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#### **VOCABULARY**

- 1. Deliberating: Thinking about or discussing something carefully; especially before making a decision.
  - Synonyms: Contemplating, Pondering, Discussing
  - Antonyms: Ignoring, Disregarding, Dismissing
  - Sentence: The committee members will start deliberating on the monetary policy.
- 2. Contraction: A reduction in size, amount, range
  - Synonyms: Shrinkage, Decrease, Reduction
  - Antonyms: Surge, Hike, Growth, Increase, Expansion
  - Sentence: The contraction in India's exports has caused concern among trade experts.
- 3. Unsettling: Causing anxiety or uneasiness; disturbing
  - Synonyms: Disquieting, Troubling
  - Antonyms: Soothing, Reassuring, Calming, Placating
  - Sentence: The delay in announcing the MPC members is unsettling for financial markets.
- 4. Slump: A sudden, severe or prolonged fall in the price, value or amount of something
  - Synonyms: Downturn, Decline, Drop
  - Antonyms: Surge, Growth, Rise
  - Sentence: India's merchandise exports are experiencing a severe slump.

- 5. Remission: The reduction or cancellation of a punishment or debt.
  - Synonyms: Emancipate, Alleviation, Reduction, Vindicate
  - Antonyms: Penalty, Retention, Continuation
  - Sentence: The govt. must introduce an open-ended tax remission scheme to help exporters.
- 6. Precipitating: To cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly.
  - Synonyms: Hastening, Hurry, Expedite
  - Antonyms: Obstructing, Hindering, Delaying, Preventing
  - Sentence: The sharp contraction in exports precipitated a high trade deficit in August.
- 7. Augmenting: Making something greater by adding to it
  - Synonyms: Enhancing, Increasing, Expanding, Enlarging
  - Antonyms: Reducing, Diminishing, Decreasing
  - Sentence: The govt. is focused on augmenting the country's port capacities.
- 8. Distinguished: Recognized for excellence or outstanding qualities.
  - Synonyms: Eminent, Renowned
  - Antonyms: Obscure, Insignificant, nknowned
  - Sentence: The incoming members of the MPC are expected to be distinguished economist.

- Retrospective: Looking back on or dealing with past events or situations.
  - Synonyms: Reflective, Backward-looking, Review
  - Antonyms: Forward-looking, prospective
  - Sentence: The retrospective analysis of India's export performance show signs of structural weaknesses.
- 10. Mitigating: Making something less severe, serious or Painful.
  - Synonyms: Alleviating, Reducing, Easing
  - Antonyms: Worsening, Aggravating, Exacerbating, Intensify
  - Sentence: The govt. is focused on mitigating the logistical challenges faced by exporters.

#### **IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

- **11.** Elephant in the room: An obvious problem that people avoid discussing.
- 12. On top of the world: Happy and elated
- 13. Get out of hand: To become difficult to control
- 14. Spill the beans: Reveal a secrete
- 15. Have a method to one's madness: There's a good reason behind someone's actions.

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