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WORD LIST-1 (JUL 12, 2022)

1. on the sidelines (phrase) – it refers to a meeting/forum occurs at the same time as the scheduled meeting/forum, but is not itself an item on the agenda.
2. 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.
3. summit (noun) – meeting, talk, discussion (between heads of government).
4. resolve (noun) – determination, willpower, firmness, resolution, courage.
5. sustain (verb) – continue, carry on, keep up, maintain.
6. deployment (noun) – the act of employing forces/troops into effective action.
7. forward deployment (noun) – the act of employing armed forces, and persistent military facilities in a foreign country during peacetime.
8. counterpart (noun) – someone or something that has the same job or purpose as another; equivalent, equal, fellow.
9. serve (verb) – act as, function as.
10. curious (adjective) – mystifying, mysterious, perplexing, baffling; perplexed, puzzled, baffled, mystified
11. state of affairs (phrase) - condition, situation, circumstances, position.
12. continued (adjective) – ongoing.
13. engagement (noun) – participation, taking part, involvement.
14. dissatisfied (adjective) – discontented, unsatisfied, disappointed, disaffected, disquieted, unhappy, disgruntled, upset, annoyed, aggrieved.
15. commonality (noun) – common quality/attribute/feature.
16. reiterate (verb) – repeat, say again, restate.
17. stand (noun) – stance, point of view, viewpoint, opinion, standpoint, position, policy.
18. numerous (adjective) – several, various, many, countless, scores of, innumerable.

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19. 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).
20. tension (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
21. normalcy (noun) – a normal condition; normality, regularity.
22. resolution (noun) – solution, settlement.
23. disengagement (noun) – withdrawal, departure, retreat (of military troops from an area of conflict).
24. friction (noun) – disagreement, disunity, conflict, dispute, argument.
25. friction points/friction areas (noun) – areas in conflict; points of Chinese ingress into hitherto India-controlled territory in Ladakh. These ‘friction points’ are Depsang, Galwan, Hot Springs, Gogra, North bank of Pangong Tso, Kailash Range and Demchok.
26. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) (noun) – The Ministry of External Affairs (abbreviated as MEA) of India, also known as the Foreign Ministry, is the government agency responsible for the conduct of foreign relations of India.
27. call for (phrasal verb) – require, need, necessitate, make necessary, demand, publicly ask for.
28. outstanding (adjective) – unfinished, incomplete, remaining, pending, ongoing.
29. momentum (noun) – energy, push, force, strength, impetus.
30. contrary (noun) – opposite, reverse, inverse, antithesis.
31. on the contrary (phrase) – conversely, in contrast, just the opposite.
32. resolve (verb) – settle, sort out, solve, find a solution to, set right.
33. row (noun) – dispute, quarrel, squabble, fight, disagreement, difference of opinion.
34. reasonably (adverb) - justifiably, legitimately, rightly, somewhat, relatively, comparatively.
35. prerequisite (noun) – necessary condition, precondition, condition, requirement, necessity, imperative, obligation.
36. indeed (adverb) – in fact, actually, undeniably.
37. readout (noun) – an official statement summing up the main points of a meeting/phone call between two leaders.

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38. mention (noun) – reference, comment, remark.
39. emphasise (verb) – call/draw attention to, put stress on, underscore, highlight.
40. interest (noun) – common concerns (in politics/business).
41. multilateral (adjective) – involving many different countries/parties/organizations.
42. BRICS countries (plural noun) – the acronym coined to associate five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. The BRICS members are known for their significant influence on regional affairs.
43. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) (noun) – The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation, the creation of which was announced on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai (China). The SCO currently comprises eight Member States (China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) and is seen as a counterweight to NATO (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization). It was established as a multilateral association to ensure security and maintain stability across the vast Eurasian region, join forces to counteract emerging challenges and threats, and enhance trade, as well as cultural and humanitarian cooperation.
44. counter (verb) – combat, confront, stand up to, oppose, resist, rebuff, rebut, repel.
45. the West (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
46. put (verb) – express, convey.
47. 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.
48. drag one's feet (phrase) – delay, procrastinate, postpone action, put off doing something, use delaying tactics, take one's time.
49. mark (verb) – indicate, flag, show, identify, denote.
50. pause (noun) – break, interruption, discontinuation, interval.
51. talks (noun) – discussions, negotiations, deliberation.
52. hold (verb) – conduct, organize.

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53. **breakthrough** (noun) – very important/significant development or progress.
54. **disengage** (verb) – withdraw, pull out, leave, move out, retreat.
55. **patrolling points (PPs)** (noun) – PPs are patrolling points identified and marked on the LAC, which are patrolled with a stipulated frequency by the security forces.
56. **base** (noun) – camp, post, headquarters (of the armed forces).
57. **hot springs** (noun) – Hot Springs (Kyam) is the location of an Indian border checkpost operated by Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in the Chang Chenmo River valley in Ladakh near the disputed border with China. It is so named because there is a hot spring at this location. (hot spring is generally a spring (well head) with water at temperatures substantially higher than the air temperature of the surrounding region).
58. **Depsang plains** (noun) – The Depsang plains lie south of DBO (Daulat Beg Oldie post) in a strategic area that the military calls Sub-Sector North (SSN). DBO is the country's northernmost outpost where India operates an advanced landing ground to support its forward military deployments. The Depsang Plains are large plains that are suitable for driving armoured carriers, artillery and mechanised units, which is unusual at the height of about 17,000 feet above sea level. The Depsang plains are strategically important as it provides a flat surface amid the mountainous terrain which can be used by either of the two countries to launch a military offensive, similar to the Spanggur Gap in the Chushul sub-sector.
59. **Demchok (plains)** (noun) – a village and military encampment in the Indian-administered Demchok sector that is disputed between India and China. It is administered as part of the Nyoma tehsil in the Leh district of Ladakh by India. and claimed by China as part of the Tibet Autonomous Region. The Line of Actual Control (LAC) with Tibet runs on the southeast side of the village along the Charding Nullah and continues along the Indus River.
60. **imminent** (adjective) – close/near, about to happen, approaching/impending.
61. **on edge** (phrase) - tense, nervous, edgy, anxious, uneasy, unsettled.

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62. **Chinese Communist Party (CCP)** (noun) – also known as the Communist Party of China (CPC); it is the founding and ruling political party of modern China, officially known as the People's Republic of China (PRC).
63. **congress** (noun) – conference, convention, forum, meeting, gathering.
64. **fall** (noun) – one of the four temperate seasons spring, summer, autumn (or fall), and winter.
65. **sweeping** (adjective) – comprehensive, all-inclusive, all-embracing, far-reaching.
66. **bilateral** (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
67. **aspiration** (noun) – ambition, hope, goal.
68. **contrast** (verb) – differ from, be at variance with, be contrary to, conflict with, go against.
69. **unwillingness** (noun) – hesitation, disinclination, reluctance.
70. **status quo** (noun) – the present situation, the current state, the existing state of affairs.
71. **apparent** (adjective) – evident, obvious, clear, visible, discernible, perceivable, noticeable, recognizable.
72. **the new normal** (phrase) – an earlier unusual situation that becomes a standard now.
73. **stalemate** (noun) – deadlock, impasse, standstill/stand-off.
74. **endure** (verb) – continue, sustain, last, persist, remain, stay, go on.

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