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## WORD LIST-2 (OCT 29, 2022)

1. dirty bomb (noun) - it is not a nuclear bomb but a conventional explosive device with radioactive materials, the explosion of which could turn swathes of land uninhabitable for decades.
2. escalate (verb) – increase, intensify, heighten, amplify.
3. allegation (noun) – charge, accusation, claim, indictment.
4. so-called (adjective) - claimed, professed, purported, ostensible, apparent, reported.
5. dramatically (adverb) – greatly, largely.
6. conflict (noun) – war, armed conflict, battle, fighting.
7. hold (verb) – conduct, organize.
8. counterpart (noun) – someone or something that has the same job or purpose as another; equivalent, equal, fellow.
9. accuse (verb) – blame, criticize, denounce, condemn, charge.
10. potential (adjective) – possible, likely, probable.
11. conventional (adjective) – non-nuclear.
12. explosive (adjective) – combustible, volatile, flammable, incendiary.
13. explosion (noun) – blast, detonation, blowing up (of a bomb).
14. swathe (noun) – a wide area of something.
15. uninhabitable (adjective) – unsuitable (for living in).
16. decade (noun) – a period of ten years.
17. backer (noun) - supporter, upholder, defender, champion, advocate, adherent.
18. setback (noun) – problem, difficulty, issue.
19. unfounded (adjective) – groundless, baseless, unjustified.
20. claim (noun) – allegation, charge, accusation.
21. false flag attack (noun) – a political or military action carried out with the intention of blaming an opponent for it.
22. ascertain (verb) – find out, understand, recognize, get to know.
23. fog (noun) – a state of confusion; a disorganized state.
24. full-scale (adjective) – thorough, comprehensive, extensive, complete.
25. bode well/ill (verb) – augur, indicate, portend (a good/bad outcome).
26. taboo (noun) – prohibition, restriction, ban.

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27. Soviet Union/Soviet Republic (noun) – The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (also known as the USSR) consisted of Russia and 14 surrounding countries. The USSR's territory stretched from the Baltic states in Eastern Europe to the Pacific Ocean, including the majority of northern Asia and portions of central Asia.
28. on the brink of (phrase) – on the edge/verge of difficult/dangerous situation; at a crucial or critical point.
29. amicably (adverb) – in a friendly manner.
30. dialogue (noun) – discussion, talk, consultation, deliberation, negotiation.
31. means (noun) – way, method, mode.
32. armageddon (noun) – a final battle or conflict (highly destructive/catastrophic).
33. tantamount to (adjective) – equivalent to, comparable to, amounting to, on a par with.
34. normalise (verb) – to cause something previously considered abnormal or unacceptable as normal.
35. escalatory (adjective) – increasing (rapidly).
36. spiral (noun) – the process of deterioration, decline, decrease.
37. steadily (adverb) - gradually, in step by step manner.
38. deteriorate (verb) – worsen, get worse, spoil, collapse, decline, degenerate.
39. conscious (adjective) – deliberate, intentional, purposeful, considered.
40. concrete (adjective) – real, actual, solid, substantial, well defined.
41. proposal (noun) – approach, suggestion, plan, recommendation.
42. annexation (noun) – occupation, conquering, capture, seizure, annexing, takeover.
43. as long as (phrase) – provided that.
44. liberate (verb) – set free, free; rescue.

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45. Crimea (noun) – a peninsula along the northern coast of the Black Sea in Eastern Europe. The peninsula is almost entirely surrounded by both the Black Sea and the smaller Sea of Azov. The status of Crimea is disputed. It is claimed by Ukraine and in 2014 was recognized as Ukrainian by the United Nations and most other countries, but it is governed by Russia. Russia formally annexed Crimea on 18 March 2014.
46. resistance (noun) – opposition, defiant; refusal to accept, unwillingness to accept.
47. maximalist (adjective) – relating to an approach of a person/organization (particularly in politics) with extreme thoughts and not ready to compromise.
48. dynamic (noun) – basic/fundamental cause or force that triggers change within a system.
49. take someone hostage (phrase) – to keep someone as a hostage.
50. hold hostage (phrase) – to keep someone/something as hostage.
51. humanitarian crisis (noun) – it is also called as humanitarian disaster; a situation with high levels of human suffering in which basic human welfare is in danger on a large scale.
52. stakeholder (noun) – a person with an interest in something.
53. unchecked (adjective) – unrestricted, unregulated, uncontrollable.
54. escalation (noun) – intensification, aggravation, exacerbation.
55. catastrophic (adjective) – destructive, ruinous, disastrous, devastating.
56. (high) stakes (noun) – (high-risk) challenge; hazard, ante.
57. 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.
58. rhetoric (noun) – bombast, loftiness, hyperbole/extravagant language.
59. the West (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
60. cataclysmic (adjective) – disastrous, catastrophic, devastating, destructive.

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