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VOCABULARY

- 1. Impending: Something that is about to happen.
 - Synonyms: Imminent, Looming, Approaching.
 - Antonyms: Completed, Concluded, Resolved.
 - sentence: The impending deadline spurred her into action.
- **2.** Render: The act of causing something to be in a particular state.
 - Synonyms: Provide, Yield, Deliver, Furnish.
 - Antonyms: Withhold, Conceal, Retain, Keep.
 - sentence: She rendered assistance to those in need.
- **3.** Temptation: The desire to do something.
 - Synonyms: Enticement, Allurement, Attraction.
 - Antonyms: Aversion, Indifference, Dissuasion.
 - sentence: Resisting temptation can be challenging, but it is worth it in the end.
- 4. Emulate:: To copy someone or something.
 - Synonyms: Imitate, Mimic, Replicate, Mirror.
 - Antonyms: Diverge, Ignore, Defy, Abandon.
 - sentence: She tried to emulate her role model's kindness in her daily interactions.

- 5. Adverse: Something unfavorable or harmful.
 - Synonyms: Detrimental, Unfortunate, Inauspicious.
 - Antonyms: Favorable, Beneficial, Promising, Conducive.
 - sentence: The adverse effects of the medication became apparent after a few days.
- 6. Precarious: Something that is uncertain or risky.
 - Synonyms: Insecure, Perilous, Unstable, Tenuous.
 - Antonyms: Reliable, Steady, Secure, Firm, Safe.
 - sentence: The old bridge looked precarious, but it held up surprisingly well.
- 7. Pursuit: The act of chasing something.
 - Synonyms: Quest, Search, Pursuance, Hunt.
 - Antonyms: Avoidance, Indifference, Disinterest.
 - sentence: She dedicated herself fully to her artistic pursuit.
- 8. Upending: The act of turning something upside down.
 - Synonyms: Overturning, Toppling, Flipping, Overthrowing.
 - Antonyms: Securing, Establishing, Stabilizing, Settling.
 - sentence: The unexpected discovery upended their plans for the day.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 9. Bite the bullet: To face a difficult situation with courage.
- 10. Cost an arm and a leg: To be very expensive.
- 11. Cut to the chase: To get to the main point without wasting time.
- 12. Lose out: To fail to gain something.
- 13. Come across: To find or encounter something unexpectedly.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1st April, 2024

- 1. UNESCO has added 18 new sites to its Global Geoparks network, bringing the total to 213 across 48 countries.
- These new geoparks are located in Belgium, the Netherlands, Brazil, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, and Spain.
- Each geopark showcases unique geological features and cultural heritage, contributing to sustainable development and promoting local communities.
- 2. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is going to conduct the country's largest air military exercise in the name of 'Gagan Shakti-2024'. All the Air Force stations of the country will participate in the ten-day 'Gagan Shakti-2024' exercise.
- 3. The trailer and song launch of the first Bollywood Hindi film on this subject, "IRAH," took place in Mumbai.
- The movie features Rohit Bose Roy, Rajesh Sharma, Karishma Kotak, and Rakshith Bhandarry.
- 4. The government in Uttarakhand has given permission to move four tigers to Rajasthan in response to a request from the western state's authorities.
- 5. Odisha got its own identity as a separate state in the year 1936, after disassociating itself from Bihar and Bengal. It is believed that the struggle to regain Odisha's lost

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identity was initiated by Utkala Sammilani. After branching out as a separate state, Odisha comprised only six districts. Today, the state boasts of 30 districts.

- 6. China successfully launched the Yunhai-3 02 satellite from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi Province, marking a significant advancement in atmospheric and space monitoring capabilities.
- 7. Billionaire Gautam Adani-led group on March 28 announced the start of the first phase of the world's largest single-location copper manufacturing plant at Mundra in Gujarat, which will help cut India's dependence on imports and aid energy transition.
- 8. The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced the upcoming Women's Asia Cup 2024, scheduled to take place in Dambulla, Sri Lanka, from July 19th to July 28th, 2024.
- 9. On March 29, 2024, the Indian Navy conducted a successful 12-hour-long operation in the Arabian Sea, rescuing 23 Pakistani nationals from Somali pirates.
- The operation showcased the Indian Navy's tactical expertise and strategic coordination, leading to negotiations with the pirates and their subsequent

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surrender without any violence.

 This event marks a significant victory for the Indian Navy in its efforts to combat piracy and ensure the safety of maritime activities in the region.

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