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Session 1: Word List

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**
I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert
A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

notwithstanding

adv. despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless;
(preposition) despite or in spite of

synonym : although, however, (preposition) in spite of

(1) **notwithstanding** the preceding provisions,

(2) **notwithstanding** my protests

Notwithstanding his disapproval, the decree was passed.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym : compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly**

varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

uncritical

adj. not willing to criticize somebody/something or to judge whether somebody/something is right or wrong

synonym : noncritical, casual, unfussy

(1) an **uncritical** audience, (2) **uncritical** admirer

He was **uncritical** of his daughter's wrongdoing.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument
In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym: misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy
Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

precursor

n. a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth

synonym: antecedent, forerunner, herald

(1) **precursor** cell, (2) **precursor** to serotonin
Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are the primary **precursors** of acid rain.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym: nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love
His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

commonsense

adj. exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share

synonym: balanced, pragmatic, judicious

(1) **commonsense** scholarship, (2) **commonsense** reforms

Innovative companies often question **commonsense** practices and break them.

venerable

adj. deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.

synonym: respected, esteemed, revered

(1) **venerable** tradition, (2) a **venerable** old man

He is the newly appointed CEO to revamp the **venerable** apparel brand.

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

distinguished

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

synonym: famous, outstanding, eminent

(1) a **distinguished** ancestry, (2) **distinguished** war services

The new CEO has a **distinguished** career

thing-in-itself

n. the intellectual conception of things as they are, independent of representation and observation

(1) absent from the **thing-in-itself**, (2) the purest **thing-in-itself**

Kantian scholars have long debated interpretations of the **thing-in-itself**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
2. com_____se scholarship *adj.* exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
3. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
4. a dis_____hed ancestry *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
5. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
6. com_____se reforms *adj.* exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
7. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
8. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 1. compose, 2. commonsense, 3. ultimate, 4. distinguished, 5. skepticism, 6. commonsense, 7. distinction, 8. fundamental

9. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
10. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
11. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
12. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
13. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
14. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
15. absent from the thi_____elf *n.* the intellectual conception of things as they are, independent of representation and observation
16. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
17. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
18. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
19. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
20. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
21. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

ANSWERS: 9. apparent, 10. instance, 11. possibility, 12. vast, 13. suspect, 14. constantly, 15. thing-in-itself, 16. instance, 17. insist, 18. platonic, 19. fundamental, 20. observation, 21. mislead

22. important dis_____on
n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
23. an alt_____ve plan
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
24. heir ap_____nt
adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly
25. the il_____on of being in the forest
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
26. a con_____ly varying mind
adv. all the time
27. pr_____or to serotonin
n. a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth
28. not_____ing the preceding provisions
adv. despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of
29. unc_____al admirer
adj. not willing to criticize somebody/something or to judge whether somebody/something is right or wrong
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ANSWERS: 22. distinction, 23. alternative, 24. apparent, 25. illusion, 26. constantly, 27. precursor, 28. notwithstanding, 29. uncritical, 30. skepticism, 31. ultimate, 32. platonic, 33. illusion

34. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
35. not_____ing my protests *adv.* despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of
36. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
37. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
38. the purest thi_____elf *n.* the intellectual conception of things as they are, independent of representation and observation
39. dis_____hed war services *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
40. pr_____or cell *n.* a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth
41. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
42. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
43. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 34. possibility, 35. notwithstanding, 36. philosophy, 37. vast, 38. thing-in-itself, 39. distinguished, 40. precursor, 41. ordinary, 42. insist, 43. philosophy

44. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
45. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
46. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
47. ve_____le tradition *adj.* deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.
48. mi_____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
49. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
50. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
51. a ve_____le old man *adj.* deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.
52. an unc_____al audience *adj.* not willing to criticize somebody/something or to judge whether somebody/something is right or wrong

ANSWERS: 44. ordinary, 45. suspect, 46. alternative, 47. venerable, 48. mislead, 49. observation, 50. compose, 51. venerable, 52. uncritical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
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ANSWERS: 26. ultimate