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WORD LIST-2 (APR 10, 2023)

1. a race to the bottom (phrase) - a competitive state where a company attempts to undercut the competition's prices by sacrificing quality standards or worker safety, defying regulations, or paying low wages
2. tit-for-tat (phrase) – equivalent retaliation; counterattack, revenge, an eye for an eye.
3. move (noun) – action, act, step, measure.
4. serve (verb) – assist, help, benefit, be of use to.
5. interest (noun) – common concerns (in politics/business).
6. freeze (verb) – stop/suspend; limit, restrict, confine.
7. correspondent (noun) – writer, journalist, columnist.
8. drag into (phrasal verb) – to involve someone in a trouble (or a difficult situation).
9. geopolitical (adjective) – relating to (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.
10. tensions (noun) – strained relations, strain, unease.
11. neighbour (noun) – a country that is next to another country; (bordering) country.
12. norm (noun) – standard, criterion, convention, regulation; usual, normal.
13. retaliatory (adjective) – revenging, vengeful, avenging.
14. amid (preposition) – in the middle of, surrounded by; during.
15. reciprocity (noun) – exchange, trade-off, swap/switch, return.
16. indeed (adverb) – in fact, actually, undeniably.
17. expel (verb) – banish, evict, remove, eliminate, oust.
18. settlement (noun) – an uninhabited place where people established a community/colony.
19. subsequently (adverb) – after that, afterwards, thereafter, eventually.
20. increasingly (adverb) – more and more, steadily more, continuously more, gradually more.
21. playbook (noun) – strategies.
22. tighten (verb) – make stricter, make more rigorous, make more stringent, stiffen, toughen.
23. scrutiny (noun) – examination, inspection, investigation.

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24. **G-20** (noun) – The G20, formed in 1999, is a group of twenty of the world's largest economies that meets regularly to coordinate global policy on trade, health, climate, and other issues. It brings together the world's major advanced and emerging economies. The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, EU, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, UK and USA. The G20 Countries together represent around 90% of global GDP, 80% of global trade, and two thirds of the world's population.
25. **highlight** (verb) – emphasize, stress, underline, underscore, draw attention to.
26. **over-the-top** (adjective) – excessive, immoderate, extreme, over the limit, exaggerated.
27. **insecurity** (noun) – vulnerability, defencelessness, unguardedness, lack of protection.
28. **scrutinise** (verb) – examine carefully, inspect; investigate.
29. **counterproductive** (adjective) – damaging, dangerous, destructive.
30. **spectrum** (noun) – wide range, gamut, ambit.
31. **ground report** (noun) – the report from the ground (a particular area/place where an activity/work really happens).
32. **multifaceted** (adjective) – diverse, different, various (features/aspects).
33. **stand to (do something)** (phrase) – be in situation/be likely to do something.
34. **coup** (noun) – (in politics) a sudden, violent, illegal takeover of a government by force; seizure of power, coup d'état, regime change, putsch,; uprising, rebellion, civil unrest/disorder.
35. **on-the-ground** (adjective) – relating to a situation/place where things are happening really/practically.
36. **context** (noun) – conditions, circumstances, situation, background.
37. **point to** (phrasal verb) – indicate, suggest, signify, signal, denote, cite.
38. **in contrast to** (phrase) – in comparison (with), in opposition to, contrary to, compared with.
39. **bar** (verb) – block, ban, forbid/prohibit.

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