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## WORD LIST-2 (MAR 25, 2023)

1. **cause for alarm** (phrase) – a reason to be worried about something.
2. **Omicron variant** (noun) – On 26 November 2021, WHO designated the (new coronavirus) variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named Omicron, on the advice of WHO's Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution (TAG-VE). The first known confirmed Omicron infection was from a specimen collected on November 9. In recent weeks, infections in South Africa have increased steeply, coinciding with the detection.
3. **recombinant** (adjective) –relating to DNA, proteins, cells, or organisms that are made by combining genetic material from two different sources.
4. **xbb.1.16 variant** (noun) – The XBB.1.16 is a mutant strain of SARS CoV 2, mainly of Omicron, and has the ability to escape the immunity smartly system of the body (both vaccine and natural immunity) smartly. XBB.1.16 is a recombinant lineage of the virus and is a descendent of the XBB lineage of COVID-19.
5. **vulnerable** (adjective) – relating to a weak/neglected person who is in need of special care/support.
6. **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.
7. **variant** (noun) – different or form or version or mutant of something (virus).
8. **Variant of Concern (VoC)** (noun) – A variant for which there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, more severe disease (e.g., increased hospitalizations or deaths), significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination, reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines, or diagnostic detection failures.
9. **Variants of Interest (VoI)** (noun) – A variant with specific genetic markers that have been associated with changes to receptor binding, reduced neutralization by antibodies generated against previous infection or vaccination, reduced efficacy of treatments, potential diagnostic impact, or predicted increase in transmissibility or disease severity.
10. **sub-lineage** (noun) – a group of similar viruses within a lineage.
11. **lineage/clade** (noun) – a genetically closely related group of virus variants derived from a common ancestor.

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12. **uptick** (noun) – a small increase or upward trend.
13. **hospitalisation** (noun) – the act of taking (or) admitting someone to (or) in hospital for treatment.
14. **be a far cry from** (phrase) – to be entirely different from something.
15. **alarming** (adjective) – worrying, disturbing, shocking/distressing.
16. **delta variant/B.1.617.2** (noun) – Formally known as AY.2 or B.1.617.2, it's a variant of the coronavirus, first identified in India, is renamed as the 'Delta variant' by the World Health Organization (WHO) and this variant is reclassified as Variant of Concern (VOC). The B.1.617.1 strain has been reclassified to a Variant of Interest (VOI) and labelled variant "Kappa".
17. **concomitant** (noun) – attendant, accompanying, associated, collateral, related, connected, linked.
18. **suggest** (verb) – indicate, point to, mean, show, imply, demonstrate.
19. **severity** (noun) – seriousness.
20. **account for** (phrasal verb) – constitute, make up, comprise, form, compose, represent.
21. **genome** (noun) – the genetic material (a complete set of DNA, including all of its genes) of an organism. The sum total of the genetic material of a cell or an organism.
22. **sequence** (noun) – the complete order of compounds/building blocks (nucleotides) of nucleic acids, such as RNA or DNA.
23. **genome sequence** (noun) – a process that determines the order, or sequence, of the DNA (nucleotides i.e., A, C, G and U) in each of the genes present in the virus's genome.
24. **mark** (verb) – indicate, signify, represent, denote.
25. **on end** (phrase) – continuing without stopping for a particular period of time.
26. **test positivity rate/ratio (TPR)** (noun) – the proportion of positives to total tests done for disease; the percentage of tests that are turning out to be positive for disease; the rate at which people getting tested for disease receive positive results; the ratio of cases confirmed to tests performed for disease.
27. **true picture** (noun) – accurate information.
28. **backdrop** (noun) – situation, scenario, context.
29. **poise** (verb) – get into position, be prepared to do something.
30. **far from** (phrase) – not, not at all; nowhere near, a long way from.

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31. overemphasis (verb) – overstress, exaggerate, overdo, overplay, overdramatize.
32. lest (preposition) - in case, just in case, in order to avoid.
33. fly blind (phrase) – to be doing something without having any prior experience (or) to be doing something without having proper information on what you are doing.
34. storm (noun) – outbreak, outburst, eruption, upsurge.
35. adolescent (noun) – teenager, teen, juvenile, young.
36. booster dose (noun) – In medical terms, a booster dose is an extra administration of a vaccine after an earlier dose.
37. rely on (phrasal verb) – depend on; resort to, have recourse to.
38. hybrid immunity (noun) – natural immunity from an infection combined with the immunity provided by the vaccine. The hybrid immunity offers stronger protection than just infection or full vaccination alone.
39. vaccination (noun) – treatment with a vaccine to protect against a particular disease; immunization.
40. shield (verb) – protect, safeguard, keep safe, save.
41. spike (noun) – a sharp rise/increase of something.
42. periodically (adverb) – occasionally, sometimes, at times, now and then.
43. potentially (adverb) – possibly, likely, probably.
44. subset (noun) – subdivision, section, segment.
45. susceptible (adjective) – vulnerable, defenceless.
46. run the risk of (phrase) – do something that may cause something bad/unpleasant thing.
47. prudent (adjective) – wise, sensible, advisable, far-sighted.
48. ventilated (adjective) – allowing air to enter and circulate freely.
49. point in time (phrase) – a particular moment.
50. proactive (adjective) – cautious, careful; foreseeing, wise.

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