Day 14:

1. imbibe = **পান করা; হজম করা;**

**verb**: to drink or absorb as if drinking  
*Ex: Plato* ***imbibed*** *Socrates’ teachings to such an extent that he was able to write volumes of work that he directly attributed, sometimes word for word, to Socrates.*

1. fractious = **ঝগড়াটে; খিট্খিটে;**

**adjective**: irritable and is likely to cause disruption

*Ex: We rarely invite my* ***fractious*** *Uncle over for dinner; he always complains about the food, and usually launches into a tirade on some touchy subject.*

1. malfeasance = **কুকর্ম; বেআইনী কাজ;**

**noun**: misconduct or wrongdoing (especially by a public official)

*Ex: Not even the mayor’s trademark pearly-toothed grin could save him from charges of* ***malfeasance****: while in power, he’d been running an illegal gambling rink in the room behind his office.*

1. byzantine = **কঠিন ও জটিল;**

**adjective**: intricate and complex

*Ex: Getting a driver’s license is not simply a matter of taking a test; the regulations and procedures are so* ***byzantine*** *that many have found themselves at the mercy of the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

1. artless = **সরল; ছলচাতুরিহীন;**

**adjective**: without cunning (ধূর্ত) or deceit (প্রতারণা)

*Ex: Despite the president's seemingly* ***artless*** *speeches, he was a skilled and ruthless negotiator.*

1. insufferable = **অসহ্য; অসহনীয়;**

**adjective**: intolerable, difficult to endure

*Ex: Chester always tried to find some area in which he excelled above others; unsurprisingly, his co-workers found him* ***insufferable*** *and chose to exclude him from daily luncheons out.*

1. jingoist = **উগ্র দেশপ্রেমি;**

**noun**: a person who thinks their country is always right and who is in favor of aggressive acts against other countries

*Ex: In the days leading up to war, a nation typically breaks up into the two opposing camps: doves, who do their best to avoid war, and* ***jingoists****, who are only too eager to wave national flags from their vehicles and vehemently denounce those who do not do the same.*

1. sedulous = **পরিশ্রমী; অধ্যবসায়ী;**

**adjective**: done diligently and carefully

*Ex: An avid numismatist, Harold* ***sedulously*** *amassed a collection of coins from over 100 countries—an endeavor that took over fifteen years across five continents.*

1. hector = **তর্জন-গর্জন করিয়া কর্তৃত্ব জাহির করা;**

**verb**: to bully or intimidate (ভয় দেখান;)

bully = নির্মমভাবে পীড়ন করা;

*Ex: The boss’s* ***hectoring*** *manner put off many employees, some of whom quit as soon as they found new jobs.*

1. ponderous = ভারী; কঠিন; **কষ্টদায়ক;**

**adjective**: weighed-down; moving slowly

*Ex: Laden with 20 kilograms of college text books, the freshman moved* ***ponderously*** *across the campus.*

1. saturnine = **বিষণ্ণ মেজাজসম্পন্ন;** অপ্রফুল্ল;

adjective: morose or gloomy

Ex: Deprived of sunlight, humans become **saturnine**; that’s why in very northerly territories people are encouraged to sit under an extremely powerful lamp, lest they become morose.

1. supercilious = **উদ্ধত, অহংকৃত; গর্বিত;** সবকিছুকে ঘৃণা করে এমন; উন্নাসিক;

adjective: haughty and disdainful; looking down on others

haughty = উদ্ধত; অহংকারী;

disdainful = ঘৃণাপূর্ণ; তাচ্ছল্যপূর্ণ;

Ex: Nelly felt the Quiz Bowl director acted **superciliously** towards the underclassmen; really, she fumed, must he act so preternaturally omniscient each time he intones some obscure fact—as though everybody knows that Mt. Aconcagua is the highest peak in South America.

1. churlish = **অভদ্র;** রূক্ষ; অসভ্য;

adjective: lacking manners or refinement (অভদ্র; রূক্ষ; অসভ্য;)

Ex: The manager was unnecessarily **churlish** to his subordinates, rarely deigning to say hello, but always quick with a sartorial jab if someone happened to be wearing anything even slightly mismatching.

1. defray = **ব্যয়ভারবহন করা;** বহন করা;

verb: to help pay the cost of, either in part or full

Ex: In order for Sean to attend the prestigious college, his generous uncle helped ***defray*** the excessive tuition with a monthly donation.

1. turpitude = **অসচ্চরিত্রতা; লাম্পট্য;**

noun: depravity (অসাধুতা; ); a depraved (চরিত্রহীন;) act

Ex: During his reign, Caligula indulged in unspeakable sexual practices, so it is not surprising that he will forever be remembered for his turpitude.

1. precipitate = **ত্বরিত; তাড়াহুড়া করা;** হঠকারি; প্রচণ্ডবেগে প্রস্থান করান;\*\*\*

adjective: hasty or rash

Ex: Instead of conducting a thorough investigation after the city hall break-in, the governor acted **precipitately**, accusing his staff of aiding and abetting (ঢাকা দেত্তয়া) the criminals.

verb: to cause to happen

Ex: The government's mishandling of the hurricane's aftermath precipitated a widespread outbreak of looting and other criminal activity.

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1. feckless = নিস্তেজ; নিষ্প্রভ; **অলস ও দ্বায়িত্বজ্ঞানহীন;**

adjective: lazy and irresponsible

Ex: Two years after graduation, Charlie still lived with his parents and had no job, becoming more **feckless** with each passing day.

1. beg =

verb: assume something is true (usu. followed by "the question", meaning that you ask a question in which you assume something that hasn't been proven true)

Ex: By assuming that Charlie was headed to college—which he was not—Maggie **begged** the question when she asked him to which school he was headed in the Fall.

1. lascivious = **লম্পট; কামুক;**

adjective: lecherous (লম্পট); sexually perverted

Ex: Lolita is a challenging novel for many, not necessarily because of the elevated prose style but because of the depravity of the main character, Humbert Humbert, who, as an old, **lascivious** man, lusts after a girl.

1. cow = **ভয়প্রদর্শন করা;** ভয়ে কাতর করা;

verb: to intimidate

Ex: Do not be cowed by a 3,000-word vocabulary list: turn that list into a deck of flashcards!

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1. untoward = **প্রতিকূল;**

adjective: unfavorable; inconvenient

Ex: Some professors find teaching untoward as having to prepare for lectures and conduct office hours prevents them from focusing on their research.

1. zeitgeist = যুগচেতনা; **যুগের মানসিকতা;** **যুগের ভাবধারা;**

noun: spirit of the times

Ex: Each decade has its own **zeitgeist**—the 1990’s was a prosperous time in which the promise of the American Dream never seemed more palpable.

1. anathema = **অভিশাপ;** **অভিশপ্ত বা ঘৃণিত বস্তু;**

noun: a detested (অবজ্ঞাজনক) person; the source of somebody's hate

Ex: Hundreds of years ago, Galileo was **anathema** to the church; today the church is anathema to some on the left side of the political spectrum.

1. apogee = **শীর্ষবিন্দু; শিখর;**

noun: the highest point

Ex: The apogee of the Viennese style of music, Mozart’s music continues to mesmerize audiences well into the 21st century.

1. equivocate = **দ্ব্যর্থবাক্য ব্যবহার করা;** বাক্চাতুরী করা;

verb: to speak vaguely, usually with the intention to mislead or deceive

Ex: After Sharon brought the car home an hour after her curfew, she equivocated when her parents pointedly asked her where she had been.

1. kowtow = **শ্রদ্ধা বা আনুগত্য জানাতে মাটিতে মাথা ঠেকানো; অত্যন্ত বিনয় প্রদর্শন করা;**

verb: to bow (নম; প্রণাম;) or act in a subservient manner

Ex: Paul **kowtowed** to his boss so often the boss herself became nauseated by his sycophancy.

1. nadir = **নিম্নতম বিন্দু;**

noun: the lowest point

Ex: For many pop music fans, the rap– and alternative-rock–dominated 90s were the **nadir** of musical expression.

1. alacrity = **উদ্দীপনা; ক্ষিপ্রতা; সক্রিয়তা;** স্ফূর্তি; উত্সাহপূর্ণ; তত্পরতা;

noun: an eager willingness to do something

Ex: The first three weeks at his new job, Mark worked with such **alacrity** that upper management knew it would be giving him a promotion.

1. exegesis = **ব্যাখ্যামূলক সমালোচনা;** বাইবেলের সমালোচনা ও ভাষ্য;

noun: critical explanation or analysis, especially of a text

Ex: The Bible is fertile ground for exegesis—over the past five centuries there have been as many interpretations as there are pages in the Old Testament.

1. prosaic = **নীরস; বেরসিক;**

adjective: dull and lacking imagination

Ex: Unlike the talented artists in his workshop, Paul had no such bent for the visual medium, so when it was time for him to make a stained glass painting, he ended up with a **prosaic** mosaic.

1. vicissitude = পরিবর্তন; **ভাগ্যপরিবর্তন**; **উত্থান-পতন;**

noun: change in one’s circumstances, usually for the worse

Ex: Even great rulers have their **vicissitudes**—massive kingdoms have diminished overnight, and once beloved kings have faced the scorn of angry masses.

1. choleric = **বদরাগী**; রাগান্বিত; দজ্জাল;

adjective: prone to outbursts of temper; easily angered

Ex: While a brilliant lecturer, Mr. Dawson came across as choleric and unapproachable—very rarely did students come to his office hours.

1. expansive = **অকপট; খোলাখুলি**; প্রসারণক্ষম;  
   adjective: communicative, and prone to talking in a sociable manner  
   Ex: After a few sips of cognac, the octogenarian shed his irascible demeanor and became expansive, speaking fondly of the “good old days”.  
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2. penurious = 1**অভাবগ্রস্থ**; 2**কৃপণস্বভাব**; ব্যয়কুণ্ঠ  
   adjective: lacking money; poor  
   Ex: Truly penurious, Mary had nothing more than a jar full of pennies.  
   adjective: miserly  
   Ex: Warren Buffett, famous multi-billionaire, still drives a cheap sedan, not because he is penurious, but because luxury cars are gaudy and impractical.
3. conciliate = **শান্ত করা; সন্তুষ্ট করা;** ঠাণ্ডা করা;  
   verb: to make peace with  
   Ex: His opponents believed his gesture to be conciliatory, yet as soon as they put down their weapons, he unsheathed a hidden sword.
4. factious = **দলাদলি সস্মন্ধীয়;বিরোধপূর্ণ**; \*\*\*  
   adjective: produced by, or characterized by internal dissension (মতানৈক্য)  
   dissenting = ভিন্নমত;  
   Ex: The controversial bill proved factious, as dissension even within parties resulted
5. perfunctory = **যেমন-তেমনভাবে কৃত; তাচ্ছল্য সহকারে কৃত**; দ্রুতসম্পাদিত; ভাসা-ভাসা;  
   adjective: done routinely and with little interest or care  
   Ex: The short film examines modern perfunctory cleaning rituals such as washing dishes, doing laundry and tooth-brushing.
6. attenuate = **কমানো; শক্তিহীন করা;** ঘনত্ব হ্রাস করা;  
   verb: to weaken (in terms of intensity); to taper off/become thinner.  
   Ex: Her animosity towards Bob attenuated over the years, and she even went so far as to invite him to her party.
7. indigent = **অভাবগ্রস্ত; দরিদ্র;**   
   adjective: poor; having very little  
   Ex: In the so-called Third World, many are **indigent** and only a privileged few have the resources to enjoy material luxuries.  
   noun: a poor or needy person  
   Ex: The **indigents**, huddled under the overpass, tried to start a small bonfire in the hope of staying warm.
8. apostate = **ধর্মত্যাগী;**  
   noun: a person who has abandoned a religious faith or cause  
   Ex: An **apostate** of the Republican Party, Sheldon has yet to become affiliated with any party and dubs himself an independent.
9. truculent = **নিষ্ঠুর; হিংস্র;**  
   adjective: having a fierce, savage nature  
   Ex: Standing in line for six hours, she became progressively **truculent**, yelling at DMV employees and elbowing other people waiting in line.
10. arrant = পুরাদস্তুর; **পুরাদস্তুর কুখ্যাত;**  
    adjective: complete and wholly (usually modifying a noun with negative connotation)  
    Ex: An arrant fool, Lawrence surprised nobody when he lost all his money in a pyramid scheme that was every bit as transparent as it was corrupt.
11. overweening = **উদ্ধত; দাম্ভিক;**  
    adjective: arrogant; presumptuous (বেয়াদব)  
    Ex: Mark was so convinced of his basketball skills that in his overweening pride he could not fathom that his name was not on the varsity list; he walked up to the basketball coach and told her she had forgotten to add his name.
12. expunge = **মুছিয়া ফেলা;**   
    verb: to eliminate completely  
    Ex: When I turned 18, all of the shoplifting and jaywalking charges were expunged from my criminal record.
13. base = 1ভিত্তি; 2নিম্নদেশ; নিকৃষ্ট; নীচ;  
    adjective: the lowest, without any moral principles  
    Ex: She was not so **base** as to begrudge the beggar the unwanted crumbs from her dinner plate.
14. contentious = **কলহপ্রিয়; ঝগড়াটে;** বিতর্কমূলক;  
    adjective: likely to argue  
    Ex: Since old grandpa Harry became very **contentious** during the summer when only reruns were on T.V., the grandkids learned to hide from him at every opportunity.
15. pariah = **জাতিচু্যত ব্যক্তি;**  
    noun: an outcast (নির্বাসিত; সমাজচু্যত;)  
    Ex: The once eminent scientist, upon being found guilty of faking his data, has become a **pariah** in the research community.
16. chary = সতর্ক;সাবধান; **সাবধানী;** লাজুক;  
    adjective: cautious, suspiciously reluctant to do something  
    Ex: Having received three speeding tickets in the last two months, Jack was **chary** of driving at all above the speed limit, even on a straight stretch of highway that looked empty for miles ahead.
17. diatribe = **তীব্র সমালোচনা;**  
    noun: a strong verbal attack against a person or institution  
    Ex: Steve’s mom launched into a **diatribe** during the PTA meeting, contending that the school was little more than a daycare in which students stare at the wall and teachers stare at the chalkboard.
18. catholic = **বিশ্বজনীন;** সার্বজনীন;   
    adjective: of broad scope; universal  
    Jonah’s friends said that Jonah’s taste in music was eclectic; Jonah was quick to point out that not only was his taste eclectic but it was also catholic: he enjoyed music from countries as far-flung as Mali and Mongolia.