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### **WORD LIST-1 (SEP 13, 2018)**

- 1. <u>sage</u> (adjective) wise, learned, sensible.
- 2. <u>heed</u> (verb) pay attention to, take into account, consider.
- 3. <u>build up</u> (phrasal verb) develop, expand, enlarge.
- 4. <u>non-performing assets (NPAs)</u> (noun) bad loans, troubled accounts, stressed loans; an account where principal and/or interest remains overdue for a period of time.
- 5. <u>flag</u> (verb) indicate, identify, point out.
- 6. contingent liability (noun) a liability which may arise depending on the outcome of a specific event.
- 7. <u>disbursement</u> (noun) spending, expending, paying out.
- 8. <u>outstanding</u> (adjective) unpaid/undue, unsettled, payable.
- 9. sanction (verb) approve, accept, agree/endorse.
- 10.<u>informal sector</u> (noun) informal economy, grey economy is the part of an economy that is neither taxed, nor monitored by any form of government.
- 11.<u>under the radar</u> (phrase) unnoticed; without attention.
- 12. <u>in course of time</u> (phrase) as time passes by, on the way, in the offing.
- 13. hold true (phrase) remain true or valid.
- 14. <u>loan waiver</u> (noun) it is the waiving of the real or potential liability of the person or party who has taken out a loan through the voluntary action of the person or party who has made the loan.
- 15.<u>turn a deaf ear</u> (phrase) pay no attention/heed, ignore, disregard.
- 16. <u>vitiate</u> (verb) spoil, impair, destroy.
- 17. hazard (noun) danger, risk, peril.
- 18. invariably (adverb) always, every time, each time.
- 19. waive off (phrasal verb) cancel, nullify, abolish.
- 20. <u>ludicrous</u> (adjective) absurd, ridiculous, laughable.
- 21. allegation (noun) charge/claim, accusation; complaint.
- 22. <u>forward-looking</u> (adjective) progressive, ambitious, reforming.
- 23. avert (verb) prevent, stop, avoid.
- 24. <u>induct</u> (verb) allow into, introduce to, admit to.
- 25. <u>deficit</u> (noun) shortfall, deficiency, shortage.
- 26. polity (noun) nation, country, society.
- 27. <u>purported</u> (adjective) alleged, claimed, professed.
- 28. high profile (adjective) high level, well known, notable.

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## WORD LIST-2 (SEP 13, 2018)

- 1. <u>status quo</u> (noun) the present situation, the current state, the existing state of affairs.
- 2. apotheosize (verb) idolize, elevate, dignify.
- 3. <u>beacon</u> (noun) guiding light; a source of inspiration, signal.
- 4. <u>crackdown</u> (noun) clampdown, getting tough/severe measures, suppression.
- 5. <u>dissent</u> (noun) disagreement, disapproval, opposition.
- 6. de\_facto (adjective) actual/real, existing, effective.
- 7. motorcade (noun) procession, march, cortège (of motor cycles).
- 8. <u>reprisal</u> (noun) retaliation, counterattack; revenge/retribution.
- 9. <u>swift</u> (adjective) prompt, rapid/sudden, fast.
- 10. <u>personnel</u> (noun) staff, employees, workforce.
- 11.brutalize (verb) attack, abuse, assault,/beat.
- 12.unrest (noun) disorder, agitation, disruption.
- 13. <u>crutch</u> (noun) walking stick.
- 14. <u>reprieve</u> (noun) cancellation, suspension, postponement (of something undesirable event).
- 15.<u>on the surface</u> (phrase) outward appearance, outwardly, apparently/ostensibly.
- 16. <u>illusion</u> (noun) appearance, impression, imitation.
- 17. smooth over (phrasal verb) settle/resolve, sort out, rectify.
- 18.to the core (phrase) completely, totally, entirely.
- 19. yearning (noun) longing, desire/wish, appetite.
- 20.<u>preside (over)</u> (verb) be in charge of, be responsible for, be accountable for.
- 21.<u>to the fore</u> (phrase) predominant, most important, of greatest importance.
- 22. muster (noun) gathering, rally/meeting, assembly.
- 23. <u>preponderance</u> (noun) prevalence, predominance, dominance/majority.
- 24. fierce (adjective) powerful, aggressive, fiery.
- 25. starkly (adverb) in a sharply clear way.
- 26. <u>bruise</u> (verb) hurt, wound, injure.
- 27. stoke (verb) incite, encourage, fuel.
- 28.<u>ilk</u> (noun) group, sect, class.
- 29. pressing (adjective) compelling, demanding, important/crucial.
- 30. take to (phrasal verb) resort to, turn to, have recourse to.

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- 1. <u>bring/close/pull down /draw the curtain on (phrase)</u> to end.
- 2. <u>strike down</u> (phrasal verb) abolish, annul, nullify (a law).
- 3. rousing (adjective) stirring, inspiring, exciting/stimulating.
- 4. <u>lay out</u> (phrasal verb) work out, formulate, draft/design.
- 5. <u>ought to</u> (modal verb) must, should.
- 6. <u>lodestar</u> (noun) guide, guiding light, role model.
- 7. <u>endeavour</u> (noun) attempt, try, effort.
- 8. <u>fraternity</u> (noun) group, profession; a group of people with same job, interest and etc.
- 9. <u>trinity</u> (noun) a group of three things.
- 10. wretchedly (adverb) awfully, dismally, badly/poorly.
- 11. wicked (adjective) immoral, wrongful, unrighteous.
- 12. insofar (adverb) to the extent/degree that.
- 13. <u>beckon</u> (verb) attract, captivate, persuade.
- 14. <u>carnal</u> (adjective) sexual, sensual, erotic.
- 15. persecute (verb) victimize, punish, mistreat/oppress.
- 16.<u>LGBT Community</u> lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Community. The last letter Q (in LGBTQ) can mean either 'questioning' or 'queer (queer is anything that exists outside of the dominant narrative or it means all of first four letters).
- 17. edict (noun) decree, order, command.
- 18. <u>intrinsic</u> (adjective) basic, fundamental, essential.
- 19. societal (adjective) related to society.
- 20. mores (noun) customs, traditions, practices.
- 21. entrench (verb) establish, settle, root.
- 22. discriminatory (adjective) biased, unfair, prejudiced.
- 23.a slew of (noun) a large number of, lot, range.
- 24. explicitly (adverb) clearly, unequivocally, without any doubt.
- 25. indignation (noun) anger/fury, shock, resentment.
- 26. howsoever (conjunction) in whatever way, however.
- 27. override (verb) disallow, overrule, reverse.
- 28. <u>outweigh</u> (verb) supersede, offset, cancel out.
- 29. majoritarian (adjective) relating to a philosophy that states that a majority (sometimes categorized by religion, language, social class, or some other identifying factor) of the population is entitled to a certain degree of primacy (priority) in society, and has the right to make decisions that affect the society.

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- 30.<u>radical</u> (adjective) basic, essential, fundamental.
- 31.nugatory (adjective) worthless/meaningless, futile, useless.
- 32. shattering (adjective) very shocking, upsetting.
- 33.miniscule (adjective) very small, little, minute.
- 34. quotidian (adjective) ordinary, common, normal.
- 35. infringe (verb) violate/break, contravene, fail to comply with
- 36. discrimination (noun) prejudice, bias/bigotry, inequity.
- 37. <u>pledge</u> (noun) promise, undertaking, assurance/agreement.
- 38. inherent (verb) deep-root, ingrain, build-in.
- 39. profoundly (adverb) extremely, intensely, greatly.
- 40.interpret (verb) understand, comprehend, read.
- 41.<u>age-old</u> (adjective) long-established, long-standing, historic/traditional.
- 42. <u>couch</u> (verb) express, frame, formulate
- 43. abstract (adjective) theoretical, conceptual, notional.
- 44. <u>coherent</u> (adjective) logical, reasonable, rational.
- 45. <u>vacillate</u> (verb) be irresolute, be undecided, be doubtful.
- 46. <u>espouse</u> (verb) adopt, embrace; support/endorse (a cause).
- 47. <u>invoke</u> (verb) cite, refer to, adduce.
- 48. <u>hegemony</u> (noun) leadership, dominance, supremacy.
- 49. <u>prevalent</u> (adjective) widespread, usual/common, ubiquitous.
- 50. embrace (verb) accept, approve, adopt.
- 51. usher (verb) lead, guide, shepherd/marshal.
- 52. <u>egalitarian</u> (adjective) common, equal; fair.
- 53. <u>conviction</u> (noun) belief, opinion, view/thought.
- 54. partake (verb) participate, take part/join, engage.
- 55. <u>female genital mutilation (FGM)</u> (noun) it comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female *genitalia*, or other injury to the female *genital* organs for non-medical reasons.
- 56. <u>adultery</u> (noun) voluntary sexual acts between a married person and someone who is not a spouse of that person.
- 57. telling (adjective) revealing, significant/important, meaningful.
- 58. scarcely (adverb) hardly, barely; rarely.
- 59. <u>naked</u> (adjective) obvious, open, evident/palpable.

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