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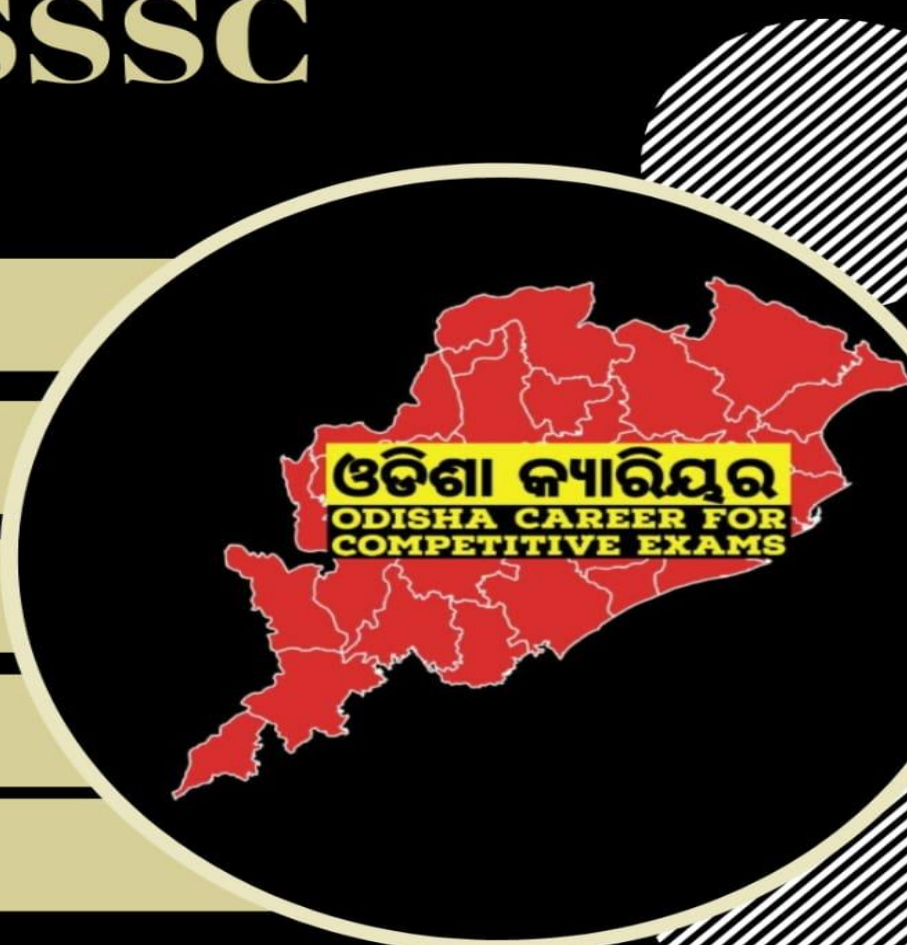
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VOCABULARY

1. **Breach**: an act of breaking a law, promise, agreement or relationship.
 - Synonyms: infringement, transgression
 - Antonyms: observance, compliance
 - Example: Signing the non-disclosure agreement without permission would constitute a breach of contract.
2. **Encroachment**: the act of gradually taking away someone else's rights, or taking control of someone's time, work, etc.
 - Synonyms: intrusion, invasion
 - Antonyms: preservation, strengthening
 - Example: Social media policies must be carefully crafted to avoid encroachment on users' digital rights.
3. **Endorsed**: said publicly that you supported a person, statement or course of action.

- Synonyms: advocated, championed
- Antonyms: opposed, disapproved
- Example: The company endorsed eco-friendly practices to support environmental sustainability.

4. Tenor: the general character or meaning of something.

- Synonyms: gist, essence
- Antonyms: exterior, surface
- Example: The tenor of the conversation shifted when they discussed future plans.

5. Implicitly: in a way that is suggested but not communicated directly.

- Synonyms: tacitly, indirectly
- Antonyms: explicitly, directly
- Example: His actions implicitly conveyed his commitment to the project.

6. Fray: an energetic and often not well-organised effort, activity, fight, or disagreement.

- Synonyms: struggle, battle Antonyms: tranquillity, harmony
- Example: Participants eagerly entered the fray, hoping to win the photography competition.

7. **Bulwark**: something that protects you from dangerous or unpleasant situations.
- Synonyms: safeguard, shield
 - Antonyms: kryptonite, vulnerability
 - Example: The vaccine rollout is a crucial bulwark in the fight against the pandemic.
8. **Eschewing**: avoiding something intentionally, or giving something up.
- Synonyms: shunning, abstaining
 - Antonyms: embracing, partaking
 - Example: I prefer to eschew fast food and cook at home for healthier meals.

Word of foreign origin

9. **Ad hoc**: arranged or happening when necessary and not planned in advance.

Phrasal verbs

10. **Kicked off**: started.
11. **Step off**: to stop interfering or involving oneself with someone or something; to get away from someone or something.
12. **Pull out**: to stop being involved in an activity or agreement.

Idioms

13. A long road ahead: there are significant challenges or a considerable amount of time and effort required to reach a goal or overcome obstacles.
14. On the cards: very likely or certain to happen, occur, or take place.

Phrase

15. Dead end: a situation that has no hope of making progress

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

24th January, 2024

- 1.** Japan became the fifth country to put a spacecraft on the moon, but solar power issues threatened to cut short the nation's mission to prove a "precision" landing technology and revitalise a space programme that has suffered setbacks.
- 2.** The United States has emerged as the country with largest gold reserves in the world, as estimated by the World Gold Council (WGC). According to the list released by the WGC, India is placed at the ninth spot and is ahead of Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom.
- 3.** At the prestigious Wings India Awards 2024, both the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru and the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi were jointly awarded the 'Best Airport of the Year.'
- 4.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduces the 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana,' aiming to install rooftop solar panels on one crore households.

- 5.** India has imported 40,000 doses of bull semen from Brazil for the first time to boost milk output via artificial insemination of Gir and Kankrej cattle breeds.
- 6.** The 11th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan joint military exercise, 'Khanjar', commenced on January 22 in Himachal Pradesh. The two-week long exercise aims to boost defence cooperation and exchange expertise on counterterrorism operations.
- 7.** A cheetah from Namibia has given birth to three cubs in Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh. The cheetah, Jwala, has become mother for the second time. In March 2023, she gave birth to four cubs, but only one survived.
- 8.** Uttar Pradesh (UP) Foundation Day: 24th January
- 9.** The Central Government launches the 'Anuvadini' app, an Artificial Intelligence-driven platform, to provide digital study materials in Indian languages.
- 10.** Novak Djokovic was named the Best Balkan Athlete of the year on Monday for a record eighth time, ahead of NBA star Nikola Jokic.

- 11.** United Nations General Assembly President Dennis-Francis arrived on a 5-day visit to India.
- 12.** Ravi Sastri to receive BCCI's lifetime achievement award.

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