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VOCABULARY

- **1.** Invasion: An instance of invading a country or region with an armed force.
 - Synonyms: Incursion, attack, assault, raid.
 - Antonyms: Defense, retreat, withdrawal.
 - Example: The invasion of the country led to widespread destruction and chaos.
- 2. Foresee: To be aware of beforehand; predict.
 - Synonyms: Predict, anticipate, envision, forecast.
 - Antonyms: Ignore, overlook, disregard.
 - Example: It is difficult to foresee the outcome of the ongoing negotiations.
- **3.** Consolidate: To make something physically stronger or more solid; to combine into a single, more effective whole.
 - Synonyms: Strengthen, solidify, merge, unify.
 - Antonyms: Weaken, disperse, divide, fragment.
 - Example: The company aims to consolidate its position in the market by acquiring smaller firms.
- 4. Hypocritical: Behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case.
 - Synonyms: Insincere, deceitful, double-faced, two-faced.
 - Antonyms: Sincere, genuine, honest, forthright.
 - Example: It was hypocritical of the politician to condemn corruption when he himself was involved in it.

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- 5. Decadence: Moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury.
 - Synonyms: Degeneracy, corruption, dissipation, decline.
 - Antonyms: Morality, asceticism, improvement, rise.
 - Example: The decadence of the ancient empire was evident in its luxurious and extravagant lifestyle.
- Indecently: In a way that is not decent or appropriate; offensively.
 - Synonyms: Improperly, inappropriately, offensively, rudely.
 - Antonyms: Decently, appropriately, properly, respectfully.
 - Example: The celebrity was criticized for behaving indecently at the public event.
- 7. Outrage: An extremely strong reaction of anger, shock, or indignation.
 - Synonyms: Fury, anger, indignation, wrath.
 - Antonyms: Calm, tranquility, peace, contentment.
 - Example: The public expressed outrage over the government's decision to raise taxes.
- 8. Scrutiny: Critical observation or examination.
 - Synonyms: Examination, inspection, analysis, investigation.
 - Antonyms: Glance, overlook, ignore, neglect.
 - Example: The company's financial records were under close scrutiny by the auditors.

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- 9. Arbitrary: Based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system.
 - Synonyms: Random, capricious, whimsical, unpredictable.
 - Antonyms: Systematic, logical, reasoned, consistent.
 - Example: The arbitrary decision to cut down the trees angered the environmentalists.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- At the drop of a hat Willing to do something Immediately
- 11. A man of straw– A weak person
- 12. Bite your tongue— To avoid talking
- 13. Know the ropes– To understand the details
- 14. Latin and Greek Unable to understand

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CURRENT AFFAIRS 20th May, 2024

- On May 15, Slovakia's four-time Prime Minister Robert Fico was injured in a shooting incident in Handelova and was hospitalized.
 - The incident occurred after a government meeting in Handlowa.
 - Handelova specifically is a mining town in the Trencin region of Slovakia, where, outside the House of Culture, where a government meeting was held, the shooter fired at PM Fico.
- 2. Introducing the Blue Residency card in 2023 was a big step for the United Arab Emirates to show its dedication to protecting the environment.
 - Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, the Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, announced this new visa program that gives people who have made outstanding efforts to protect the environment the chance to live there for 10 years.
- 3. Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers A Y V Krishna and N Venu Gopal have been appointed as additional directors in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

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- 4. Marble mined in Gujarat's Ambaji has recently been awarded the Geographical Indication or GI tag by the Central Government. A GI tag is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities attributable to that place of origin.
- 5. A recent study suggests that Red Colobus Monkeys, a rare and endangered population of monkeys found in various regions of Africa are facing threats to their survival and are at risk of becoming extinct.
 - These are a rare group of imperilled monkeys spread across Africa, are primary indicators of biodiversity.
- 6. Indian Naval ships, INS Delhi and INS Shakti, visited Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia as part of the Indian Navy's Operational Deployment. The visit aims to strengthen the friendship and cooperation between India and Malaysia through a series of engagements and activities.
- 7. The northeastern state of Sikkim marks its 49th Statehood Day today, on May 16, with fervor and enthusiasm, celebrating its integration into India on this day in 1975.
 - Sikkim became the 22nd state of the Indian Union and the monarchy was abolished, on May 16, 1975.

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- 8. Nanyang Technological University, Singapore university topped the Young University Rankings 2024.
 - This year the ranking included over 670 universities from across the globe.

The 2 Indian universities have ranked in the top 100 list.

- Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala 81st
- Anna University, Chennai -96th
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore tops the league table for the 2nd year in a row.
- The rankings list the world's best universities that are 50 years old or younger.
- 9. World Aquatics inaugurated the highest competitive swimming pool at 2,400 meters in Bhutan.
 - The Global body of Swimming launched a program in 2019 that aims to ensure accessible aquatic facilities for more countries and regions.
 - HRH Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck President of the Bhutan Olympic Committee
 - World Aquatics President Hussein Al-Musallam
- 10. Meet Prafulla Dhariwal, the genius behind GPT-4o, OpenAl's latest flagship Al model. Prafulla, who humorously introduces himself on his website by likening his name to "truffle, but with a P," leads the Omni team at OpenAl.

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 This team is responsible for the development of GPT-4o, the company's first venture into natively multimodal models. The recent unveiling of GPT-4o at OpenAl's Spring Update event showcased its remarkable ability to reason across voice, text, and vision, thanks to Prafulla's leadership and vision.

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