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1. secure (verb) – protect, shield, guard.
2. vaccine (noun) – a biological preparation that improves immunity to a particular disease.
3. booster shot/dose (noun) – In medical terms, a booster dose is an extra administration of a vaccine after an earlier dose.
4. shot (noun) – injection, inoculation (of a vaccine/drug).
5. accelerate (verb) – increase, escalate, expedite.
6. Covovax (noun) – The US-based Novavax, the maker of Covovax, as the vaccine has been named in India, developed in collaboration with the Serum Institute of India. The Novavax candidate, which is also known as NVX-CoV2373, is a “recombinant nanoparticle” vaccine with the company saying it is the “first protein-based option”.
7. so far (phrase) – until now, up to the present, up to this point.
8. forthcoming (adjective) – available, made available, accessible, obtainable.
9. Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) (noun) – Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) is a department of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) of the Government of India responsible for approval of licences of specified categories of drugs such as vaccines, and etc. in India. Drugs Controller General of India, comes under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. DCGI also sets standards for the manufacturing, sales, import, and distribution of drugs in India.
10. Inc. (abbreviation) – incorporated.
11. recombinant (adjective) – produced by the combining of genetic material from more than one sources.
12. watch out (verb) - be careful, be watchful, beware, be wary, be cautious, look out, pay attention, take care, take heed, be on the alert, be vigilant.
13. roll out (phrasal verb) – launch, introduce, organize, inaugurate (something officially).
14. stable (noun) – an organization/establishment.
15. find one's way (phrase) – manage to get to/arrive at a destination place (but with some difficulty).

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16. **Covaxin** (noun) – India's first indigenous COVID-19 vaccine candidate (COVAXIN) developed by a Hyderabad-based company (Bharat Biotech) in collaboration with the ICMR (The Indian Council of Medical Research).
17. **hurriedly** (adverb) – quickly, hastily, speedily, in a hurry.
18. **scale up** (phrasal verb) – step up, boost, escalate; increase, expand.
19. **substantial** (adjective) – considerable, significant, large.
20. **vaccination** (noun) – treatment with a vaccine to protect against a particular disease; immunization.
21. **inoculate** (verb) – to inject/introduce a vaccine into the body of someone to produce immunity to a particular disease; immunize, vaccinate.
22. **dose** (noun) – an amount/quantity of something (a medicine/drug) prescribed to be taken at a specific time.
23. **given** (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
24. **expose** (verb) – come into contact with (the disease causing virus).
25. **in itself** (phrase) - of itself, by itself, as such, intrinsically.
26. **creditable** (adjective) – commendable, praiseworthy, laudable.
27. **short of** (phrase) - less than.
28. **claim** (noun) – assertion, declaration, profession, affirmation.
29. **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.
30. **variant** (noun) – different or form or version or mutant of something (virus).
31. **tidal wave** (noun) – tsunami.
32. **quarter** (noun) – a period of three months (considered as one-fourth of a (financial) year).

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33. **mutation** (noun) – a significant and basic “alteration/variation” in the DNA sequence.
34. **immune escape/evasion** (noun) – it occurs when the immune system of a host, especially of a human being, is unable to respond to an infectious agent, or in other words that the host’s immune system is no longer able to recognize and eliminate a pathogen such as a virus.
35. **antibody** (noun) – it is also called ‘immunoglobulin’; a protective protein produced mainly by plasma (blood) cells in the immune system in response to the presence of antigens (disease causing organisms (bacteria & viruses) and other harmful/toxic foreign substances like insect venom).
36. **forecast** (noun) – prediction, indication, projection, prognosis, speculation, calculation (of future events or trends).
37. **in spite of** (phrase) – despite, notwithstanding, regardless of.
38. **vaccinate** (verb) – inoculate, administer, introduce (with a vaccine to provide immunity against a disease).
39. **likely** (adverb) – probably, in all probability, presumably, doubtlessly.
40. **breakthrough infections** (noun) – people getting infections after they are fully vaccinated is when the infections are caused by circulating virus variants, with potential immune escape mechanism, which might reduce the efficacy of vaccines. These are called “vaccine breakthrough infections/cases”.
41. **bode** (verb) - augur, presage, portend, foretell, predict.
42. **resume** (verb) – restart, start again, recommence.
43. **schooling** (noun) – education, teaching, pedagogy.
44. **in-person** (adjective) – relating to an event/class where people/student physically present together.
45. **inevitable** (adjective) – unavoidable, unpreventable.
46. **congregation** (noun) – gathering, assembly, a mass/group (of people).
47. **reportedly** (adverb) – supposedly, seemingly, apparently, professedly, ostensibly, purportedly.
48. **deliberate** (verb) – think about, think over, ponder, consider, contemplate, reflect on, muse on, mull over.

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49. **trial** (noun) – test, pilot study, experiment (phase 1, 2,3, and or human/clinical trial).
50. **authorise** (verb) – permit, allow, agree to, approve.
51. **ostensibly** (adverb) - in a way that something appears or is officially stated to be true/real, but it might not be; apparently, seemingly, allegedly, professedly, supposedly, purportedly.
52. **ZyCoV-D Vaccine** (noun) – a three-dose “plasmid DNA” candidate vaccine being developed by Ahmedabad-based Zydus Cadila. It is a vaccine that uses a genetically engineered, non-replicating version of a type of DNA molecule known as a ‘plasmid’. If approved by the regulator, ZyCov-D will be the world’s first DNA vaccine against infection with SARS-CoV-2.
53. **Gennova** (noun) - India’s first mRNA-based Covid-19 vaccine, from Gennova Biopharma, a subsidiary of Pune-based Emcure Pharmaceuticals.
54. **mRNA vaccine** (noun) – The vaccine is a messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccine, which stands for “messenger ribonucleic acid”. Messenger RNA is essentially the blueprint that living cells use to turn gene sequences into the proteins that form their fundamental structures. Once injected, the mRNA in the vaccine is translated into a viral protein, which our immune systems detect. The body generates an immune response in reaction to these viral proteins, which can’t by themselves cause disease, and this provides protection against developing Covid-19.
55. **Sputnik V** (noun) – a COVID-19 vaccine candidate developed by the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, Moscow and registered by the Russian Ministry of Health.
56. **Corbevax** (noun) – a COVID-19 vaccine candidate developed by Indian biopharmaceutical firm Biological E. Biological E's anti-coronavirus shot, Corbevax, is a RBD protein sub-unit vaccine and is currently undergoing phase 2/3 clinical trials on adults.
57. **coax** (verb) – persuade, cajole, prevail on, get round, butter up, sweat talk.

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