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VOCABULARY

1. Perish: To die or to suffer destruction.

- Synonyms: Succumb, Vanish, Disappear.
- Antonyms: Persist, Survive, Thrive, Prevail.
- sentence: In the face of adversity, some rise while others perish.

2. Warped: To become distorted or twisted out of shape.

- Synonyms: Bent, Deformed, Contorted, Buckled.
- Antonyms: Unbent, Even, Straight, Aligned.
- sentence: The intense pressure had warped the metal frame.

3. Perverse: Showing a deliberate desire to behave in a way that is unacceptable.

- Synonyms: Intractable, Deviant, Contrary, Unruly.
- Antonyms: Compliant, Docile, Submissive, Flexible.
- sentence: Her perverse sense of humor often left others bewildered.

4. Devised: To plan something.

- Synonyms: Invented, Created, Formulated, Developed.
- Antonyms: Ruined, Destroyed, Dismantled, Abolished.
- sentence: She devised a new recipe for the dinner party.

- 5. Pertinent:** Relevant to a particular matter or situation.
- Synonyms: Related, Suitable, Apposite, Connected.
 - Antonyms: Irrelevant, Inapplicable, Insignificant.
 - sentence: The information he shared was pertinent to our project.
- 6. Steadfast:** Determined in purpose or belief.
- Synonyms: Resolute, Firm, Faithful, Constant.
 - Antonyms: Unsteady, Fickle, Indecisive, Inconsistent.
 - sentence: Even in the face of adversity, he remained steadfast in his beliefs.
- 7. Parlance:** A particular way of speaking.
- Synonyms: Terminology, Slang, Dialect, Lingo.
 - Antonyms: Hush, Muteness, Taciturnity, Reticence.
 - sentence: The word 'selfie' has become common parlance in today's digital age.
- 8. Plausible:** Seeming reasonable.
- Synonyms: Feasible, Probable, Credible, Tenable.
 - Antonyms: Unbelievable, Unlikely, Implausible, Absurd.
 - sentence: Her excuse for being late sounded plausible, but we were still skeptical.
- 9. Arbitrary:** Based on random choice.
- Synonyms: Voluntary, Whimsical, Haphazard.
 - Antonyms: Rational, Logical, Methodical.

- sentence: The manager's arbitrary decision left the team feeling frustrated and confused.

10. Persecution: Act of subjecting someone to oppressive treatment.

- Synonyms: Harassment, Victimization, Torment.
- Antonyms: Liberation, Protection, Support.
- sentence: She fled her country to escape religious persecution.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Wading into unfamiliar waters: Undertaking an activity that is not familiar with or experienced in.

12. Breaking new ground: Pioneering efforts or innovations that introduce significant progress in a particular field.

13. Usher in: To introduce or initiate something.

14. Writing off: Dismissing something as unimportant.

15. Stand out: To be noticeably different in comparison to others.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

9th April, 2024

1. The World Economic Forum (WEF) announced its 20th edition of Young Global Leaders Community: The Class of 2024 on 4 April 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. The list includes nearly 90 young people under 40 years of age from diverse fields of politics, business, civil society, the arts, and academia.
 - This year, five Indians, including the famous film actress Bhumi Pednekar, have been included in the list. Bhumi Pednekar is known for her roles in films like "Dum Laga Ke Haisha", "Toilet: Ek Prem Katha", "Bala", "Shubh Mangal Saavdhan" and "Badhaai ho".
2. Singapore, Denmark and U.S. are the best places in the world to conduct business, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit business environment ranking.
3. In Slovakia, populist candidate Peter Pellegrini wins the presidential election last night. Russian-friendly, Mr. Pellegrini defeated the pro-Western candidate Ivan Korcok, with 53 percent of the vote, cementing the grip of pro-Russian Prime Minister Robert Fico over the country.
 - The defeated candidate, former Foreign Minister Ivan Korcok is a stalwart supporter of Ukraine and critic of Fico.

4. Mount Etna put on a spectacular show for astonished tourists as they watched the volcano blow smoke rings into the sky.
 - The rare phenomenon - known as volcanic smoke rings – can only form in a circular volcanic vent and requires a calm atmosphere.
 - Despite the name, the rings are not technically made of smoke, instead they are made of condensed gases, mainly water vapour, that has escaped the magma and shot up from the volcano's vent.
5. A two-day coastal security exercise called Sagar Kavach 01/24 was conducted off the Lakshadweep Islands from April 1-2, 2024.
6. South Korea has successfully launched its second domestically developed military spy satellite into orbit.
 - The satellite, carried by a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, was launched from an American space centre. This achievement follows the successful launch of South Korea's first military spy satellite in December 2022, which was also carried by a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
7. "The 'Chintan' will be the first-ever conference of the heads of all tri-services institutions.
 - The day-long discussions will be chaired by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan.

- Tri-services commanders' conferences (TSCC) are held every year at one of the services' command headquarters.
8. The small town of Miraj in Maharashtra's Sangli district is known for its craftsmanship in making musical instruments, particularly sitars and tanpuras.
 9. Indian badminton players Anupama Upadhyaya and M.Tharun won the women's and men's singles titles, respectively, at the 2024 Kazakhstan International Challenge tournament, held in Uralsk, Kazakhstan. The final was played on 6 April 2024.
 - The Kazakhstan International Challenge Tournament was organised by the Kazakhstan National Badminton Federation in Uralsk, Kazakhstan, from 2-6 April 2024.
 10. KL Rahul makes history, becomes first Lucknow batter with 1000 IPL Runs.
 11. Website Booth Raabta launched by Punjab for election related information.