area.
34. **public health** (noun) – the branch of medicine handling public health; public health is also the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities through education, policy making and research for disease and injury prevention.

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35. fatigue (noun) – tiredness, weariness, exhaustion.
36. inevitable (adjective) – unavoidable, sure to happen, unpreventable.
37. human resource (for health) (noun) - Human Resources for Health (HRH) are defined as “the stock of all individuals engaged in the promotion, protection or improvement of population health”. This includes both public and private sectors and different domains of health systems, such as personal curative and preventive care, non-personal public health interventions, disease prevention, health promotion services, research, management and support services.
38. infrastructure (noun) – the basic physical or organisational structure or framework that a country or organization needs in order to function properly. For a whole nation, it includes all the physical systems such as buildings, roads & railways networks, utilities, etc.
39. relentless (adjective) – continuous, constant, non-stop, steady.
40. lay down (phrasal verb) - put down, stop.
41. burden (noun) – responsibility, onus, obligation, liability.
42. seize (verb) - take (a chance/an opportunity) keenly and certainly.
43. over time (phrase) - if something occurs over time, it occurs gradually during a long period.
44. lead to (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
45. complacence/complacency (noun) – carelessness, laziness, laxity; self-satisfaction, smugness, self-regard.
46. call (noun) – need, necessity, demand.
47. rouse (verb) – wake up, arouse, awaken.
48. naive (adjective) – inexperienced, immature.
49. World Health Organization (WHO) (noun) – Founded in 1948, WHO is the United Nations agency that connects nations, partners and people to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable – so everyone, everywhere can attain the highest level of health.
50. come round (phrasal verb) - awaken, wake up, recover, revive.

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51. **influenza** (noun) – it is commonly known as “the flu”, is an infectious disease caused by an influenza virus.
52. **taskforce** (noun) – unit, crew, outfit, section (mainly arranged for a task).
53. **stratagem** (noun) – plan, plan of action, move, course of action.
54. **vaccinate** (verb) – inoculate, administer, introduce (with a vaccine to provide immunity against a disease).
55. **adhere to** (verb) – abide by, stick to, hold to, comply with, act in accordance with, conform to.
56. **surveillance** (noun) – monitoring, observation, scrutiny, inspection.
57. **severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)** (noun) – SARS coronavirus (SARS-CoV) is thought to be an animal virus from an as-yet-uncertain animal reservoir, perhaps bats, that spread to other animals (civet cats). It is a viral (human-to-human transmission) that can cause severe respiratory illness or death.
58. **respiratory** (adjective) – relating to the organs of respiration/breathing.
59. **drill** (noun) – training, instruction.
60. **compliance** (noun) – adherence, observance, conformity.
61. **hygiene** (noun) – cleanliness.
62. **comorbidity** (noun) – In medicine, co-morbidity is the presence of one or more additional conditions (diseases) co-occurring/co-existing with a primary condition (disease).
63. **prudent** (adjective) – wise, well judged, well advised, shrewd, sensible, careful, circumspect, far-sighted

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