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VOCABULARY

1. Ominous: A sense of foreboding that something bad is likely to happen.
 - Synonyms: Portentous, Menacing, Threatening, Sinister.
 - Antonyms: Auspicious, Promising, Reassuring, Propitious.
 - sentence: The strange silence in the abandoned house felt ominous.

2. Detrimental: Something that causes harm or damage.
 - Synonyms: Deleterious, Destructive, Injurious, Adverse.
 - Antonyms: Advantageous, Beneficial, Constructive, Favorable.
 - sentence: Skipping meals can be detrimental to your energy levels.

3. Eroding: Gradual breaking down of something.
 - Synonyms: Corroding, Decaying, Weakening, Undermining.
 - Antonyms: Reinforcing, Bolstering, Preserving, Enhancing.
 - sentence: The constant rain is slowly eroding the soil in the garden.

4. Susceptible: Prone to being affected by something.
 - Synonyms: Vulnerable, Sensitive, Exposed, Receptive.
 - Antonyms: Impervious, Unaffected, Resilient, Immune.
 - sentence: He is susceptible to allergies during pollen season.

5. Sophisticated: Something that is complex.

- Synonyms: Refined, Advanced, Polished, Elegant.
- Antonyms: Simple, Naive, Straightforward, Basic.
- sentence: The sophisticated algorithm quickly sorted through the data to find patterns.

6. Jeopardized: Putting someone or something at risk.

- Synonyms: Endangered, Imperiled, Compromised, Risked.
- Antonyms: Safeguarded, Secured, Fortified, Protected.
- sentence: His reckless behaviour jeopardized the success of the project.

7. Conglomerates: Large companies that own diverse businesses.

- Synonyms: Corporations, Consortiums, Syndicates, Groups.
- Antonyms: Singular entities, Fragmented markets, Single industries.
- sentence: The conglomerate owns businesses ranging from media to manufacturing.

8. Turmoil: A state of confusion.

- Synonyms: Upheaval, Chaos, Tumult, Confusion.
- Antonyms: Serenity, Tranquility, Harmony, Peace.
- sentence: The unexpected announcement threw the office into turmoil.

9. Disgruntled: A state of dissatisfaction.

- Synonyms: Discontented, Aggrieved, Annoyed, Irritated.
- Antonyms: Pleased, Satisfied, Content, Delighted.
- sentence: The disgruntled student grumbled about the unfair grading policy.

10. Incumbent: A person who holds a position or office.

- Synonyms: Occupant, Delegate, Officeholder, Trustee.
- Antonyms: Challenger, Opponent, Outsider, Newcomer.
- sentence: The incumbent mayor is running for re-election against several challengers.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Keeping the flock together: The act of maintaining cohesion or unity within a group or community.

12. See the writing on the wall: To be aware that something bad will probably happen soon.

13. Out of the wood: Out of danger or difficulty.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

10th May, 2024

1. India has become the first country to receive over \$100 billion in remittances in 2022, according to the United Nations migration agency.
 - The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) revealed in its World Migration Report 2024 that India's remittances surged to \$111 billion last year, surpassing all other nations.
2. The first case of a walrus dying from bird flu has been detected on one of Norway's Arctic islands.
 - The walrus was found on Hopen island in the Svalbard archipelago.
 - Tests carried out by a German laboratory revealed the presence of bird flu.
3. The Indian Army's Kharga Corps, part of the Army's Western Command, recently concluded a three-day joint military exercise Gagan Strike-II with the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Punjab.
 - The primary goal of Gagan Strike-II was to refine the processes involving the Indian Army's mechanised units and to validate the employment of attack helicopters in developed terrain. The exercise focused on integrating Apache and ALH-WSI helicopters, Unarmed Aerial Vehicles, and the Army's special forces.

4. The Sri Lankan government on Tuesday approved a deal with Indian billionaire Gautam Adani's renewable energy wing Adani Green to develop wind power stations in the country.
5. The Election Commission accomplished a logistical marvel by facilitating voting for 160 voters at Raireswar Fort, the highest polling booth of Maharashtra in the Baramati constituency, located at 4,491 feet altitude.
6. Maharana Pratap Jayanti 2024, observed on June 9th, commemorates the birth anniversary of the revered king of Mewar, Rajasthan. Born on June 9, 1540 (as per the Hindu calendar), Maharana Pratap's valor and leadership during the Battle of Haldighati against Mughal Emperor Akbar are celebrated.
7. The Uttarakhand government has launched the Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign to contain the raging forest fire in the state. The Supreme Court recently expressed concern about the raging forest fire in the state, which has already killed five people. The forest fires have already destroyed trees, medicinal plants and wildlife in the area, besides creating air pollution due to thick smoke and soot.
8. Two Indian cities — Mumbai (#24) and Delhi (#37) — made it to the top-50 of the world wealthiest cities in 2024, according to the latest rankings in this respect by the Henley & Partners and New World Health.

- 9.** Due to rapid growth in installed solar power capacity, India became the third-largest solar power generator in 2023. The 5th “Global Electricity Review” report published by the United Kingdom-based global think tank Ember said that India, which was ranked ninth in 2015, jumped to third position in 2023, overtaking Japan.
- 10.** Subodh Kumar (IAS), a 2010-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Ayush. The appointment, effective from the date of assuming charge, is initially until October 8 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- 11.** Rajasthan Royals legbreak spinner Yuzvendra Chahal on Tuesday etched his name in the history books by becoming the first Indian to achieve the landmark of 350 wickets in the T20 format.
- Chahal achieved the feat against Delhi Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 season.