1. **clear** (verb) – permit, allow, give approval to.
2. **quarantine** (noun) – a process of separating out people, animals and things (such as plants) from others for a period of time in order to control/restrict the spread of a contagious disease; Quarantine is imposed to separate and restrict the movement of persons, who may have been exposed to infectious disease, but not yet known to be ill.
3. **prioritise** (verb) – make a point of, highlight, call attention to (something as very important).
4. **equitable** (adjective) – fair, impartial.
5. **reclaim** (verb) - recover, retrieve.
6. **normality** (noun) – a normal state of affairs, regularity.
7. **cheer** (verb) – encourage, comfort,
8. **skip** (verb) -  do without, pass over, bypass, ignore.
9. **mandatory** (adjective) - compulsory, obligatory, required.
10. **apply** to (verb) - be relevant, relate, concern.
11. **pact** (noun) - agreement, deal, contract.
12. **reciprocity** (noun) – exchange, trade-off, swap/switch, return.
13. **bubble flight/air bubble** (noun) – a bilateral arrangement between two countries under which airlines from both countries can operate international flights with a set of regulations and restrictions.
14. **resume** (verb) – restart, start again, recommence.
15. **due to** (phrase) – because of, owing to, on account of, as a result of.
16. **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.
17. **variant** (noun) – different or form or version or mutant of something (virus).
18. **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.
19. **inbound** (adjective) - travelling to a country other than that of where they live.
20. **outbound** (adjective) - travelling out of your home country.

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21. relaxation (noun) – the process of making a restriction/rule less strict.
22. in line to do something (phrase) - to have a very good chance of doing something.
23. recoup (verb) – regain, recover, get back (something lost).
24. sound (adjective) – well founded, valid, reasonable, logical, solid.
25. epidemiological (adjective) – relating to the study and analysis of the distribution, patterns and determinants of health and disease conditions in defined populations.
26. trajectory (noun) – track/course, route, path, direction, approach.
27. bear (verb) - support, uphold, absorb.
28. precipitous (adjective) – sudden, unexpected, swift, abrupt.
29. fall (noun) - decline, drop, decrease, lessening, diminishing.
30. attitude (noun) - approach, perspective, stance, standpoint, position.
31. rapid antigen test (RAT) (noun) – It is a test on swabbed nasal samples that detects antigens (foreign substances that induce an immune response in the body) that are found on or within the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It is a point-of-care test, performed outside the conventional laboratory setting, and is used to quickly obtain a diagnostic result. In a reliable rapid antigen detection test, the maximum duration for interpreting a positive or negative test is 30 minutes.
32. self-administer (verb) – (of a drug etc.) be taken by a person to himself.
33. RT-PCR testing (noun) – Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Testing; it is one of the most accurate laboratory methods for detecting, tracking, and studying the coronavirus. It is a nuclear-derived method for detecting the presence of specific genetic material from any pathogen, including a virus. (pathogen is a bacteria/virus that causes disease).
34. relative (adjective) – reasonable, a fair degree of, considerable; comparable, correlative.
35. 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”.
36. hospitalisation (noun) – the act of taking (or) admitting someone to (or) in hospital for treatment.

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37. **vaccine** (noun) – a biological preparation that improves immunity to a particular disease.
38. **pose** (verb) – constitute, present, create, cause (a challenge or problem or danger or risk).
39. **reckoning** (noun) – opinion, judgement, evaluation.
40. **booster shot/dose** (noun) – In medical terms, a booster dose is an extra administration of a vaccine after an earlier dose.
41. **coronavirus (CoV)** (noun) – a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. (Courtesy: WHO)
42. **repel** (verb) – fight off, repulse, drive away, force back, push back.
43. **vaccination** (noun) – treatment with a vaccine to protect against a particular disease; immunization.
44. **lockdown** (noun) – an emergency protocol implemented by the authorities that prevents people from leaving from a place; An extended state of confinement/encirclement/isolation of a person by the authority.
45. **herd immunity** (noun) – also known as “population immunity”; it refers to a means (ways) of protecting a whole community from disease by immunizing a critical mass of its populace (population). It is also defined as a form of indirect protection from infectious disease that occurs when a large percentage of a population is immune to an infection, thereby providing a measure of protection for individuals who are not immune.
46. **breakthrough infections** (noun) – people getting infections after they are fully vaccinated is when the infections are caused by circulating virus variants, with potential immune escape mechanism, which might reduce the efficacy of vaccines. These are called “vaccine breakthrough infections/cases”.
47. **rife** (adjective) – widespread, general, common, extensive, prevalent, ubiquitous, omnipresent, everywhere, present everywhere.
48. **imply** (verb) – suggest, hint, signal, implicate, say indirectly, indicate.
49. **move forward** (phrase) - make progress, make strides; proceed, advance, improve.
50. **remnant** (noun) – remains, remainder, rest.

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