

**WORD LIST-1 (NOV 07, 2022)**

1. (high) stakes (noun) – (high-risk) competition, contest, battle, challenge.
2. hold (verb) – have, own, possess.
3. outsized (adjective) – very large, massive, enormous.
4. calculation (noun) – assessment, judgement, forecast, projection, prediction, expectation, reckoning, estimation.
5. launch pad (noun) – something (a platform) which sets a particular activity moving in a direction.
6. prevailing (adjective) – existing, current.
7. emergence (noun) - arrival, appearance, approach, development.
8. contender (noun) - opponent, adversary, rival, competitor.
9. triangular (adjective) – three-sided, three-cornered.
10. incumbent (adjective) – current, existing, present.
11. edge (noun) - advantage, the upper hand, the whip hand, a commanding position, head start.
12. slide (verb) - fall, slip, decline, deteriorate.
13. will (noun) – will power, determination, firmness of purpose, resolve, commitment.
14. so far (phrase) – until now, up to the present, up to this point.
15. enthusiasm (noun) – eagerness, keenness, excitement, willingness, readiness, commitment.
16. stark (adjective) – clear, distinct, evident, obvious, striking.
17. contrast (noun) – difference, dissimilarity, divergence, variance, variation.
18. inexplicable (adjective) – perplexing, mystifying, bewildering, mysterious, strange; incomprehensible, unfathomable, unexplainable.
19. indifference (noun) – unconcern about, apathy about, lack of interest in, disregard for.
20. collapse (noun) - disintegration, crumbling, cave-in.
21. claim (noun) – assertion, affirmation, representation, contention.
22. governance (noun) – administration, bureaucracy.
23. track record (noun) – history, background, (previous) performance, accomplishments, achievements.
24. organic (adjective) – structured, organized, coordinated, ordered, systematic, systematized, methodical.

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25. drive (verb) – push, compel, impel (by force in a particular direction).
26. deep (adjective) – deep-rooted, fervent, profound, serious.
27. symbolism (noun) – metaphor, figurative expression.
28. outright (adjective) - clear, sheer, undeniable, unrestricted.
29. polarisation (noun) – separation of two contrasting groups (based on different opinions/beliefs).
30. tested (adjective) - proved, dependable reliable.
31. Uniform Civil Code (UCC) (noun) - Uniform Civil Code or UCC is to provide one law for all the religious communities governing the issues of marriage, adoption, inheritance, divorce etc. Article 44 of the Indian constitution says, “The state shall endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens throughout the territory of India.” Article 44 is one of the Directive Principles of State Policy, described in Part IV of the Constitution.
32. Directive Principles (noun) – Part IV of the Constitution of India (Article 36–51) contains the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP). These principles aim at ensuring socioeconomic justice to the people and establishing India as a Welfare State.
33. have no game (phrase) - to lack the athletic ability, creativity, dedication and other crucial characteristic that would enable one to succeed in a particular endeavor.
34. on the ground (phrase) – in a situation/place where things are happening really/practically.
35. in terms of (phrase) – with regard to, regarding/concerning, in connection with.
36. personnel (noun) – staff, employees, workforce.
37. appeal (noun) – attraction, charm, charisma.
38. lead to (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
39. mobilisation (noun) – the act of bringing forces/people/resources together for a particular cause.
40. replicate (verb) – emulate, recreate, reproduce, copy.
41. look for (phrasal verb) – to search; to try to find; seek, quest.
42. antipathy (noun) – hostility, aversion, opposition.
43. go by (phrasal verb) – follow, use data/information given by something/someone.

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44. opinion poll (noun) - a type of survey or inquiry designed to measure the public's views regarding a particular topic.
45. tragedy (noun) – disaster, catastrophe.
46. favourable (adjective) – agreeable, advantageous, on one's side, in one's favour.
47. acceptance (noun) - approval, agreement, assent, concurrence, mandate.
48. calculate (verb) - estimate, project, reckon, expect.
49. with good reason (phrase) - based on sound judgment and reasonable speculation; with one's proper justifications; on good grounds.
50. spare no effort (phrase) - to do everything one can possibly do to achieve something; try hard, make every effort, do one's best, do all one can, do one's utmost, give one's all, toil, strive, exert oneself.
51. citadel (noun) – fortress, fort, stronghold, fortification.
52. in quick succession (phrase) – following quickly one after another.
53. demonstration (noun) – indication, expression; proof, display.
54. “double engine” government theory (noun) – the concept behind “double engine” governments is that the same party (in this case BJP) should be in power in the state and at the Centre.
55. allegedly (adverb) – reportedly, supposedly, purportedly, ostensibly, apparently.
56. investigative agencies (noun) – India has a number of investigative agencies like The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), The National Investigation Agency (NIA), The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and others.
57. conveniently (adverb) – suitably, favourably, advantageously.
58. restless (adjective) - uneasy, nervous, anxious.
59. stake (noun) – contest, challenge, struggle.
60. perception (noun) – understanding, thought, belief, or opinion.

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