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VOCABULARY

1. Assuaged: To ease something.

- Synonyms: Alleviated, Palliated, Mitigated, Soothed.
- Antonyms: Intensified, Aggravated, Escalated, Agitated.
- sentence: The cool breeze assuaged the heat of the afternoon sun.

2. Undergirded: To provide a strong foundation or support for something.

- Synonyms: Bolstered, Underpinned, Reinforced.
- Antonyms: Undermined, Weakened, Debilitated.
- sentence: The sturdy pillars undergirded the weight of the towering structure.

3. Tampering: To interfere with something.

- Synonyms: Manipulating, Altering, Meddling, Adjusting.
- Antonyms: Upholding, Following, Adhering, Maintaining.
- sentence: The technician was fired for tampering with the machinery.

4. Suffice: To be adequate for a particular purpose.

- Synonyms: Be enough, Be sufficient, Satisfy, Serve.
- Antonyms: Insufficient, Deficient, Inadequate, Lacking.
- sentence: A brief explanation will suffice to answer your question.

5. Reigning: Someone or something that is currently predominant in a particular field.

- Synonyms: Dominant, Governing, Prevailing, Leading.
- Antonyms: Dethroned, Overthrown, Displaced, Subjugated
- sentence: The reigning monarch greeted the crowd with a wave.

6. Conspicuous: Easily noticeable.

- Synonyms: Apparent, Evident, Obvious, Pronounced.
- Antonyms: Imperceptible, Camouflaged, Obscure.
- sentence: Her bright red dress made her conspicuous in the crowd.

7. Adjunct: Something that is supplementary or additional.

- Synonyms: Auxiliary, Complement, Accessory.
- Antonyms: Fundamental, Core, Indispensable, Integral.
- sentence: The dessert was served with a dollop of whipped cream as a delightful adjunct.

8. Minuscule: Something that is very small in size or importance.

- Synonyms: Petite, Nano, Tiny, Infinitesimal.
- Antonyms: Gigantic, Immense, Enormous, Massive.
- sentence: The minuscule insects were barely visible to the naked eye.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. To have one's eyes set on: To have a strong focus on achieving a goal or desire.
10. To be in the running: To have a chance of winning or being successful in a competition.
11. To set things in motion: Initiating a process, often used when a new system or plan begins.
12. Fighting out: Resolving a conflict through intense effort.
13. Wary of: To be cautious or careful about something.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

5th April, 2024

1. Cannabis aficionados lit up in Germany on April 1, as the country became the largest EU nation to legalise recreational use, despite fierce objections from opposition politicians and medical associations.
 - Under the first step in the much-debated new law, adults over 18 are now allowed to carry 25 grams of dried cannabis and cultivate up to three marijuana plants at home.
2. The Indian economy is projected to grow at 7.5% in 2024, the World Bank has said, revising its earlier projections for the same period by 1.2% .
 - Overall, growth in South Asia is expected to be strong at 6.0% in 2024, driven mainly by robust growth in India and recoveries in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the World Bank said in its latest South Asia Development Update on April 2.

Updated GDP List

- S&P –7.6% (FY24), 6.8% (FY25) CRISIL –6.8% (FY25)
- Moody–8% (FY24)
- Morgan Stanley –6.8%(FY24), 6.8% (FY25)
- IMF –6.7% (FY24), 6.5% (FY25), 5% (FY26)
- India Ratings –6.7% (FY24)
- Goldman Sachs –6.2% (FY24)
- Fitch Rating –6.9% (FY24),6.5% (FY25)

3. The Indian National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval led the Indian delegation at the meeting of the Secretaries of the Security Councils of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). The meeting was held in Astana, Kazakhstan. He also met Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the current Chairman of SCO.
 - The 19th annual meeting of the secretaries of the security councils of the SCO member states was held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 2 to 3 April 2024.
4. In 1964, on April 5, the first National Maritime Day was observed. Since then, it has been observed every year on the same date.
5. Scientists in South Korea have set a new world record using the Korea Superconducting Tokamak Advanced Research (KSTAR) device, an "artificial sun" nuclear fusion reactor.
6. Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh, locally known as Kathiya Gehu, has been granted the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
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8. Shri Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recently launched an informative app namely myCGHS App for Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries to enhance the access to Electronic Health Records, information, and resources.
9. World's oldest man Juan Vicente dies at 114 after witnessing 2 world wars.

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