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#### **VOCABULARY**

- 1. Anthropogenic: Caused or produced by humans.
  - Synonyms: Human-made, man-made, artificial.
  - Antonyms: Natural, non-anthropogenic.
  - Example: Climate change is often attributed to anthropogenic factors such as carbon emissions.
- 2. Salient: Most noticeable or important.
  - Synonyms: Prominent, conspicuous, noteworthy.
  - Antonyms: Inconspicuous, unimportant.
  - Example: The salient features of the new software include improved security and user-friendly interface.
- 3. Predicament: A difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation.
  - Synonyms: Dilemma, quandary, plight.
  - Antonyms: Solution, resolution.
  - Example: Finding herself in a predicament, Sarah had to choose between honesty and protecting her friend.
- Ensnares: Captures or catches in a trap or entangles.
  - Synonyms: Entraps, captures, entangles.
  - Antonyms: Releases, frees.

- Example: The spider expertly ensnares its prey in a delicate web.
- 5. Jeopardy: Danger of harm, damage, or loss.
  - Synonyms: Peril, risk, threat.
  - Antonyms: Safety, security.
  - Example: The financial crisis put the entire company in jeopardy of bankruptcy.
- 6. Exigencies: Urgent needs or demands, especially in difficult circumstances.
  - Synonyms: Requirements, necessities, demands.
  - Antonyms: Luxury, surplus.
  - Example: In times of war, governments must address the exigencies of the situation with swift and decisive action.
- 7. Ameliorate: To make a situation or condition better.
  - Synonyms: Improve, enhance, alleviate.
  - Antonyms: Worsen, deteriorate.
  - Example: The new policies were implemented to ameliorate the working conditions for employees.
- 8. Delineate: To describe or portray precisely.
  - Synonyms: Outline, depict, describe.
  - Antonyms: Blur, obscure.
  - Example: The artist carefully delineated the intricate details of the landscape in his painting.

- 9. Egregious: Outstandingly bad or shocking.
  - Synonyms: Flagrant, outrageous, glaring.
  - Antonyms: Minor, insignificant.
  - Example: The company's egregious violation of environmental regulations led to severe penalties.
- 10. Transcending: Going beyond the usual limits, surpassing.
  - Synonyms: Surpassing, exceeding, going beyond.
  - Antonyms: Conforming, staying within limits.
  - Example: The artist aimed at transcending conventional artistic boundaries with her avant-garde work.
- 11. Cornerstone: The cornerstone refers to the fundamental, essential, or crucial part of something. It is the basic element upon which the existence or success of something depends.
  - Synonyms: Foundation, keystone, basis, core, anchor, basis.
  - Antonyms: Periphery, fringe, nonessential, trivial.
  - Example: The ethical treatment of employees is the cornerstone of our company's values.
- 12. Efficacy: Efficacy is the ability of something to produce the desired result or effectiveness in achieving a specific goal or purpose.

- Synonyms: Effectiveness, efficiency, capability, potency, productivity.
- Antonyms: Ineffectiveness, inefficiency, impotence, incapacity.
- Example: The new medication has demonstrated remarkable efficacy in treating the symptoms of the illness.

#### Phrases and phrasal verbs

- 13. Unleash into: to release or let loose.
- 14. Giving rise to: to cause or bring about.
- 15. Adhering to: it means to stick to or follow a particular set of rules, guidelines, or instructions.
- 16. In the face of: when confronted with or in the presence of.

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### CURRENT AFFAIRS 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024

- 1. The Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (COP14) will be hosted by the Government of Uzbekistan, in Samarkand from 12-17 February 2024.
- 2. The Andhra Pradesh government recently imposed a monthlong ban on fishing in the 5-km radius of Hope Island to prevent the death of Olive Ridley turtles off Kakinada coast.
- **3.** India's wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation rate has declined to a three-month low of 0.27% year-on-year in January. This reduction is attributed to a decrease in prices of food articles.
- **4.** Anup Chandra Pandey on Wednesday demitted office as an election commissioner on attaining the age of 65, creating a vacancy in the three-member Election Commission.

- **5.** During a notable diplomatic event, India and the UAE exchanged several MoUs, including one to link their instant payment platforms: UPI (India) and AANI (UAE).
- **6.** In a unanimous verdict, the Constitutional Bench of Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, has held the electoral bonds scheme is unconstitutional and is violative of Article 19(1)(a). It also held that the amendment to Section 182 Companies Act, which allowed corporate political funding, as unconstitutional.
  - The Bench directed the State Bank of India, the sole issuer of electoral bonds, to immediately stop its issuance and furnish the details of donations through electoral bonds and the details of the political parties which received the contributions by March 6, 2024.
- **7.** Finance Minister Diya Kumari unveils Rajasthan's budget, introducing the Chief Minister Vishwakarma Pension Yojana, aiding laborers and street vendors in their old age.
- 8. India grabs gold and silver medal in shooting world cup.
- **9.**Indian Hammer thrower Rachna Kumari banned for 12 years for dopping.

- **10.** Jay Shah confirms Rohit Sharma as Indias captain for 2024 T20 World Cup.
- **11.** Imran Khan's party nominates Omar Ayub as Pakistan PM face.
- **12.** 23-year-old mother V Sripathy becomes Tamil-Nadu's First Tribal Woman Civil Judge.

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