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VOCABULARY

1. Robust: Something strong.

- Synonyms: Sturdy, Resilient, Vigorous, Powerful.
- Antonyms: Fragile, Flimsy, Vulnerable, Frail.
- sentence: The robust flavor of the coffee woke me up instantly.

2. Premise: A statement that serves as the basis for an argument or theory.

- Synonyms: Hypothesis, Foundation, Assumption, Proposition.
- Antonyms: Consequence, Aftermath, Verdict, Conclusion.
- sentence: Before presenting his argument, he laid out the premise.

3. Prolonged: Something that has been extended in duration.

- Synonyms: Persistent, Sustained, Lengthened, Continued.
- Antonyms: Transient, Fleeting, Brief, Short.
- sentence: The doctor recommended rest to recover from the prolonged illness.

4. Conspicuously: In a way that is easily noticeable.

- Synonyms: Evidently, Ostensibly, Apparently, Clearly.
- Antonyms: Unobtrusively, Furtively, Indistinctly.
- sentence: He conspicuously avoided making eye contact with his friends at the party.

- 5. Rebound:** To recover or bounce back from a setback.
- Synonyms: Revive, regain, Recover, Resurge.
 - Antonyms: Deteriorate, Flounder, Regress, Worsen.
 - sentence: She rebounded gracefully from the fall, smiling as if nothing had happened.
- 6. Volatile:** Rapid and unpredictable changes in value.
- Synonyms: Unstable, Fickle, Variable, Mercurial.
 - Antonyms: Stable, Fixed, Constant, Firm, Resilient.
 - sentence: Her investment strategy avoids volatile assets to minimize risks.
- 7. Undermined:** To weaken something.
- Synonyms: Subverted, Debilitated, Sabotaged, Sapped.
 - Antonyms: Bolstered, Supported, Strengthened.
 - sentence: The leaked information undermined the company's reputation.
- 8. Extradition:** The legal process by which one country surrenders a person to another country.
- Synonyms: Handover, Deportation, Repatriation.
 - Antonyms: Asylum, Refuge.
 - sentence: The extradition of the suspect was approved by the court.

9. Redundant: Something that is unnecessary.
- Synonyms: Superfluous, Extraneous, Repetitive.
 - Antonyms: Required, Essential, Indispensable.
 - sentence: The extra information in the report was redundant and added unnecessary length.
10. Hounding: Persistently harassing someone.
- Synonyms: Tormenting, Pestering, Bothering, Bullying.
 - Antonyms: Overlooking, Neglecting, Shunning.
 - sentence: The tabloids kept hounding the couple for details about their private life.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Taking a back seat: Assuming less active role in a situation, allowing others to take the lead instead.
12. Off the cuff : Speaking or acting without preparation.
13. Throwing the book at someone: Imposing the maximum possible punishment on someone for their actions.
14. Put up with: To tolerate or endure something something unpleasant.
15. Give in: To surrender to someone or something.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

13th April, 2024

1. After working for two decades scientists have finally created the world's largest camera. This camera has been built in the National Accelerator Laboratory of the Energy Department in America. The report says that with the help of this 3200 megapixel camera, researchers will be able to see the universe in more details.
2. India has invoked the peace clause at the WTO for the fifth time, exceeding rice subsidy limits for the 2022-23 period. Despite breaching the 10% support ceiling, India faces no immediate penalties.
3. The International Day of Human Space Flight is commemorated every year on April 12 to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind.
4. The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps conducted an Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) exercise in Sikkim, demonstrating their capability to neutralize armored threats at 17,000 feet altitude.

5. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Thursday raised India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7 percent from 6.7 per cent earlier, saying the robust growth will be driven by public and private sector investment demand and gradual improvement in consumer demand.
 - The 2024-25 growth estimate is, however, lower than 7.6 per cent projected for the 2022-23 fiscal. Strong investment drove GDP growth in the 2022-23 fiscal as consumption was muted, the ADB said.
6. Lindy Cameron, an Oxford graduate and former CEO of the UK's National Cyber Security Centre, has been appointed as the UK's first woman high commissioner to India.
7. Indian Meteorological Department conducted a Pre-Cyclone Exercise for the season of April-June 2024.
 - Chairman - Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra.
 - The Exercise was part of a biennial exercise conducted during Pre-cyclone Season And post-cyclone season to take the view of the preparedness of various disaster management.
 - IMD is celebrating the 150th year of its establishment and service to the nation.

8. The forest department is monitoring an outbreak of mange among a pack of Asiatic wild dogs in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) in the Nilgiris, which they strongly suspect has spread to the animals through the local feral dog population.
- The pack of Asiatic wild dogs, also known as dhole, are known to operate around Bokkapuram in MTR, a high human-wildlife interface area. According to officials, three animals of the pack are believed to have been affected by mange, a type of skin disease caused by parasitic mites.
9. Six-time world champion boxer M C Mary Kom on April 12 stepped down as India's chef-de-mission for the upcoming Paris Olympics, saying she is "left with no choice" due to some personal reasons.
10. India's 19-year-old Udit won the silver medal in the men's 57kg category at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2024 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- Abhimanyou (men's 70kg) and Vicky (men's 97kg) also won the bronze medals in their respective weight divisions to take India's tally to three medals after the opening day of the competition.