

## WORD LIST-1 (MAR 09, 2022)

1. signal (noun) - indication, sign, hint, pointer.
2. current (noun) - trend, tendency, flow, direction, course.
3. ties (noun) – bond, connection, association, relationship.
4. take on board (phrase) – understand, comprehend, fathom out, make sense of, grasp, assimilate, absorb, get to the bottom of.
5. reshape (verb) – change, alter, transform, remodel.
6. claim (noun) – allegation, charge, protestation.
7. Indo-Pacific (region) (noun) – the Indo-Pacific region refers to the confluence (convergence) of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, which interconnect in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and more).
8. strategy (noun) – plan of action (in order to achieve a more expansive set of political, economic, and security interests).
9. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) (noun) – NATO was created in 1949 by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security against the Soviet Union.
10. put on (phrasal verb) - to pretend to have a particular feeling; assume.
11. indeed (adverb) – in fact, actually, undeniably.
12. as long as (phrase) - at or during the time that.
13. iteration (noun) – repetition, reiteration.
14. revive (verb) – restore, revitalise, renew, bring back.
15. Quad/Quadrilateral (noun) – The ‘Quadrilateral’ is described as four democracies (the United States, Japan, Australia and India) with a shared objective to ensure and support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.
16. impending (adjective) – upcoming, approaching, forthcoming; about to happen.
17. of course (phrase) – certainly, definitely, absolutely; obviously, clearly.
18. materialise (verb) – happen, occur, take place.
19. significance (noun) - importance, noteworthiness, consequence, substance, seriousness, gravity, weight.
20. context (noun) - conditions, factors, state of affairs.

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21. **amid** (preposition) – in the middle of, surrounded by; during.
22. **The National People's Congress (NPC)** (noun) - The National People's Congress (NPC) is the highest organ of state power and the national legislature of the People's Republic of China. The NPC is a unicameral legislature with additional powers to oversee the work of the government and to elect major officials. (The NPC is sometimes described as what it is: a “ceremonial” legislature that functions as “rubber stamp” for the Chinese Communist Party).
23. **stoke** (verb) – incite, encourage, add fuel to (a certain feeling/emotion strongly).
24. **geopolitical** (adjective) – relating to (the study of) the geographical factors (a country’s position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources &, etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.
25. **rivalry** (noun) – competition, opposition, conflict, discord, friction, enmity.
26. **club** (noun) - group, association, coalition.
27. **strengthen** (verb) - boost, increase, improve, grow.
28. **Five Eyes (FVEY)** (noun) – it is the multilateral intelligence-sharing alliance. The “five” in the 5 Eyes refers to the five Anglophone (English-speaking) countries that Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the US. These countries are parties to the multilateral UKUSA Agreement, a treaty for joint cooperation in signals intelligence.
29. **alliance** (noun) – association, union, partnership.
30. **peddle** (noun) – promote an idea extensively; advocate, recommend, champion.
31. **peddling** (noun) – an act of promoting an idea extensively.
32. **piece something together** (phrase) - put together, assemble, join up.
33. **AUKUS** (noun) – it is a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific, between Australia, the U.K. and the U.S. The security grouping AUKUS will focus on advancing strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific region. As part of this, Australia will acquire nuclear-powered submarines with help from the U.K. and the U.S.

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34. **tighten** (verb) – make stricter, make more rigorous, make more stringent; increase, scale up, strengthen, make stronger, reinforce, consolidate.
35. **bilateral** (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
36. **lead** (verb) - conduct, direct, mastermind, orchestrate.
37. **repeatedly** (adverb) - frequently, often, again and again.
38. **neutral** (adjective) – impersonal, unbiased, non-partisan.
39. **reaffirm** (verb) – assert, state, assure again strongly.
40. **rock solid** (adjective) - unchanging, firm, rigid, irreversible, invariable.
41. **summit** (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave.
42. **back** (verb) - support, endorse, favour, advocate, promote, uphold, champion.
43. **concern** (noun) – (a cause of) anxiety, worry, disquiet, apprehension.
44. **return the favour** (phrase) - to do something the same or similar for someone in return for something he/she has done for you.
45. **mirror** (verb) - reflect, repeat, match, reproduce, imitate.
46. **binding** (adjective) - irrevocable, unalterable, unbreakable, indissoluble, permanent
47. **glue** (noun) - adhesive substance.
48. **axis** (noun) – a central part.
49. **explicitly** (adverb) – clearly, unequivocally, understandably (without question/doubt).
50. **equate with** (verb) - regard as the same as, compare, liken to.
51. **pact** (noun) – agreement, treaty, accord, deal, compact.
52. **notion** (noun) – idea, belief, opinion, view.
53. **interested** (adjective) – partisan, biased, prejudiced, one-sided, preferential, discriminatory.
54. **analogy** (noun) – comparison; similarity, parallel, correlation.
55. **treaty** (noun) - agreement, settlement, accord, deal.
56. **ally** (noun) – a country/state with an alliance with another one in which they promise to support each other militarily and to defend each other.

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57. aggressive (adjective) – hostile, belligerent, bellicose, hawkish, combative.
58. move (noun) – tack, manoeuvre, tactic, stratagem.
59. 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).
60. deter (verb) – prevent, stop, put off/discourage.
61. firm (adjective) – resolute, determined, resolved, steadfast.
62. hold the line (phrase) - not surrender to the pressure of a tough/problematic situation.
63. underline (verb) - underscore, emphasize, highlight.
64. sway (verb) - influence, affect, bias, persuade, win over.
65. case in point (phrase) - example, instance, case, sample.
66. acknowledge (verb) – accept, recognize, realize.
67. setback (noun) – problem, difficulty, issue.
68. talks (noun) – negotiations, discussions; mediation, arbitration.
69. take something forward (phrase) - deal with, cope with, address, manage, sort out.
70. disengagement (noun) – withdrawal, departure, retreat (of military troops from an area of conflict).
71. seek (verb) – try, aim, attempt (to obtain).
72. much-needed (adjective) – needed to a large extent/degree/level.
73. modus vivendi/modi vivendi (noun) – agreement, deal, understanding, settlement (between two conflicting parties); Modus vivendi is a Latin phrase that literally means “mode of living” or “way of life”.
74. decade (noun) – a period of ten years.

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