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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Feasibility	The quality of being doable
Herald	to be a sign of (something that is beginning to happen or will happen soon)
Frontier	An undeveloped field of study; a topic inviting research and development
Arsenal	A supply of something available for future use
Bode well	to show or suggest that future developments or events will be good or favorable
Unfold	Develop or come to a promising stage
Comorbidity	(medicine) the coexistence of two or more related medical conditions
Mix-up	a mistake that causes confusion
Fiasco	A disastrous or embarrassing failure
Sans	without

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Perpetrator	a person who commits a crime or does something that is wrong or evil
Orgy	Any act of immoderate indulgence
Congregation	An assemblage of people, animals or things collected together
Derangement	A state of mental disturbance and disorientation
Fringe group	a group that is on the periphery of a larger organization because its views are more extreme than the majority
Passivity	The trait of remaining inactive
Eloquent	Speaking readily, clearly, and effectively
Pernicious	Exceedingly harmful
Bigotry	the state of feeling, or the act of expressing, strong, unreasonable beliefs or opinions
Cavalier	Marked by lack of attention, consideration, forethought or thoroughness; not careful

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Curb	hold in restraint
Regressive	Opposing progress
Table	Propose something
Inducement	a motive or consideration that leads one to action
Allurement	something that persuades one to perform an action for gain
Sinister	suggesting tragic developments
Belligerent	Characteristic of somebody who is eager to fight
Rampant	Unrestrained and violent
Rampaging	Act violently, recklessly, or destructively
Propagate	Become distributed or widespread

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Foreboding	A feeling of evil to come
Writ	written
Foresight	Seeing ahead
Echo	Repetition
Exhort	to strongly encourage someone to do something
Pre-emptive	Designed or having the power to deter or prevent an anticipated situation or occurrence
Ebb	Fall away or decline
Body blow	A serious or devastating setback
Consternation	Fear resulting from the awareness of danger
Harbinger	something that shows what is coming

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Roll	A list of names
Weed out	Remove unwanted elements
Laudable	Worthy of high praise
Grave	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm
Disenfranchisement	the state of being deprived of a right or privilege, especially the right to vote
Unanimously	Of one mind; without dissent
Rigorously	in a careful way so that every part of something is looked at or considered to make certain it is correct
Intimate	Give to understand
Franchise	The right to vote in a public election
Ulterior	Lying beyond what is openly revealed or avowed (especially being kept in the background or deliberately concealed)

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Bulwark	something that protects you from dangerous or unpleasant situations
Rivalry	The act of competing as for profit or a prize
Spur	Incite or stimulate
Counterpart	A person or thing having the same function or characteristics as another
Reciprocate	Act, feel, or give mutually or in return
Languish	to lose strength or energy and not make any progress in something
Wield	Handle effectively
Foothold	a situation in which someone has obtained the power or influence needed to get what is wanted
Hamper	Prevent the progress or free movement of
Radicalisation	the action or process of making somebody more extreme or radical in their opinions on political or social issues

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Allegation	(law) a formal accusation against somebody (often in a court of law)
Personage	A person whose actions and opinions strongly influence the course of events
Warrant	Provide adequate grounds to justify (a certain course of action)
Consortium	A group of individuals or companies formed to transact some specific business or to promote a common interest
Cede	Give over
Stonewall	Obstruct or hinder any discussion
Stick to one's guns	Hold fast to a statement, opinion, or course of action
Bogey	something that causes fear, often without reason
Plant	Place something or someone in a certain position in order to secretly observe or deceive
Behove	Be appropriate or necessary

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
In the name of	by the authority of
Untenable	(of theories etc) incapable of being defended or justified
Mow down	Kill a large number of people indiscriminately
Lynch	(used about a crowd of people) to kill somebody who is thought to be guilty of a crime, usually by hanging him/her, without a legal trial in a court of law
Furtherance	Encouragement of the progress, growth or acceptance of something
Disingenuous	not sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does
Aggravate	Made more severe or intense especially in law
Unbecoming	(of behaviour) not fitting or appropriate
Ruffle someone's feathers	cause someone to become annoyed or upset
Combative	Having or showing a ready disposition to fight

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Protectionism	The policy of imposing duties or quotas on imports in order to protect home industries from overseas competition
Imperative	Some duty that is essential and urgent
Chide	Censure severely or angrily
Vulnerability	Susceptibility to injury or attack
Run up	Pile up (debt etc.)
Receding	moving slowly back
Resonance	A relationship of mutual understanding or trust and agreement between people
Reluctance	A certain degree of unwillingness
Unnerve	Disturb the composure of
Pooh-pooh	Refuse with contempt

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Misogyny	feelings of hating women, or the belief that men are much better than women
Cast off	Get rid of
Stereotype	a fixed idea about a particular type of person or thing, which is often not true in reality
Reiterate	To say, state, or perform again
Pave the way for (something or someone)	to make it easier for (something to happen or someone to do something)
Disparity	Inequality or difference in some respect
Sensitize	Make sensitive or aware
Condemn	Express strong disapproval of
Regressive	Opposing progress; returning to a former less advanced state
Sexist	Discriminatory on the basis of sex (usually said of men's attitude toward women)

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Sanctions	Formal and explicit approval
Overzealous	Marked by excessive enthusiasm for and intense devotion to a cause or idea
Off-guard	Not prepared or vigilant
On the heels of	following closely after
Extrajudicial	Beyond the usual course of legal proceedings
Knee-jerk	reacting according to a certain habitual manner; unthinking
Sweeping	Taking in or moving over (or as if over) a wide area
Rampant	Unrestrained and violent
Salutary	having a good effect on somebody/something, though often seeming unpleasant
Ripple effect	The effect of an event setting off other events in an unexpected way, or in unexpected areas

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Ordeal	a very unpleasant or difficult experience
Try	to examine a person accused of committing a crime in a law court by asking them questions and considering known facts, and then decide if they are guilty
Blow	An unpleasant or disappointing surprise
Extradition	The surrender of an accused or convicted person by one state or country to another (usually under the provisions of a statute or treaty)
Take refuge	to go to or into a place for shelter or protection from danger or trouble
Probe	An inquiry into unfamiliar or questionable activities
Cover-up	Concealment that attempts to prevent something scandalous from becoming public
Indictment	A formal document written for a prosecuting attorney charging a person with some offence
Set a precedent	to decide something that will be used as an example or rule to be followed in the future
Proclaimed	Declared publicly; made widely known

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
All-weather	in or suitable for all types of weather
Grim	unpleasant or shocking to see or think about
Tango	A type of energetic dance
Cordial	Politely warm and friendly
See eye to eye	be in full agreement
Dissonance	A conflict of people's opinions, actions or characters
Fillip	Anything that makes one feel encouraged
Imminently	(esp. of something unpleasant) likely to happen very soon
Cripple	Deprive of strength or efficiency
Fray	Cause friction

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Military junta	a military group that rules a country after taking power by force
Farcical	very silly or unreasonable
Military coup	a coup organized and carried out by members of the armed forces
Detention	A state of being confined (usually for a short time)
Mow down	Kill a large number of people indiscriminately
Ethnic cleansing	The mass expulsion and killing of one ethnic or religious group in an area by another ethnic or religious group in that area
Complicit	involved with others in an activity that is unlawful or morally wrong
Ironic	Humorously sarcastic or mocking
Lose a foothold	An area in hostile territory that has been captured and is held awaiting further troops and supplies
Ineffectual	Producing no result or effect

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Administer	give or apply (medications)
Clamour	Loud and persistent outcry from many people
Surge	A sudden forceful flow
Symptomatic	Characteristic or indicative of a disease
Severity	The quality of being hard to endure, uninviting or formidable
Vulnerable	Susceptible to attack
Prudent	Careful and sensible
Immunocompromise	Become unable to develop a normal immune response usually because of malnutrition, immunodeficiency or immunosuppressive therapy
Comorbidities	the coexistence of two or more related medical conditions
Uptake	A process of taking up or using up or consuming

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Dec 3, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Exclusivist	Excluding much or all; especially all but a particular group or minority
At the outset	At the start, from the start
Commission	to formally choose someone to do a special piece of work
Outlaw	A person who operates outside established norms
Embryo	a baby in the early stages of development before birth
Coerce	To cause to do through pressure or necessity, by physical, moral or intellectual means
Unfathomable	Incapable of being fully understood
Glaringly	(of something bad) in a way that is very obvious:
Baffling	hard to believe
Heterosexual	Sexually attracted to members of the opposite sex

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Thrust	Forced
Scarcely	Only a very short time before
Nay	A negative
Caretaker government	a temporary ad hoc government that performs some governmental duties and functions in a country until a regular government is elected or formed
Kick off	Commence officially
Erstwhile	Belonging to some prior time
Embody	to be a very good example of something
Rest on her laurels	rest on your laurels means to be satisfied with your achievements and not to make an effort to do anything else
Stumbling block	something that causes trouble or a difficulty, so that you cannot achieve what you want
Kronor	The basic unit of money in Sweden

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