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1. **politics over people (phrase)** – a situation where political interests, electoral strategies, or partisan agendas are prioritized over the actual welfare, rights, and well-being of the citizens; power-centric governance, strategic politicking, opportunism over public welfare.
2. **High-Level Committee on Demographic Change (noun)** – an official panel constituted by the Government of India, chaired by former Supreme Court Judge Justice P.P. Naolekar, mandated to conduct a comprehensive assessment of demographic changes occurring across the country due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes, analyze abnormal population shifts among religious and social communities, and recommend a planned, time-bound solution.
3. **demographic change (noun phrase)** – a transformation or shift in the size, structure, age distribution, or composition of a human population over time; population alteration, demographic shift, population shift.
4. **pragmatism (noun)** – realism, practicability, logical thinking, practical approach.
5. **guide (verb)** – direct, steer, manage, conduct, lead.
6. **demographic (adjective)** – relating to the statistical characteristics of human populations (such as age, income, birth rate, etc.).
7. **governance (noun)** – administration, management, regulation, oversight.
8. **constitute (verb)** – form, create, establish, set up.
9. **panel (noun)** – committee, council, commission, working group.
10. **paranoid (adjective)** – over-suspicious, distrustful, extremely fearful, insecure.
11. **mindset (noun)** – attitude, way of thinking, psychology, frame of mind.
12. **devious (adjective)** – underhanded, deceitful, cunning, scheming, tricky.
13. **conspiracy (noun)** – plot, scheme, stratagem; a secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.

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14. **move (noun)** – step, action, measure, decision.
15. **shape (noun)** – form, structure, definition, configuration.
16. **substance (noun)** – meaning, significance, weight, reality.
17. **thought (noun)** – idea, notion, belief, opinion.
18. **express (verb)** – state, articulate, communicate, convey.
19. **unnatural (adjective)** – abnormal, anomalous, irregular, unusual.
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21. **challenge (noun)** – problem, difficulty, issue, obstacle.
22. **address (noun)** – speech, talk, discourse.
23. **proposal (noun)** – plan, scheme, suggestion, proposition.
24. **characterise (verb)** – identify, describe, portray, depict.
25. **illegal (adjective)** – unlawful, illegitimate, illicit, unauthorized.
26. **infiltration (noun)** – intrusion, trespass, penetration, the secret entry of individuals into a country or territory.
27. **premeditated (adjective)** – planned, calculated, intentional, deliberate.
28. **demography (noun)** – the statistical study of populations, especially with reference to size and density, distribution, and vital statistics.
29. **chair (verb)** – preside over, lead, head, direct.
30. **assess (verb)** – evaluate, judge, study, gauge, determine.
31. **pattern (noun)** – system, trend, tendency.
32. **abnormal (adjective)** – unusual, irregular, anomalous, deviant.
33. **shift (noun)** – change, alteration, variation, movement.
34. **time-bound (adjective)** – required to be completed by a specific time or within a specific period; time-limited, strict-deadline, deadline-driven, schedule-driven.
35. **link (verb)** – connect, associate, relate, tie.
36. **sovereignty (noun)** – the supreme, independent authority of a state to govern itself and its territory without external interference; autonomy, independence, self-government, self-rule.
37. **law and order (noun)** – a situation in which laws are obeyed

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- and peaceful conditions are maintained in society; peacefulness, discipline.
38. **profound (adjective)** – intense, extreme, severe, deep.
39. **social structure (noun)** – the organized pattern of social relationships and social institutions that together compose society.
40. **preservation (noun)** – protection, conservation, safeguarding, maintenance.
41. **tribal society (noun)** – a social group comprising numerous families, clans, or generations together with dependents.
42. **according to (phrase)** – as stated by, in the opinion of, on the authority of.
43. **affect (verb)** – influence, impact, alter, change.
44. **public service delivery (noun)** – the implementation of government services and making sure they reach those people and places they are intended to.
45. **local governance (noun)** – the administration of the local affairs of a city, town, or other district by its inhabitants.
46. **resource distribution (noun)** – the allocation or sharing of wealth, materials, and assets among the population.
47. **social cohesion (noun)** – the willingness of members of a society to cooperate with each other to survive and prosper; unity, togetherness, solidarity.
48. **formulate (verb)** – create, prepare, develop, devise.
49. **custody (noun)** – detention, confinement, imprisonment, captivity.
50. **deportation (noun)** – expulsion, extradition, repatriation, banishment, exile, eviction.
51. **infiltrator (noun)** – intruder, trespasser, invader.
52. **indeed (adverb)** – truly, actually, certainly, undeniably.
53. **management (noun)** – administration, handling, control, direction.
54. **population dynamics (noun)** – the study of short-term and long-term changes in the size, structure, and composition of populations; demographic trends, population fluctuation.
55. **dynamics (noun)** – the forces or properties which stimulate growth, development, or change within a system or process.

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56. **key (adjective)** – crucial, vital, significant, important.
57. **instrument (noun)** – mechanism, means, medium, tool.
58. **hold (verb)** – conduct, organize, convene.
59. **referendum (noun)** – public vote, plebiscite, popular vote; a direct vote in which people cast ballots to decide on a specific issue or policy.
60. **cap (verb)** – limit, restrict, keep within bounds, control.
61. **immigration (noun)** – the action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country; migration, relocation.
62. **contentious (adjective)** – controversial, debatable, disputed.
63. **unregulated (adjective)** – uncontrolled, unchecked, unrestricted.
64. **cross-border (adjective)** – across a border between two countries.
65. **movement (noun)** – relocation, migration, transfer, shift.
66. **population management (noun)** – practices and policies aimed at regulating the size, composition, and distribution of a population.
67. **however (adverb)** – nevertheless, nonetheless, yet, but.
68. **entirely (adverb)** – completely, absolutely, totally, wholly.
69. **securitise (verb)** – to view or frame an issue (such as demographic trends) as a major security threat requiring extraordinary measures; to frame non-threatening issues as urgent, existential security threats
70. **trend (noun)** – tendency, direction, drift, pattern.
71. **at the cost of (phrase)** – by sacrificing, at the expense of, by losing.
72. **adjacent (adjective)** – adjoining, neighbouring, related, connected.
73. **do more harm than good (phrase)** – to worsen a situation or cause more damage than benefit; backfire, prove counterproductive, exacerbate the situation.
74. **Special Intensive Revision (SIR) (noun)** – a comprehensive exercise undertaken by the Election Commission of India to verify and update electoral rolls by removing duplicate and non-citizen voters, ensuring accurate documentation of eligible citizens.
75. **electoral roll (noun)** – voter list, register of electors.

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76. **valid (adjective)** – legally acceptable, legitimate, lawful, authentic.
77. **to the extent (phrase)** – up to the point, as much as, insofar as.
78. **establish (verb)** – prove, demonstrate, show to be true, verify.
79. **documentation (noun)** – official papers, paperwork, certificates, records.
80. **exercise (noun)** – activity, task, operation, process.
81. **stateless (adjective)** – not recognized as a citizen of any country; devoid of a nationality.
82. **willing (adjective)** – ready, prepared, inclined, agreeable.
83. **result in (phrasal verb)** – cause, bring about, lead to, prompt.
84. **demographic deadlock (noun)** – a standstill or impasse caused by complex population-related issues, such as a large number of stateless people whom no country accepts.
85. **deadlock (noun)** – a situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible; stalemate, impasse, standstill, gridlock.
86. **rather than (phrase)** – instead of, as opposed to.
87. **communal profiling (noun)** – the act of targeting or categorizing individuals based on their religious or community identity for scrutiny or suspicion.
88. **consider (verb)** – think about, examine, evaluate, contemplate.
89. **human cost (noun)** – the negative impact on people's lives, such as suffering, displacement, loss of rights, or death.
90. **face (verb)** – encounter, experience, confront, tackle.
91. **life expectancy (noun)** – the average period that a person may expect to live.
92. **fall (adjective)** – decrease, decline, drop, shrink.
93. **birth rate (noun)** – the number of live births per thousand of population per year.
94. **composition (noun)** – structure, make-up, constitution, formation.
95. **concern (noun)** – worry, anxiety, apprehension, fear.
96. **demographic dividend (noun)** – the economic growth potential that can result from shifts in a population's age structure, mainly when the share of the working-age population is larger than the non-working-age share.

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97. **evolving (adjective)** – changing, developing, progressing, advancing.
98. **remain (verb)** – continue to be, stay, endure.
99. **challenging (adjective)** – demanding, testing, difficult, tough.
100. **shape (verb)** – influence, form, determine, guide.
101. **trajectory (noun)** – course, path, route, track.
102. **Partition (noun)** – the division of British India in 1947 into the independent dominions of India and Pakistan.
103. **sovereign (adjective)** – independent, self-governing, autonomous.
104. **geographical (adjective)** – relating to geography; territorial, spatial.
105. **continuum (noun)** – a continuous sequence or whole, without clear dividing lines; progression, continuity.
106. **legacy (noun)** – consequence, outcome, effect, aftermath.
107. **voluntary (adjective)** – optional, discretionary, of one's own free will.
108. **involuntary (adjective)** – forced, coerced, compulsory, against one's will.
109. **sensitivity (noun)** – consideration, care, empathy, thoughtfulness.
110. **long-term (adjective)** – enduring, lasting, prolonged, extended.
111. **view (noun)** – perspective, approach, standpoint, outlook.

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