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WORD LIST-2 (FEB 19, 2022)

1. **quarter** (noun) - compassion, forbearance, kindness, sympathy.
2. **maturity** (noun) – sense of responsibility, level-headedness, wisdom.
3. **close on the heels of** (phrase) – close behind, soon after, immediately after, following closely.
4. **sharp** (adjective) - sudden, abrupt; (strong, fierce).
5. **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.
6. **summon** (verb) – call for, ask for, request/demand the presence of, demand the presence of; demand urgently.
7. **high commissioner** (noun) - In the Commonwealth of Nations, a high commissioner is the senior diplomat (ranking as an ambassador) in charge of the diplomatic mission of one Commonwealth government to another. In this usage, a Commonwealth nation's high commission is its embassy to another Commonwealth nation.
8. **decline** (noun) - slide, deterioration, degeneration, degradation.
9. **probity** (noun) - integrity, honesty, uprightness, morality, rectitude, goodness, justice, fairness, equity.
10. **tenure** (noun) – term, time, period, stint (in office); incumbency.
11. **stem** (verb) – staunch, stop, halt, check, restrain, restrict, control, contain, curb.
12. **go down that road** (phrase) - to decide to do something in a specific way.
13. **broadside** (noun) – criticism, censure, denunciation, diatribe, tirade; attack, assault, onslaught.
14. **praise** (noun) – admiration, acclamation, commendation, applause.
15. **uncalled for** (adjective) - unnecessary, needless, unneeded, inessential, unwarranted, unjustified, unnecessary, unreasonable.
16. **South & North Block** (noun) – South Block is a **metonym** of the Prime Minister's Office. North Block is a **metonym** of the Ministry of Finance, India. (The Secretariat Building (consists North & South Block) or Central Secretariat is where the Cabinet Secretariat is housed, which administers the Government of India. The South Block houses the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of External Affairs). The North Block primarily houses the Ministry of Finance and the Home Ministry). (Metonym is used as an alternative for something else with which it is closely related/associated).

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17. **zero tolerance** (noun) – a complete refusal to accept certain behavior.
18. **stand** (noun) - attitude, stance, viewpoint, opinion, standpoint, position, perspective, approach, policy.
19. **caveat** (noun) – warning, caution, red flag.
20. **motivate** (verb) – prompt, provoke, trigger, cause, bring about.
21. **rivalry** (noun) – competition, opposition, conflict, discord, friction.
22. **understanding** (noun) – comprehension, apprehension, grasp.
23. **downslide** (noun) – decline, collapse, downward movement/trend.
24. **partygate** (noun) – a political scandal in the United Kingdom, with regard to parties and other gatherings (approximately 16 events took place between May 2020 and April 2021) of government and Conservative Party staff held during the COVID-19 pandemic, when there were public health restrictions that prohibited most gatherings. While several lockdowns in the country were in place, gatherings took place at 10 Downing Street, its garden, and other government buildings. (10 Downing Street is the official residence and the office of the British Prime Minister).
25. **scandal** (noun) – impropriety, misconduct, wrongdoing.
26. **as of date** (phrase) - used to indicate the date from which something begins.
27. **objection** (noun) – protest, protestation, opposition, argument, counter-argument, disapproval, dissent, disagreement.
28. **grander** comparative adjective of **grand** (adjective) - large, big, great, main, major.
29. **context** (noun) – circumstances, conditions, situation, backdrop.
30. **invoke** (verb) – cite, refer to, adduce, make reference to.
31. **Confucian** (adjective) - relating to Confucius (Chinese philosopher); relating to Confucianism (a system of ethics devised by the Chinese scholar/philosopher Confucius in 6th century BC China).
32. **founding fathers (India)** (noun) – The leaders those who fought the British Empire non-violently for India's independence. Some of the most famous are Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr.Ambedkar, Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Subhash Chandra Bose and more.
33. **decry** (verb) – criticize, denounce, condemn.
34. **slide** (noun) - decline.
35. **comment** (noun) - remark, observation, statement, utterance, opinion, view, criticism.

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36. **strong-headed** (adjective) - strong-minded, forceful, stubborn.
37. **arbitrary** (adjective) – discretionary, personal, unmotivated, unreasonable, unsupported, irrational, illogical, groundless, unjustified.
38. **ties** (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
39. **given** (preposition) – considering, taking into consideration, taking into account, in view of, bearing in mind.
40. **at hand** (phrase) - imminent, close at hand, approaching, forthcoming, coming, coming soon, about to happen.
41. **breach** (noun) – breaking, contravention, non-observance, violation.
42. **privilege matter** (noun) – certain subject matters are privileged, and can not be inquired into in any way.
43. **find guilty** (phrase) - convict, sentence, declare guilty.
44. **vibrant** (adjective) – spirited, lively, high-spirited, energetic, vigorous, dynamic, exciting, passionate, fiery, determined, strong, rich.
45. **evince** (verb) – reveal, indicate, show, make clear.
46. **insecurity** (noun) – vulnerability, defencelessness, unguardedness, lack of protection.
47. **on the back of** (phrase) - due to, as a result of, because of.
48. **démarche** (noun) – from French, literally means step, walk, gait (a way of walking); a course of action, initiative, move (In diplomatic relations); it is a more formal way of communication of one country's foreign affairs official to an appropriate official in another country to inform views or gather details on a given subject (or) to object/protest actions by a foreign government.
49. **impression** (noun) - opinion, view; impact, effect.
50. **neighbour** (noun) – a country that is next to another country; (bordering) country.
51. **ripple** (noun) – a small wave/wavelet, a series of waves.
52. **ripple effect** (noun) – an event (or a process/action) that causes several other events to happen indirectly one after the other; secondary/indirect effect, consequence/implication, chain of events.
53. **bilateral** (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
54. **reputation** (noun) – standing, stature, status, position.
55. **lend itself to** (phrase) - be suitable for, be appropriate for, be adaptable to, have the right characteristics for, be applicable for, be easily used for.
56. **doth** (verb) - archaic present tense third-person singular of "do".

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