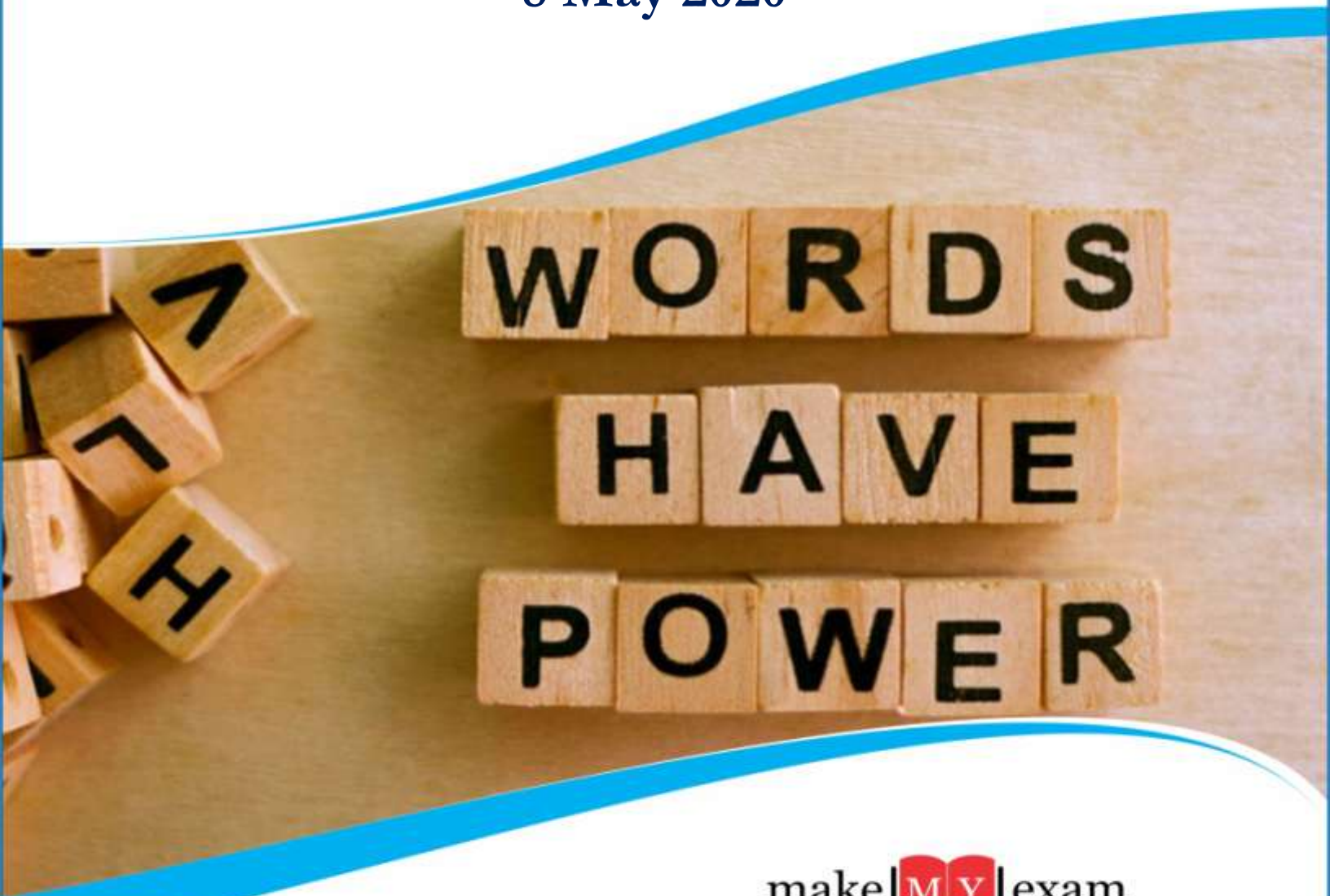


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1. INSOLENT (adjective) – असभ्य, अविनीत

Pronunciation: ins(u)l(u)nt

Meaning: showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect

Synonyms: impertinent, impudent, cheeky, ill-mannered

Antonym: polite

Usage: The band is known for its insolent attitude.

2. ASTRAY (adverb) – पथभ्रष्ट

Pronunciation: us-trei

Meaning: away from the correct path or direction; into error or morally questionable behaviour

Synonyms: off target, awry, off course, off track, adrift

Usage:

- It's better to ask the way than go astray.
- This novel is likely to lead teenagers astray.

3. STRAITENED (adjective) – दरिद्र

Pronunciation: strei-tnd

Meaning: characterized by poverty

Synonyms: impoverished, poverty-stricken, poor, destitute, penniless

Usage: The family of eight was living in straitened circumstances.

4. CALUMNIATE (verb) – बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: kulum-ni-eit

Meaning: make false and defamatory statements about someone

Synonyms: defame, slander, traduce

Usage: Do not calumniate good people.

5. BAULK (verb) – हिचकिचाना, अनिच्छुक

Pronunciation: bolc

Meaning: hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea

Synonyms: eschew, resist

Antonym: accept

Usage: New parents baulk at hiring a babysitter if there is a grandparent readily available.

6. DESPERADO (noun) – दुष्ट, बदमाश

Pronunciation: despuh-raado

Meaning: a person who is willing to do criminal things that involve risk or danger

Synonyms: bandit, criminal, outlaw, renegade, marauder, raider, robber

Usage: It was a shock for me to know that the clergyman's son was a desperado.

7. MOGUL (NOUN) – प्रसिद्ध व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: mo-gl

Meaning: an important or powerful person, especially in the film or media industry

Synonyms: magnate, tycoon, VIP, biggie, bigwig

Usage: The owner of the studio is a movie mogul who can turn anyone into a Hollywood star.

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8. SMITHEREENS (noun) – छोटी-छोटी टुकड़े

Pronunciation: smi-thuh-reenz

Meaning: small pieces

Synonyms: bits, fragments, shreds, pieces, particles

Antonyms: whole, chunk

Usage: The car was bombed to smithereens on the bridge.

9. FUSSY (adjective) – नुकताचीन, नखरेबाज़

Pronunciation: fuh-si

Meaning: hard to please; showing excessive or anxious concern about detail; full of unnecessary detail or decoration

Synonyms: finicky, over-particular, fastidious, selective, dainty, punctilious; over-elaborate, over-embellished, overdecorated, over-ornate, overdone, overworked

Antonyms: indiscriminate, understated

Usage: The children's fussy dietary habits stopped them from eating anything besides hamburgers and pizzas.

10. HIDEBOUND (adjective) – रूढ़िवादी, कट्टर, परम्परावादी

Pronunciation: haid-baund

Meaning: unwilling or unable to change because of tradition

Synonyms: conservative, reactionary, conventional, orthodox, fundamentalist, hard-line, diehard

Antonyms: liberal, broad-minded

Usage: Because my grandmother is hidebound, she does not believe in intercaste marriage.

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