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Session 1: Word List

cohesive

adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
synonym: sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group

He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

monolithic

adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
synonym: massive, monumental, hulking

(1) **monolithic** block, (2) **monolithic** system

Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into **monolithic** applications.

garrison

n. a group of soldiers stationed to defend a town or fort
synonym: fort, regiment, soldiers

(1) **garrison** troops, (2) reinforce a **garrison**

They formed a vast **garrison** to withstand an assault.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually

lost everything.

cohesion

n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together

synonym: coherence, coherency, cohesiveness

(1) social **cohesion**, (2) the **cohesion** of a team

We gain higher levels of social **cohesion** and stability.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

Mediterranean

n. the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia

(1) **Mediterranean** agriculture, (2) **Mediterranean** climate

They plan to take a **Mediterranean** cruise.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

wed

v. to marry someone

synonym: marry, get hitched with

(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man

The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.

landsman

n. a person who lives and works on land

synonym: landlubber

(1) **landsman** who had never seen the sea, (2) the **landsman** was seasick

During the voyage, he felt a special kinship with his fellow **landsman**.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

habitual

adj. commonly used or repeated

synonym: chronic, frequent, accustomed

(1) **habitual** absence, (2) **habitual** overeating

Habitual smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.

orderly

adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way

synonym: tidy, tidied, neat

(1) **orderly** and fair market, (2) **orderly** manner

The elections were handled in a timely and **orderly** manner.

engender

v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

synonym: beget, spawn, generate

(1) **engender** a crisis, (2) **engender** the trust

The discussion about war helps **engender** a sense of shared humanity.

gravitas

n. the quality of seriousness and importance

synonym: dignity, lordliness, sobriety

(1) the statesmanlike **gravitas**, (2) demonstrate **gravitas**

One source suggests that this politician was a lack of **gravitas**.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

predispose

v. to make someone susceptible

synonym: dispose, incline

(1) **predispose** to the development of cancer,

(2) **predispose** me to become a novelist

Her outstanding achievement **predisposes** people to like her.

subtlety

n. the quality of being subtle

synonym: nuance, refinement, niceness

(1) psychological **subtlety**, (2) with great **subtlety**

She examines the document with remarkable **subtlety**.

imitation

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

synonym: fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

disdain

v. to look down on

synonym: scorn, despise, ridicule

(1) **disdain** the offer of a bribe, (2) **disdain** the policemen

Even in the Middle Ages, people **disdained** forced labor.

epistle

n. a specially long, formal letter

synonym: letter, memorandum

(1) saint's **epistle**, (2) catholic **epistles**

Every week, her mother writes her a long **epistle**.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

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.

sensibility

n. mental responsiveness and awareness toward something

synonym: emotion, sense, aesthesia

(1) cultural **sensibility**, (2) design **sensibility**

Everything he writes shows the breadth of his **sensibility**.

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym: solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

caliber

n. a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel

synonym: ability, competence, quality

(1) high- **caliber** executive, (2) the **caliber** of a vein

The students' **caliber** has improved from mediocre to above-average.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pre_____se to the development of cancer | <i>v.</i> to make someone susceptible |
| 2. in_____ct for self-preservation | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |
| 3. Med_____ean agriculture | <i>n.</i> the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia |
| 4. la_____an who had never seen the sea | <i>n.</i> a person who lives and works on land |
| 5. im_____on antique | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something |
| 6. cultural sen_____ty | <i>n.</i> mental responsiveness and awareness toward something |
| 7. fe_____e market | <i>adj.</i> capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive |
| 8. sc_____r around the internet | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 9. the statesmanlike gr_____as | <i>n.</i> the quality of seriousness and importance |
| 10. national ob_____on | <i>n.</i> the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person |

ANSWERS: 1. predispose, 2. instinct, 3. Mediterranean, 4. landsman, 5. imitation, 6. sensibility, 7. fertile, 8. scatter, 9. gravitas, 10. obsession

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| 11. with great su_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality of being subtle |
| 12. international st_____an | <i>n.</i> a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs |
| 13. an und_____le fact | <i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain |
| 14. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 15. social co_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or state of keeping or sticking together |
| 16. mon_____ic system | <i>adj.</i> characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity |
| 17. co_____r the world | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |
| 18. ha_____al absence | <i>adj.</i> commonly used or repeated |
| 19. en_____er a crisis | <i>v.</i> to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to |
| 20. highly co_____ve group | <i>adj.</i> causing cohesion; bringing people or things together |
| 21. sp_____te on the outcome | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 22. artificial im_____on | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something |
| 23. aggressive in_____ct | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |

ANSWERS: 11. subtlety, 12. statesman, 13. undeniable, 14. intellect, 15. cohesion, 16. monolithic, 17. conquer, 18. habitual, 19. engender, 20. cohesive, 21. speculate, 22. imitation, 23. instinct

24. di_____n the offer of a bribe *v.* to look down on
25. Med_____ean climate *n.* the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia
26. demonstrate gr_____as *n.* the quality of seriousness and importance
27. pre_____se me to become a novelist *v.* to make someone susceptible
28. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
29. in a fl____t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
30. di_____n the policemen *v.* to look down on
31. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
32. mon_____ic block *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
33. fl____t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
34. design sen_____ty *n.* mental responsiveness and awareness toward something
35. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
36. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
37. or_____y manner *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way

ANSWERS: 24. disdain, 25. Mediterranean, 26. gravitas, 27. predispose, 28. undeniable, 29. fluent, 30. disdain, 31. speculate, 32. monolithic, 33. fluent, 34. sensibility, 35. intellect, 36. disgust, 37. orderly

38. w_d the rich man v. to marry someone
39. w_d my intended v. to marry someone
40. act con_____ly adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
41. make a co_____st n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
42. high-ca_____r executive n. a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
43. the la_____an was seasick n. a person who lives and works on land
44. catholic ep_____es n. a specially long, formal letter
45. st__k truth adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
46. con_____ly aware of a problem adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
47. fe_____e ground adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
48. or_____y and fair market adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
49. st__k landscape adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
50. the ca_____r of a vein n. a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
51. a woman st_____an n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

ANSWERS: 38. wed, 39. wed, 40. consciously, 41. conquest, 42. caliber, 43. landsman, 44. epistle, 45. stark, 46. consciously, 47. fertile, 48. orderly, 49. stark, 50. caliber, 51. statesman

52. co____ve ability *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
53. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
54. co____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
55. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
56. ha____al overeating *adj.* commonly used or repeated
57. reinforce a ga_____on *n.* a group of soldiers stationed to defend a town or fort
58. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
59. psychological su_____ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
60. saint's ep_____e *n.* a specially long, formal letter
61. en_____er the trust *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
62. ga_____on troops *n.* a group of soldiers stationed to defend a town or fort
63. imperial co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
64. the co_____on of a team *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together

ANSWERS: 52. cohesive, 53. obsession, 54. conquer, 55. scatter, 56. habitual, 57. garrison, 58. disgust, 59. subtlety, 60. epistle, 61. engender, 62. garrison, 63. conquest, 64. cohesion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The couple will ____ after the tenth anniversary.
v. to marry someone
2. Everything he writes shows the breadth of his _____.
n. mental responsiveness and awareness toward something
3. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
4. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
5. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
6. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
7. He skillfully combines these fragments into a _____ whole.
adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
8. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
9. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 1. wed, 2. sensibility, 3. speculated, 4. scattered, 5. disgust, 6. fertile, 7. cohesive, 8. stark, 9. conquer

10. The elections were handled in a timely and _____ manner.
adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
11. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
12. Her outstanding achievement _____ people to like her.
v. to make someone susceptible
13. During the voyage, he felt a special kinship with his fellow _____.
n. a person who lives and works on land
14. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
15. One source suggests that this politician was a lack of _____.
n. the quality of seriousness and importance
16. He continued to grow his empire through _____.
n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
17. Even in the Middle Ages, people _____ forced labor.
v. to look down on
18. Every week, her mother writes her a long _____.
n. a specially long, formal letter
19. _____ smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.
adj. commonly used or repeated

ANSWERS: 10. orderly, 11. obsession, 12. predisposes, 13. landsman, 14. fluent, 15. gravitas, 16. conquest, 17. disdained, 18. epistle, 19. Habitual

20. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through _____.
- n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
21. The students' _____ has improved from mediocre to above-average.
- n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
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25. She examines the document with remarkable _____.
- n.* the quality of being subtle
26. They plan to take a _____ cruise.
- n.* the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia
27. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
- adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
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- adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity

ANSWERS: 20. imitation, 21. caliber, 22. intellect, 23. instinct, 24. undeniable, 25. subtlety, 26. Mediterranean, 27. consciously, 28. monolithic

29. They formed a vast _____ to withstand an assault.

n. a group of soldiers stationed to defend a town or fort

30. We gain higher levels of social _____ and stability.

n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together

31. The discussion about war helps _____ a sense of shared humanity.

v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

32. This statue honors a distinguished _____.

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

ANSWERS: 29. garrison, 30. cohesion, 31. engender, 32. statesman