

WORD LIST-2 (APR 07, 2023)

1. substance (noun) – significant subject, important matter/content, valid message.
2. subtext (noun) – implicit/indirect meaning; hidden agenda; (underlying) connotation, association, hint, implication; undertone.
3. sought past and past participle of seek (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
4. allay (verb) – reduce, diminish, decrease, lessen; alleviate, ease, relieve.
5. talks (noun) – discussions, dialogue, negotiations, consultation, deliberation.
6. standby (adjective) – reserve, backup, substitute, alternative, emergency.
7. line of credit (or) credit line (noun) – a source of funds that can readily be tapped/borrowed at the borrower's discretion (choice).
8. hydropower (noun) – power derived from the energy of falling water or fast running water.
9. cornerstone (noun) – mainstay, backbone, foundation, chief support, buttress, pillar.
10. ties (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
11. infrastructure (noun) – the basic physical or organisational structure or framework that a country or organization needs in order to function properly. For a whole nation, it includes all the physical systems such as buildings, roads & railways networks, utilities, etc.
12. cross-border (adjective) – across a border between two states/countries.
13. STEM education (noun) – It is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.
14. in keeping with (phrase) – consistent with, in accordance with, in agreement with, in line with, compatible with.
15. pay attention to (phrase) – pay heed to, take notice of, watch, heed, think about something carefully.
16. brain drain (noun) – a term commonly used to describe the movement/emigration of highly skilled individuals or professionals from one country to another country in search of better jobs, lucrative salaries and higher standards of living.

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17. **elite** (noun) – high society people; the group of most powerful people in a society; best.
18. **stand to (do something)** (phrase) – be in situation or be likely to do something.
19. **lose one's edge** (phrase) – no longer have the special skill or advantage that helped someone earlier.
20. **narrative** (noun) – a representation of a particular situation; portrayal, account, description, statement.
21. **outline** (verb) – define, indicate, summarize.
22. **demarcate** (verb) – outline, delimit, delineate.
23. **set alarm bells ringing** (phrase) – to make someone feel distressed/concerned about something.
24. **demarcation** (noun) – an act of fixing of the boundary or limits; outline, delimitation, delineation.
25. **trijunction** (noun) – a geographical point at which the boundaries of three countries or sub-national entities meet; tripoint, triple point, tri-border.
26. **strategically** (adverb) – in a way that is designed/planned to serve a particular purpose.
27. **proximity** (noun) – nearness, presence, closeness.
28. **corridor** (noun) – a strip/swathe of land linking two areas (particularly by a road).
29. **trilateral** (adjective) – involving three nations/parties/groups.
30. **hyper-nationalism** (noun) – extreme nationalism, ultra-nationalism.
31. **antagonism** (noun) – hostility, friction, antipathy, bitterness, animosity, enmity, aversion.
32. **time-tested** (adjective) – established, proven, dependable, trustworthy, reliable.
33. **predicate on/upon** (phrasal verb) – base, be dependent, establish, found.
34. **in terms of** (phrase) – with regard to, regarding, concerning, in respect of, with reference to.
35. **count** (verb) – take into account, take into consideration, include.
36. **prosperity** (noun) – success, fortune, welfare, well being.
37. **anticipate** (verb) – expect, hope, look for, wish for.
38. **interest** (noun) – common concerns (in politics/business).
39. **long-cherished** (adjective) – long-adored, long-esteemed, long-revered, long-admired, long-appreciated.

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