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WORD LIST-1 (FEB 05, 2022)

1. **the die is cast** (phrase) – something (a decision, a course of action, the future) has been determined that cannot be changed.
2. **campaign** (noun) – canvassing, electioneering, an act of soliciting (asking for/requesting) votes; an organized effort that seeks to influence the decision-making progress within a specific group.
3. **mobilise** (verb) – (of resources) bring together for a specific cause.
4. **lines** (noun) – way, system, method.
5. **brisk** (adjective) – active, busy, vibrant, lively.
6. **ruling** (adjective) – reigning; incumbent; existing, present, current (in power).
7. **on the defensive** (phrase) – to protect yourself from possible criticism/attack by others.
8. **dominance** (noun) - domination, authority, influence.
9. **alliance** (noun) – coalition, association, union, partnership.
10. **belt** (noun) – region, area, territory, neighbourhood, locality.
11. **fray** (noun) – competition, contest.
12. **alongside** (preposition) – together with.
13. **entrant** (noun) – new member, newcomer.
14. **abut** (verb) – be adjacent to, adjoin, border.
15. **hotspot** (noun) – a place of significant activity.
16. **draw** (verb) – obtain, extract, withdraw, take out.
17. **evident** (adjective) – obvious, apparent, visible, noticeable, conspicuous.
18. **resentment** (noun) – bitterness, indignation, irritation, displeasure, dissatisfaction, discontentment.
19. **align** with (verb) - join up with, form an alliance with, combine with.
20. **agenda** (noun) - plan.
21. **put forth/forward** (phrasal verb) - propose, offer, submit, present, introduce, set forth (a plan/proposal for consideration).
22. **plank** (noun) – a fundamental point.
23. **dignity** (noun) – self-esteem, self-respect.
24. **take aback** (phrasal verb) – surprise, shock, stun, astonish.
25. **momentum** (noun) – strength, impetus.

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26. polarise (verb) – separate into two opposing groups.
27. constitute (verb) – add up to, account for, represent.
28. overwhelmingly (adverb) – with a great majority; to a very great degree.
29. behaviour (noun) – conduct, way of acting, actions, practices.
30. leave no stone unturned (phrase) – to do every (single) thing possible in order to achieve something; not give up, be persistent, be determined.
31. consolidate (verb) – combine, unite, merge, integrate, bring together; strengthen, reinforce, fortify.
32. override (verb) - outweigh, supersede, offset, cancel out, be more important than.
33. tensions (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
34. narrative (noun) – a representation of a particular situation; portrayal/account.
35. score (verb) – be successful, be a success, make an impression, have an impact; achieve, attain.
36. law and order (phrase) - the passing of laws and their strict implementation by police and the courts; lawfulness, peacefulness, harmony, non-aggression, non-violence.
37. pitch (noun) – an attempt to convince someone to accept something; patter, talk.
38. tinge (verb) - influence, affect, modify.
39. highlight (verb) - emphasize, underline, underscore, accentuate.
40. 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.
41. in light of (phrase) – taking into consideration, taking into account, bearing/keeping in mind, taking note of, in view of.
42. build on (phrasal verb) – develop, enhance.
43. brotherhood (noun) – union, alliance, community/association/group.
44. barrier (noun) – blockade, hurdle, obstacle, stumbling block, impediment, hindrance.

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45. wean (verb) – to detach, disconnect, separate someone from depending on something.
46. chunk of (noun) – a significant amount of.
47. agrarian (adjective) – relating to cultivating/farming.
48. inflation (noun) – simply meaning “cost of living”; increase of price level of goods & services and vice versa decrease of currency value.
49. tariff (noun) – a tax imposed by one country on the goods and services imported from another country.
50. stray (adjective) – homeless, abandoned, wandering.
51. emotive (adjective) – controversial, contentious, emotional.
52. drive (noun) - campaign, movement, effort, push.
53. nationalism (noun) – it refers to a system (with narrow set of ideas) created by a group of people who believe their nation is superior to all others. It is also a perception of national superiority and an orientation toward national dominance- called as chauvinism (excessive nationalism).
54. Article 370 of the Constitution of India (noun) – It had “temporary provisions with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir” which gave special powers to the state. The article allowed the state a certain amount of autonomy – its own constitution, a separate flag and freedom to make laws. Foreign affairs, defence and communications remained the preserve (domain) of the central government. It also allowed Jammu and Kashmir to make its own rules relating to permanent residency, ownership of property and fundamental rights. It did also bar Indians from outside the state from purchasing property or settling there.
55. keen (adjective) – eager, determined, desirous.
56. dent (noun) - reduction, depletion, deduction.
57. get over (phrasal verb) - overcome, surmount, prevail over, triumph over, get the better of, recover from.
58. comeback (noun) - return.
59. rally (noun) – meeting, mass meeting, gathering.
60. influence (verb) – affect, have an effect on.

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