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VOCABULARY

1. Contentious: Something that is likely to cause disagreement.
 - Synonyms: Disputable, Controversial, Polarizing, Debatable.
 - Antonyms: Harmonious, Consensual, Amicable, Agreeable.
 - sentence: The contentious debate led to a stalemate.

2. Reminiscent: Evoking memories or similarities to something else.
 - Synonyms: Recalling, Reflective, Redolent, Evocative.
 - Antonyms: Forgetful, Dissimilar, Disconnected.
 - sentence: The smell of freshly baked cookies was reminiscent of childhood.

3. Enshrined: To preserve or cherish as sacred.
 - Synonyms: Revered, Honored, protected, Sanctified.
 - Antonyms: Neglected, Disregarded, Abandoned, Ignored.
 - sentence: The values of equality and justice are enshrined in our nation's law.

4. Mooted: To bring up for discussion.
 - Synonyms: Proposed, Suggested, Considered, Debated.
 - Antonyms: Resolved, Settled, Concluded, Decided.
 - sentence: The possibility of a salary increase was mooted during the meeting.

5. Dubious: Something that is suspicious.

- Synonyms: Questionable, Doubtful, Unreliable, Uncertain.
- Antonyms: Certain, Reliable, Trustworthy, Definite.
- sentence: Her explanation for being late seemed dubious to her boss.

6. Degenerating: The process of deteriorating in quality, value or condition.

- Synonyms: Declining, Worsening, Decaying, Diminishing.
- Antonyms: Improving, Enhancing, Developing, Flourishing.
- sentence: His health was slowly degenerating, causing concern among his family.

7. Repatriated: The act of returning someone or something to their home country.

- Synonyms: Returned, Sent back, Reinstated, Reintegrated.
- Antonyms: Deported, Exiled, Banished, Expatriated.
- sentence: The soldier was repatriated after being held as a prisoner of war for several years.

8. Admissible: Something that is acceptable.

- Synonyms: Allowable, Permissible, Valid, Legitimate.
- Antonyms: Unacceptable, Invalid, Prohibited, Illegitimate.
- sentence: Her objection was deemed admissible by the judge.

- 9. Flouted:** To openly disobey a rule or law.
- Synonyms: Defied, Violated, Disregarded, Ignored.
 - Antonyms: Complied, Obeyed, Followed, Adhered.
 - sentence: She flouted the speed limit, zooming past the traffic cameras without a care.
- 10. Detained:** To be kept in custody as a result of legal action.
- Synonyms: Confined, Incarcerated, Arrested, Restricted.
 - Antonyms: Released, Freed, Discharged, Liberated.
 - sentence: She was detained at the airport for carrying prohibited items in her luggage.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 11. Back to square one:** Returning to the starting point or beginning.
- 12. Turning the tide:** Reversing a situation or trend.
- 13. Putting out fires:** Addressing urgent problems or crises.
- 14. Take on:** Adopting or assuming a particular significance or interpretation.
- 15. Brought into:** Being introduced or included in a situation group or concept.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

8th May, 2024

1. German private space company HyImpulse successfully test launched a candle waxpowered rocket "SR75" from a launch site in Koonibba, South Australia.
 - It is for the 1st-time a rocket carrying commercial satellites on a test suborbital flight into space.
2. The Oxford Bookstores named Bhavi Mehta as the winner of the 9th edition of Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024. The event was held at the India Habitat Centre and celebrated Mehta's work on "The Book Beautiful" by Pradeep Sebastian, published by Hachette India. Mehta received a trophy, certificate, and a cash prize of INR 1 lakh.
3. According to the official Facebook page of the Capital Development Authority (CDA), which is responsible for the upkeep of Islamabad, the Metropolitan Corporation of Islamabad has launched "Free yoga classes in F-9 Park" in the capital.
4. José Raúl Mulino has won Panama's presidential election after three of his nearest rivals conceded defeat. The 64-year-old former security minister has secured nearly 35% of the counted votes, with more than 92% of the votes counted. He has an unassailable 9 per cent lead over his nearest rival.

- The outgoing president, Laurentino Cortizo, congratulated Jose Raul Mulino.
 - Elections were held in Panama on 5 May 2024 to elect a new president, parliament, and local governments for the next five years.
5. The High Court observed that under the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Rules 1996, it is the duty of the Sarpanch of the village to restrict child marriage in the village.
- The court said that it would be the responsibility of the Sarpanch and the panchayat member of the village mentioned in the list to prevent child marriage.
6. Every year, World Red Cross Day is observed on May 8.
- The theme of this year's World Red Cross Day is - I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward.
7. This year World Asthma Day is observed on May 7, 2024 is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma, (GINA) with World Health Organization collaborative organization founded in 1993.
- The theme "Asthma Education Empowers" tells us that teaching people with asthma about their condition is very important. When they learn about asthma, they can manage their symptoms better, know when to see a doctor, and improve their overall life quality.

8. THE MAHARASHTRA forest department is gearing up for translocation of a few tigers from the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Chandrapur to Sahyadri, the lone tiger reserve in the state's western region.
9. Dar es Salaam, the commercial capital and largest city of Tanzania, escaped major damage on May 4, 2024, as Cyclone Hidaya made landfall on Mafia Island, 130 kilometres south-southeast of it in the Indian Ocean.
10. The 2024 Madrid Open, held in the Spanish capital from April 22 to May 5, witnessed two remarkable champions in the singles events. Iga Swiatek of Poland claimed her first Madrid Open title.
11. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled the fixtures for the highly anticipated ninth ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024, set to take place from 3 to 20 October in Bangladesh.
12. Gurugram administration ropes in Yujendra Chahal to boost voter turn out.