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VOCABULARY

1. Collusion: A secret plan by a group of people to do something harmful or illegal.
 - Synonyms: Cooperation, Openness, Transparency, Collaboration
 - Antonyms: Transparency, Openness, Honesty, Fairness
 - sentence: The evidence suggested collusion between the two companies to fix prices in the market.

2. Assassinate: to murder someone, often a prominent figure or political leader.
 - Synonyms: Kill, Murder, Eliminate, Execute, Slay
 - Antonyms: Protect, Safeguard, Preserve, Defend
 - sentence: The terrorist plot to assassinate the president was foiled by the vigilant security team.

3. Alleviate: to make something less severe or difficult.
 - Synonyms: Mitigate, Ease, Reduce, Lessen.
 - Antonyms: Aggravate, Intensify, Worsen, Exacerbate.
 - sentence: The medication helped alleviate her migraine within minutes.

4. Aspiration: Something that is dull or ordinary.
 - Synonyms: Determination, Resolve, Intention, Volition
 - Antonyms: Apathy, Indifference, Disinterest, Unconcern.
 - sentence: Her aspiration to become a doctor motivated her to excel in her studies.

5. Conundrum: It refers to a difficult problem or question that is puzzling
- Synonyms: Riddle, Enigma, Mystery, Brainteaser, Challenge
 - Antonyms: Solution, Answer, Explanation, Clarification Resolution.
 - sentence: Solving the conundrum of how to balance work and family life can be challenging for many parents.
6. Syndicate: a group of people or companies who join together in order to share the cost of a particular business operation for which a large amount of money is needed.
- Synonyms: consortium, cartel, association
 - Antonyms: individual, solo, independent
 - Sentence: The syndicate controlled most of the city's illegal operations.
7. Expedite: to accelerate the process.
- Synonyms: accelerate, facilitate, hasten
 - Antonyms: delay, hinder, impede
 - Sentence: We need to expedite the delivery process to meet the deadline.
8. Acquittal: a formal declaration in a court of law that someone who has been accused of a crime is innocent.
- Synonyms: exoneration, clearance, vindication
 - Antonyms: conviction, guilty verdict, condemnation
 - Sentence: Despite the evidence, the defendant's acquittal surprised many in the courtroom.

9. Adversary: one that contends with, opposes, or resists.
- Synonyms: opponent, rival, enemy
 - Antonyms: ally, friend, supporter
 - Sentence: In the legal battle, she faced a formidable adversary who challenged her at every turn.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

10. Cut someone some slack: give additional freedom to Someone.
11. To go to the Extra mile: to make an additional effort.
12. Go up in Smoke: not Succeed, failed, wasted
13. Break into : enter by force
14. Call for:to publicly ask for something.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

14th May, 2024

1. The Military dictator and interim president of the Central African Country of Chad, Mahamat Idris Debyltno has won the presidential election held on 6 May 2024. The provisional result was declared by the country's National Election Management Agency on 10 May 2024.
 - Chad is a landlocked country situated in north-central Africa.
 - It is the fifth largest country in Africa in area.
 - Capital: N'Djamena
 - Currency: CFA franc
 - President: Mahamat Idris Deby Itno
2. Astronomers using the Nasa's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) have achieved a significant milestone by detecting an atmosphere around the rocky exoplanet 55 Cancri e, which orbits a Sun-like star some 12.6 parsecs away from Earth. This discovery marks the first time an atmosphere has been identified surrounding a terrestrial planet outside our Solar System.
3. Thomas Cook India introduces TCPay, a digital service simplifying international remittances. With a seamless interface and Video KYC verification, customers can now transfer funds conveniently.

4. Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), in collaboration with Open Source Classes for Amateur Radio India (OSCAR India), conducted a comprehensive mock drill utilising amateur radio technology to bolster communication capabilities during emergency situations.
5. China has reclaimed its position as India's largest trading partner, surpassing the United States after two years, according to the latest figures released by the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI).
 - In the fiscal year 2024, India's bilateral trade with China totalled \$118.4 billion, with imports rising by 3.24% to \$101.7 billion and exports increasing by 8.7% to \$16.67 billion.
6. A leopard cat has been spotted in Maharashtra's Pench Tiger Reserve for the first time, a senior forest official said recently.
7. Japan won its maiden Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey trophy by defeating Pakistan 4-1 in the penalty shoot-out in the final. The final was played at the Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia, on 11 May 2024.
8. Nepali mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa has set new record by climbing Mount Everest 29 times. His latest ascent adds another chapter to his illustrious mountaineering career inspiring climbers worldwide.

9. James Anderson was grateful after he managed to play for England and in top-level cricket into his 40s. On Saturday, the veteran fast bowler put forth his decision to retire from internationals and Tests after the Lord's Test against the West Indies later this year in July.
10. Aman Sehrawat has become the first Indian male wrestler to secure a quota place for the 2024 Paris Olympics.
 - Asian champion Sehrawat secured a Paris quota in the men's 57kg freestyle category at the World Wrestling Olympic Qualifiers in Istanbul, Turkiye.
11. Meghalaya gets 1st women Police DGP Idashisha-Nongrang.