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Session 1: Word List

Mars

n. a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye

(1) **Mars** colonization, (2) **Mars** exploration

The ice caps on the poles of **Mars** are permanent.

outflow

n. the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater

synonym: discharge, outpouring, gush

(1) **outflow** fluid, (2) **outflow** of capital

After the valves were closed, the **outflow** halted.

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym: upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

resemblance

n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
synonym: closeness, likeness, similarity

(1) striking **resemblance**, (2) faint **resemblance**

The **resemblance** between Anna and her mother was astonishing.

earthy

adj. relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature

synonym: loamy, soil-like

(1) an **earthy** sense of humor, (2) **earthy** material

This building used **earthy** elements such as stone, brick, and wood.

Martian

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

(1) **Martian** geography, (2) **Martian** surface

There is very little water in the **Martian** atmosphere.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym: fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

equator

n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**

Ecuador is on the **equator**.

onrush

n. a strong forward rush or flow; an offensive against an enemy

synonym: rush, surge, attack

(1) **onrush** of the sea, (2) **onrush** of sadness

The explosion interrupted the wild **onrush** of the enemy's invasion.

teardrop

n. anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye

synonym: tear

(1) **teardrop** balloon, (2) **teardrop** earring

Teardrop rubies and diamonds were set in white gold.

judiciary

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

synonym: tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

surveyor

n. an engineer who measures and records the details of areas of land

synonym: assessor, cartographer

(1) land **surveyor**, (2) geographical **surveyor**

The **surveyors** asked various related questions about the land.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym: cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

lowland

n. low-lying country or region

synonym: marshland

(1) **lowland** crop, (2) **lowland** swamp

Much of our territory is located in the **lowland**.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

synonym: advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

conceivable

adj. imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind

synonym: believable, imaginable, probable

(1) **conceivable** way, (2) **conceivable** emergency

It is challenging to defend every **conceivable** target.

evaporate

v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

synonym:

vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight
The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

shoreline

n. a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym: move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

detract

v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

synonym: take away, draw away, diminish

(1) **detract** from quality of life, (2) **detract** from his fame

His terrible manners **detract** from his good character.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

carbonate

n. a carbonic acid salt or ester that contains the anion CO₃

(1) sodium **carbonate**, (2) alkaline **carbonate**

The explosive chemical reaction does not occur in all sodium **carbonate**.

gully

n. deep water-cut trench, especially after a prolonged downpour

synonym: gorge, canyon, valley

(1) street **gully**, (2) **gully** erosion

In the mist, the vast **gully** was awe-inspiring.

inconclusive

adj. without any significant results or proof or decision

synonym: ambiguous, unsettled, uncertain

(1) **inconclusive** debate, (2) **inconclusive** evidence

Climate behavior models are frequently **inconclusive**.

astronomer

n. a physicist who studies astronomy

synonym: stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

unproven

adj. not tested or proved

(1) **unproven** efficacy, (2) scientifically **unproven**

The new treatment's long-term advantages are still **unproven**.

permafrost

n. a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions

(1) **permafrost** area, (2) thawing **permafrost**

Permafrost is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sp_____te about the reason | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 2. geographical su_____or | <i>n.</i> an engineer who measures and records the details of areas of land |
| 3. con_____le emergency | <i>adj.</i> imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind |
| 4. te_____op earring | <i>n.</i> anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye |
| 5. amateur ast_____er | <i>n.</i> a physicist who studies astronomy |
| 6. hi_____nd agriculture | <i>adj.</i> an area of elevated land or hilly terrain |
| 7. inc_____ive debate | <i>adj.</i> without any significant results or proof or decision |
| 8. ou_____w of capital | <i>n.</i> the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater |
| 9. ou_____w fluid | <i>n.</i> the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater |
| 10. northern hem_____re | <i>n.</i> half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere |
| 11. de_____t from his fame | <i>v.</i> to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance |
| 12. south of the eq_____r | <i>n.</i> an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles) |

ANSWERS: 1. speculate, 2. surveyor, 3. conceivable, 4. teardrop, 5. astronomer, 6. highland, 7. inconclusive, 8. outflow, 9. outflow, 10. hemisphere, 11. detract, 12. equator

13. thawing per_____st *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
14. independence of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
15. cerebral hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
16. re___e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
17. enthusiastic pr_____nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
18. ev_____te almost overnight *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
19. de_____t from quality of life *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
20. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
21. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
22. te_____op balloon *n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
23. ad___n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
24. M___s exploration *n.* a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye
25. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 13. permafrost, 14. judiciary, 15. hemisphere, 16. recede, 17. proponent, 18. evaporate, 19. detract, 20. catastrophic, 21. speculate, 22. teardrop, 23. adorn, 24. Mars, 25. crater

26. on___h of sadness *n.* a strong forward rush or flow; an offensive against an enemy
27. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
28. vast ex_____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
29. coral-reef sh_____ne *n.* a line that separates land and sea
30. ea___y material *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
31. above the eq_____r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
32. faint res_____ce *n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
33. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
34. cr___r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
35. lo_____d crop *n.* low-lying country or region
36. sodium ca_____te *n.* a carbonic acid salt or ester that contains the anion CO₃
37. gu___y erosion *n.* deep water-cut trench, especially after a prolonged downpour

ANSWERS: 26. onrush, 27. catastrophic, 28. expanse, 29. shoreline, 30. earthy, 31. equator, 32. resemblance, 33. interconnect, 34. crater, 35. lowland, 36. carbonate, 37. gully

38. M__s colonization *n.* a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye
39. per_____st area *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
40. an ea___y sense of humor *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
41. hi_____nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
42. solar ast_____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
43. street gu___y *n.* deep water-cut trench, especially after a prolonged downpour
44. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
45. sh_____ne erosion *n.* a line that separates land and sea
46. Ma_____n geography *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
47. con_____le way *adj.* imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind
48. alkaline ca_____te *n.* a carbonic acid salt or ester that contains the anion CO₃
49. lo_____d swamp *n.* low-lying country or region
50. land su_____or *n.* an engineer who measures and records the details of areas of land
51. inc_____ive evidence *adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision

ANSWERS: 38. Mars, 39. permafrost, 40. earthy, 41. highland, 42. astronomer, 43. gully, 44. relic, 45. shoreline, 46. Martian, 47. conceivable, 48. carbonate, 49. lowland, 50. surveyor, 51. inconclusive

52. re___e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
53. un____en efficacy *adj.* not tested or proved
54. member of the ju____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
55. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
56. Ma____n surface *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
57. ad__n the table with flowers *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
58. large ex____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
59. ev____te the water *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
60. directly int____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
61. striking res____ce *n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
62. on__h of the sea *n.* a strong forward rush or flow; an offensive against an enemy
63. scientifically un____en *adj.* not tested or proved
64. pr____nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

ANSWERS: 52. recede, 53. unproven, 54. judiciary, 55. relic, 56. Martian, 57. adorn, 58. expanse, 59. evaporate, 60. interconnect, 61. resemblance, 62. onrush, 63. unproven, 64. proponent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.
n. a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
2. It is challenging to defend every _____ target.
adj. imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind
3. After the valves were closed, the _____ halted.
n. the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater
4. In the mist, the vast _____ was awe-inspiring.
n. deep water-cut trench, especially after a prolonged downpour
5. The explosion interrupted the wild _____ of the enemy's invasion.
n. a strong forward rush or flow; an offensive against an enemy
6. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
7. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
8. The _____ asked various related questions about the land.
n. an engineer who measures and records the details of areas of land
9. The architect _____ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.
v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

ANSWERS: 1. Permafrost, 2. conceivable, 3. outflow, 4. gully, 5. onrush, 6. catastrophic, 7. hemisphere, 8. surveyors, 9. adorned

10. His terrible manners _____ from his good character.
v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
11. This building used _____ elements such as stone, brick, and wood.
adj. relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
12. The new treatment's long-term advantages are still _____.
adj. not tested or proved
13. Flooding occurs along the city's _____ due to the storm surge.
n. a line that separates land and sea
14. Ecuador is on the _____.
n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
15. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
16. _____ rubies and diamonds were set in white gold.
n. anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
17. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
18. The ice caps on the poles of _____ are permanent.
n. a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye

ANSWERS: 10. detract, 11. earthy, 12. unproven, 13. shoreline, 14. equator, 15. relic, 16. Teardrop, 17. speculated, 18. Mars

19. Climate behavior models are frequently _____.
adj. without any significant results or proof or decision
20. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.
n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
21. This question has fascinated solar _____ for decades.
n. a physicist who studies astronomy
22. The explosive chemical reaction does not occur in all sodium _____.
n. a carbonic acid salt or ester that contains the anion CO₃
23. The _____ between Anna and her mother was astonishing.
n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
24. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.
n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
25. The sun will _____ the mist.
v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
26. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
27. Much of our territory is located in the _____.
n. low-lying country or region

ANSWERS: 19. inconclusive, 20. proponent, 21. astronomers, 22. carbonate, 23. resemblance, 24. crater, 25. evaporate, 26. interconnect, 27. lowland

28. The _____ of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

29. There is very little water in the _____ atmosphere.

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

30. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

31. The king's political power _____ even further.

v. to pull back or move away or backward

32. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

ANSWERS: 28. judiciary, 29. Martian, 30. expanse, 31. receded, 32. highland