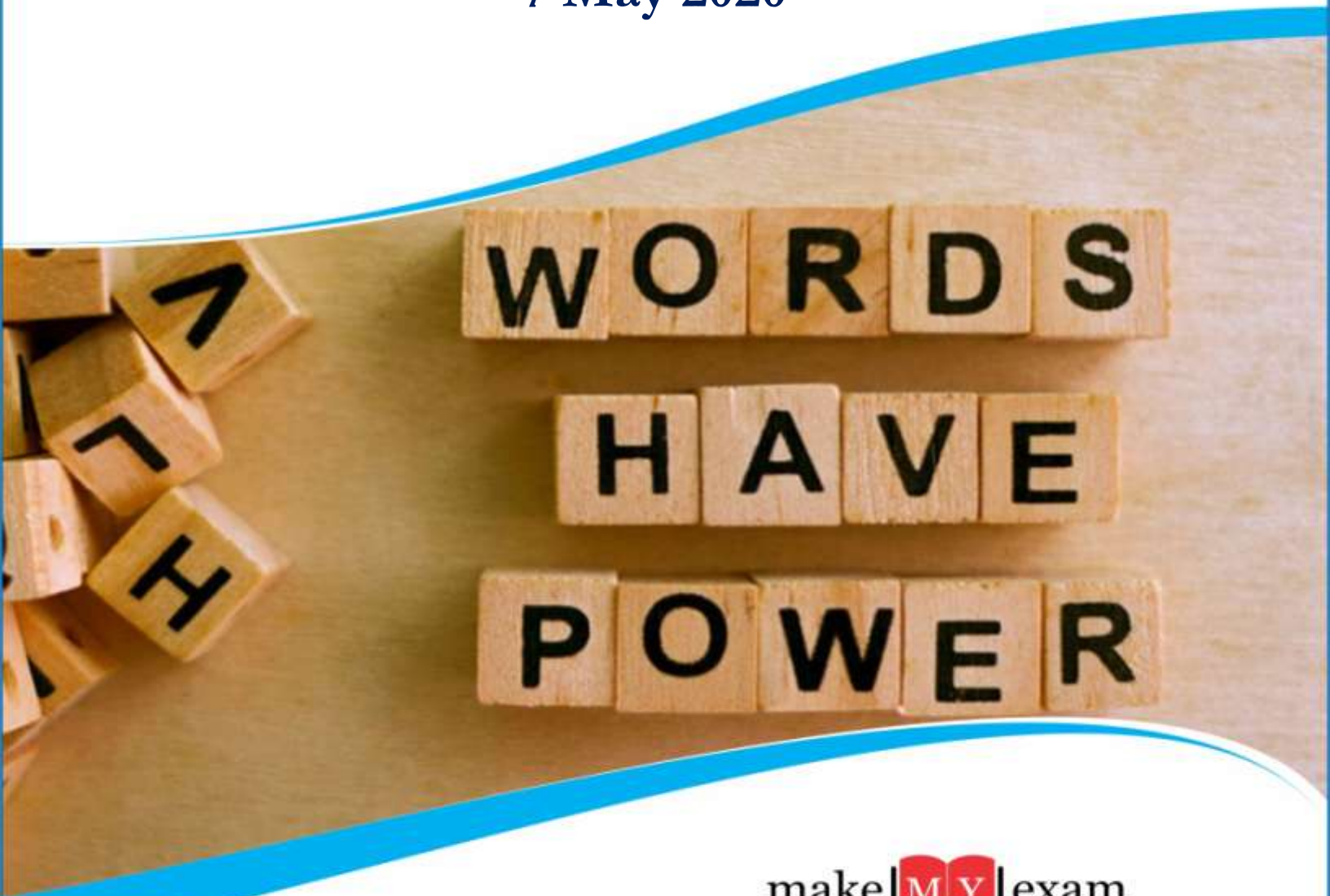


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1. BUTTRESS (verb) – सहारा देना

Pronunciation: but-ris

Meaning: to give support to or strengthen something

Synonyms: strengthen, reinforce, fortify, support, underpin

Usage: To buttress his lecture, Dr. Wren prepared a PowerPoint presentation of fifty slides.

2. HEDONIST (noun) – सुखवादी

Pronunciation: hednist / heednist

Meaning: someone who tries to have as much as pleasure as possible, according to the belief that the most important thing in life is to enjoy yourself

Synonyms: sybarite, pleasure seeker, pleasure lover, libertine

Antonyms: ascetic, austere

Usage: My neighbor is a hedonist who likes to party all night.

3. FORBEARANCE (noun) – संयम, सहनशीलता

Pronunciation: fo-beuh-runs

Meaning: the quality of being patient and being able to forgive someone or control yourself in a difficult situation

Synonyms: tolerance, toleration, patience, resignation, endurance, fortitude, stoicism

Antonyms: impatience, intolerance

Usage: He thanked his employees for the forbearance that they had shown during the company's difficult time.

4. POSER (noun) – उलझन; समस्या; पहेली

Pronunciation: po-zuh

Meaning: a difficult or perplexing question or problem

Synonyms: puzzle, mystery, conundrum, puzzler, riddle

Usage: Ashley loves a good murder-mystery poser, but her sister hates it.

5. FLASHPOINT (noun) – संकट बिंदु

Pronunciation: flash-point

Meaning: a place, event, or time at which violence or hostility flares up

Synonyms: trouble spot, crisis point

Antonyms: dreamland, utopia

Usage: Tension in the city is rapidly reaching flashpoint.

6. POINT-BLANK (adjective, adverb) – नज़दीक से गोली मारना; स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: point-blank

Meaning: (of a shot) fired from very close to its target; (of a statement or question) direct and without explanation

Synonyms: blunt, direct, straight, straightforward, frank, candid, forthright

Antonyms: circumlocutory, periphrastic

Usage:

The bullet, fired at point-blank range, hit him in the middle of the back. (adjective)

The victim was shot point-blank in the chest. (adverb)

He doesn't like to be photographed, so he refused point-blank. (adverb)

7. BANE (noun) – यातना, कष्ट

Pronunciation: bein

Meaning: a cause of great distress or annoyance

Synonyms: scourge, ruin, death, plague, ruination, destruction, torment, torture, menace, suffering

Usage: Those noisy neighbours are the bane of my life.

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8. CONTUMELY (noun) – अवहेलना, अपमान

Pronunciation: kon-tyoo-mili / kon-tyoomli

Meaning: insulting language or treatment

Synonyms: abuse, insults, slurs, aspersions, derision

Antonyms: compliments, flattery

Usage: When I met my ex-husband's new wife, I treated her to a great deal of contumely because she destroyed my happy life.

9. CARNAGE (noun) – नरसंहार, कत्लेआम, हत्याकाण्ड

Pronunciation: kaa-nij

Meaning: the killing of a large number of people

Synonyms: slaughter, massacre, mass murder, butchery

Usage: The battlefield was a scene of carnage.

10. SEMINAL (adjective) – लाभदायक, प्राथमिक, फलवान

Pronunciation: semi-n(u)l

Meaning: containing important new ideas and having a great influence on later work

Synonyms: influential, formative, groundbreaking, pioneering, original

Antonyms: irrelevant, unimportant

Usage: She wrote a seminal article on the subject while she was still a student.

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