

## ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (APR 18, 2023)

1. **shenanigans** (plural noun) – silly/dishonest behaviour, deception, double-dealing, dishonesty, wickedness, horseplay, monkey business, mischief.
2. **civil affairs** (plural noun) – activities, matters and operations of the civil (non-military) population of a territory.
3. **fig leaf** (noun) – (figuratively) something that is used to hide an embarrassing situation or problem; disguise, camouflage, cover-up, shield, facade, veneer.
4. **standardise** (verb) – systematize, regulate.
5. **phoney** (adjective) - bogus, false, fake, fraudulent, sham.
6. **on the face of it** (phrase) - apparently, seemingly, outwardly, ostensibly, at first glance, it seems (that), it appears (that), at face value, to go by appearances, by all accounts.
7. **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).
8. **depredation** (noun) – destruction, devastation, damage.
9. **unfounded** (adjective) – groundless, baseless, pointless, unjustified.
10. **irredentist** (adjective) – relating to any political or popular movement that seeks to claim or reclaim and occupy a land that is considered to be a “lost” (or “unredeemed”) territory from their nation’s past.
11. **legion** (adjective) – numerous, countless, innumerable, incalculable, limitless, boundless, many, abundant, plentiful.
12. **Paracels** (noun) – called Xisha Islands lie in the South China Sea, approximately equidistant from the coastlines of the PRC and Vietnam.
13. **Spratlys** (noun) – the Spratly Islands are a disputed archipelago in the South China Sea. (archipelago is a group of (small) islands closely scattered in a body of water; e.g. Indonesia, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Japan, the Philippines, Maldives & etc).
14. **embroil** (verb) – involve in a difficulty; mix up, mire, entangle, catch up.
15. **maritime** (adjective) – of or related to the sea.
16. **rake up** (phrasal verb) – recollect, remember, revive/remind the memory of.
17. **modus operandi** (noun) – it is a Latin term literally meaning ‘way of operating’; a particular way/method of doing something; the usual/habitual way of working of a person.
18. **lay the groundwork for** (phrase) – prepare the way for, pave the way for, open the way for, set the scene for.

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19. **propaganda** (noun) – the (deliberate & systemic) spreading of information (facts, ideas, rumours or lies) to influence public opinion.
20. **jarring** (adjective) – clashing; colliding; conflicting; causing a shock/damage.
21. **strike a note** (phrase) – to express a particular type of opinions or feelings about something); communicate, indicate, cite, call to mind, bring to mind.
22. **in the wake of** (phrase) – as a result of some event, especially an unpleasant one; in the aftermath of, as a consequence of, on account of, because of, owing to.
23. **apocryphal** (adjective) – untrue, false, fabricated.
24. **ironically** (adverb) – paradoxically, unexpectedly, strangely.
25. **standardisation** (noun) – the process of making something as a standard.
26. **come into force** (phrase) – come into effect, become operative, be effective (a new law, rule, change, etc.).
27. **instructive** (adjective) – informative, instructional, informational, explanatory, telling, revealing; good example, case study.
28. **sovereignty** (noun) – a country's independent authority and the right to govern itself.
29. **exploitation** (noun) – misuse, utilization, manipulation, cashing in on, taking advantage.
30. **unilateral** (adjective) – relating to a method of taking decisions (on international relations) by a state (country) individually without considering other states (countries).
31. **run-up** to (noun) – a period of time just before an important event.
32. **discern** (verb) – recognize, notice, sense, observe.
33. **thrust** (noun) – campaign, barb, push.
34. **outright** (adverb) – completely, entirely, totally, fully.
35. **inalienable** (adjective) – inviolable, absolute, unalterable, unchallengeable.
36. **Qing Dynasty** (noun) – The Qing dynasty, officially the Great Qing, was the last imperial dynasty of China. It was established in 1636, and ruled China proper from 1644 to 1912. It was preceded by the Ming dynasty and succeeded by the Republic of China.
37. **internecine** (adjective) – deadly, destructive, ruinous, fierce.
38. **succession** (noun) – descent, ancestry, heritage, dynasty, lineage.
39. **in any case** (phrase) – whatever happens, moreover.
40. **locus standi** (noun) – Latin phrase, literally meaning ‘place of standing’; the right to bring an action in a court; the right to appear in a court.

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41. concoct (verb) – fabricate, plot, scheme, manufacture, conceive, concoct, hatch.
42. retrospective (adjective) – backdated, retroactive, backward-looking.
43. superficial (adjective) – casual, slight, outward, ostensible.
44. proffer (verb) – put forward, come up with, submit, propose, offer, float, posit, present.
45. North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA) (noun) – on January 20, 1972, the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA) was renamed Arunachal Pradesh and gained the status of a Union Territory.
46. frontier (noun) – boundary, borderline, border.
47. populace (noun) – population, people, inhabitants, residents.
48. plain (noun) - a large area of flat land.
49. Ahom (noun) - an ethnic group from the Indian states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
50. animistic (adjective) – relating to the belief that natural objects, natural phenomena, and the universe itself have souls.
51. tract (noun) - area, region, territory.
52. collective (adjective) – combined, united/joint, cooperative (by all people as a group).
53. consciousness (noun) – awareness, knowledge, realization, recognition.
54. moorings (noun) – stabilizing influence/power.
55. Mishmi (noun) – a tribal people in the northeast India.
56. descendant (noun) – successor, scion, inheritor, next-in-line.
57. archaeological (adjective) – relating to archaeology (the study of the human past using material remains).
58. unearth (verb) – pull out, dig up, expose, bring to light, uncover, find out.
59. inscription (noun) – engraving, wording, writing.
60. charade (noun) – a false display/show/appearance that is aimed to deceive others; pretence, disguise, fake, farce.
61. occupation (noun) – annexation, capture, seizure, control, annexing, takeover.
62. Aksai Chin (noun) – a territory in Ladakh, is under illegal Chinese occupation.

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