

## **VOCABULARY FOR 24 OCTOBER 2018**

**1. MERETRICIOUS (ADJECTIVE):** based on pretense; deceptively pleasing

Synonyms: gaudy, flashy

Antonyms: genuine, real

Example Sentence: Malaika was flaunting her meretricious bracelet.

**2. CATASTROPHE (NOUN):** calamity

Synonyms: adversity, fiasco

Antonyms: fortune, prosperity

Example Sentence: Since the caterer failed to appear, my party was a catastrophe.

**3. DISCOURTEOUS (ADJECTIVE):** impolite

Synonyms: impertinent, ill-mannered

Antonyms: mannered, nice

Example Sentence: Vishnu asked an impertinent question to the journalist.

**4. FAMINE (NOUN):** hunger

Synonyms: starvation, dearth

Antonyms: abundance, plenty

Example Sentence: Drought resulted in famine throughout the region.

**5. BLANDISHMENT (NOUN):** flattery

Synonyms: adulation, cajolery

Antonyms: criticism, denunciation

Example Sentence: He is a decent man not the one who can be impressed with the blandishments.

**6. ENCOMIUM (NOUN):** praise

Synonyms: accolade, compliment

Antonyms: blame, condemnation

Example Sentence: An IIT qualified was showered encomium on his grand success.

**7. NEXUS (NOUN):** link

Synonyms: bond, connection

Antonyms: interruption, exteriority

Example Sentence: I share a strong nexus with my cousin.

**8. ASPHYXIATE (VERB):** cut off air

Synonyms: smother, stifle

Antonyms: breathe, loosen

Example Sentence: Aneesh died because someone asphyxiated his oxygen cylinder.

**9. REMONSTRATE (VERB):** protest

Synonyms: complain, dispute

Antonyms: agree, concede

Example Sentence: The officials remonstrated against the injustice in their department.

**10. OSTRACISM (NOUN):** banishment

Synonyms: avoidance, boycott

Antonyms: acceptance, allowance

Example Sentence: In Athens, ostracism gratuitously anticipated a crime.