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Session 1: Word List

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym: fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift

The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university build a new library.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

ken

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

synonym: knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym: hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

synonym: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

excavation

n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

synonym: digging, mining, unearthing

(1) fossil **excavation**, (2) **excavation** work

The archaeological **excavation** of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

underline

v. to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it

synonym: emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **underline** the vision, (2) **underline** the key points

He **underlined** the important points in the document.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

far-reaching

adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

synonym : extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

reimburse

v. to pay someone back for money that they have spent

synonym : compensate, repay, refund

(1) **reimburse** expenses, (2) **reimburse** money

The insurance company will **reimburse** the cost of the damage caused by the storm.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym : ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

morale

n. the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination

synonym : spirit, confidence, optimism

(1) the **morale** of soldiers, (2) improve employee **morale**

The team's **morale** improved after winning the championship.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

precis

v. to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory

synonym: summarize, abstract, digest

(1) **precis** the contents of a book, (2) a **precis** of recent advances in AI

He **precis** this lengthy report in two pages.

vegan

n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

(1) raw food **vegan**, (2) **vegan** lifestyle

The **vegan** diet is based on plant-based foods.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment

and low GDP.

unbending

adj. not willing to change one's opinions or behavior; not able to bend or be bent without breaking

synonym: inflexible, rigid, resolute

(1) **unbending** policy, (2) **unbending** principle

His **unbending** stance on the issue caused him to lose support.

fructose

n. a simple sugar that is found in many fruits and vegetables and is about twice as sweet as sucrose

synonym: fruit sugar, levulose, laevulose

(1) **fructose** content, (2) heredity **fructose** intolerance

High **fructose** corn syrup is a common ingredient in processed foods.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

synonym: ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

bassoon

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed

synonym: fagotto, contrabassoon

(1) a tenor **bassoon**, (2) **bassoon** reed

The **bassoon** player was the only one who could hit that low note.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

jeer

v. to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures

synonym: mock, ridicule, deride

(1) **jeer** at the speaker, (2) **jeer** at the performance

The crowd **jeered** at the losing team.

furor

n. a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something

synonym: excitement, fuss, commotion

(1) create a **furor**, (2) the **furor** over the issue

The new tax law caused a **furor** among small business owners.

convulse

v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

synonym: spasm, tremble, seize

(1) **convulse** with laughter, (2) **convulse** with anger

He **convulsed** in pain as the injury was severe.

choreography

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

synonym: composition, arrangement, dance notation

(1) original **choreography**, (2) **choreography** art

The dance performance featured intricate **choreography**.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym : onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

pelt

v. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily

synonym : hurl, fling, throw

(1) **pelt** him with stones, (2) **pelt** with questions

The crowd **pelted** the stage with bottles and cans in protest.

dissonant

adj. sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions

synonym : discordant, harsh, inharmonious

(1) a **dissonant** voice, (2) **dissonant** note

The **dissonant** sound from the poorly tuned instruments was painful to listen to.

purposeful

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

synonym : determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace

She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

ungraceful

adj. lacking grace, poise, or elegance; awkward or clumsy in movement or behavior

synonym : clumsy, awkward, uncoordinated

(1) an **ungraceful** carriage, (2) **ungraceful** exit

Her **ungraceful** movements on the dance floor made it obvious that she was a beginner.

pagan

n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions

synonym : atheist, polytheist, agnostic

(1) **pagan** sites, (2) **pagan** belief

The temple was built by ancient **pagans** who worshiped multiple gods.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym : announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

disconcert

v. to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

synonym : unsettle, perturb, discomfit

(1) **disconcert** his plans, (2) **disconcert** the enthusiast

His sudden departure **disconcerted** the team.

conveyance

n. the act of transporting something or someone from one place to another or the means of transportation used; the legal document that transfers the title of a property to a new owner

synonym : transportation, vehicle, carrier

(1) **conveyance** of ownership, (2) pipeline **conveyance**

The public **conveyance** took him from the airport to his hotel.

uproar

n. a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent

synonym : commotion, fuss, disturbance

(1) a clamorous **uproar**, (2) political **uproar**

The **uproar** caused by the announcement of the layoffs was heard throughout the office.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym : observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence
His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story
She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

impassioned

adj. having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal

synonym: enthusiastic, fervent, ardent

(1) give an **impassioned** defense, (2) **impassioned** plea
He spoke with **impassioned** conviction about the need for change.

traditionalist

n. a person who adheres to traditional customs, values, or beliefs and is opposed to change or modern ideas, methods, or technology

synonym: conservative, reactionist, die-hard

(1) **traditionalist** view, (2) discredit the **traditionalist**
The **traditionalist** approach to education has its own set of limitations.

exemplify

v. to serve as a typical example of something

synonym: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

monstrosity

n. a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control

synonym: monstrous, freak, deformity

(1) **monstrosity** of war, (2) **monstrosity** of nature

The creature's **monstrosity** in the horror movie shocked the audience.

unsurprising

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

synonym: predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mass sp_____or sport | <i>n.</i> someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it |
| 2. cho_____phy art | <i>n.</i> the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance |
| 3. exa_____te story | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is |
| 4. raw food ve__n | <i>n.</i> a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons |
| 5. recover from a re_____on | <i>n.</i> a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases |
| 6. di_____nt note | <i>adj.</i> sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions |
| 7. di_____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 8. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |

ANSWERS: 1. spectator, 2. choreography, 3. exaggerate, 4. vegan, 5. recession, 6. dissonant, 7. disrupt, 8. industrious

9. re_____se money *v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent
10. en_____nt gift *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
11. un_____ne the key points *v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
12. pur_____ul series of actions *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
13. improve employee mo___e *n.* the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination
14. ex_____fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
15. fr_____se content *n.* a simple sugar that is found in many fruits and vegetables and is about twice as sweet as sucrose
16. motion b___r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; *(verb)* to become unclear; to lose clear vision
17. un_____ng policy *adj.* not willing to change one's opinions or behavior; not able to bend or be bent without breaking
18. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 9. reimburse, 10. endowment, 11. underline, 12. purposeful, 13. morale, 14. exemplify, 15. fructose, 16. blur, 17. unbending, 18. disrupt

19. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
20. un_____ne the vision *v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
21. p__t with questions *v.* to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily
22. engage in fr_____us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
23. eye_____ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
24. a di_____nt voice *adj.* sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions
25. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
26. a memory of an eye_____ss *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
27. fossil exc_____on *n.* the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

ANSWERS: 19. blur, 20. underline, 21. pelt, 22. frivolous, 23. eyewitness, 24. dissonant, 25. blockbuster, 26. eyewitness, 27. excavation

28. tra_____ist view *n.* a person who adheres to traditional customs, values, or beliefs and is opposed to change or modern ideas, methods, or technology
29. apparently con_____ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
30. discredit the tra_____ist *n.* a person who adheres to traditional customs, values, or beliefs and is opposed to change or modern ideas, methods, or technology
31. achieve far_____ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
32. j__r at the speaker *v.* to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures
33. create a fu__r *n.* a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something
34. r__e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
35. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
36. give an imp_____ed defense *adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
37. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

ANSWERS: 28. traditionalist, 29. contradictory, 30. traditionalist, 31. far-reaching, 32. jeer, 33. furor, 34. rite, 35. distract, 36. impassioned, 37. ken

38. co_____se with laughter *v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
39. far_____ing consequences *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
40. con_____ce of ownership *n.* the act of transporting something or someone from one place to another or the means of transportation used; the legal document that transfers the title of a property to a new owner
41. uns_____ing result *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
42. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
43. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
44. a pr____s of recent advances in AI *v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory
45. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
46. fr_____us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
47. the fu__r over the issue *n.* a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something
48. sp_____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

ANSWERS: 38. convulse, 39. far-reaching, 40. conveyance, 41. unsurprising, 42. commonplace, 43. creditor, 44. precis, 45. skeptical, 46. frivolous, 47. furor, 48. spectator

49. uns_____ing success *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
50. p__t him with stones *v.* to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily
51. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
52. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
53. mon_____ty of nature *n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
54. ung_____ul exit *adj.* lacking grace, poise, or elegance; awkward or clumsy in movement or behavior
55. dis_____rt the enthusiast *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
56. ba_____n reed *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed
57. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
58. ex_____fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
59. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 49. unsurprising, 50. pelt, 51. distract, 52. ken, 53. monstrosity, 54. ungraceful, 55. disconcert, 56. bassoon, 57. proclaim, 58. exemplify, 59. creditor

60. ov____ok that fact
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
61. a tenor ba____n
n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed
62. imp____ed plea
adj. having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
63. r__t control gas
n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
64. perform the r__e
n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
65. pr____im victory
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
66. ov____ok a street
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
67. un____ng principle
adj. not willing to change one's opinions or behavior; not able to bend or be bent without breaking
68. j__r at the performance
v. to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures
69. at a pur____ul pace
adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

ANSWERS: 60. overlook, 61. bassoon, 62. impassioned, 63. riot, 64. rite, 65. proclaim, 66. overlook, 67. unbending, 68. jeer, 69. purposeful

70. original cho_____phy *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance
71. an ung_____ul carriage *adj.* lacking grace, poise, or elegance; awkward or clumsy in movement or behavior
72. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
73. heredity fr_____se intolerance *n.* a simple sugar that is found in many fruits and vegetables and is about twice as sweet as sucrose
74. education en_____nt insurance *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
75. con_____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
76. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
77. el____t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
78. mon_____ty of war *n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
79. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

ANSWERS: 70. choreography, 71. ungraceful, 72. protagonist, 73. fructose, 74. endowment, 75. contradictory, 76. exaggerate, 77. elicit, 78. monstrosity, 79. recession

80. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
81. re_____se expenses *v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent
82. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
83. the mo___e of soldiers *n.* the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination
84. a clamorous up___r *n.* a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
85. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
86. pipeline con_____ce *n.* the act of transporting something or someone from one place to another or the means of transportation used; the legal document that transfers the title of a property to a new owner
87. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
88. ve__n lifestyle *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
89. pr___s the contents of a book *v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory

ANSWERS: 80. blockbuster, 81. reimburse, 82. skeptical, 83. morale, 84. uproar, 85. protagonist, 86. conveyance, 87. commonplace, 88. vegan, 89. precis

90. dis_____rt his plans
v. to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
91. pa__n sites
n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions
92. pa__n belief
n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions
93. el___t a solution
v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
94. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
95. political up___r
n. a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
96. co_____se with anger
v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
97. exc_____on work
n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

ANSWERS: 90. disconcert, 91. pagan, 92. pagan, 93. elicit, 94. industrious, 95. uproar, 96. convulse, 97. excavation

98. r__t police

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 98. riot

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The new action movie is expected to be a _____ hit.
n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

2. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

3. The temple was built by ancient _____ who worshiped multiple gods.
n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions

4. The crowd _____ at the losing team.
v. to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures

5. The crowd _____ the stage with bottles and cans in protest.
v. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily

6. The _____ player was the only one who could hit that low note.
n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed

7. His statements were _____ leaving the audience confused.
adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

ANSWERS: 1. blockbuster, 2. exaggerated, 3. pagans, 4. jeered, 5. pelted, 6. bassoon, 7. contradictory,

8. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
9. Her _____ movements on the dance floor made it obvious that she was a beginner.
adj. lacking grace, poise, or elegance; awkward or clumsy in movement or behavior
10. His sudden departure _____ the team.
v. to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
11. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
12. The _____ approach to education has its own set of limitations.
n. a person who adheres to traditional customs, values, or beliefs and is opposed to change or modern ideas, methods, or technology
13. He _____ in pain as the injury was severe.
v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
14. The _____ caused by the announcement of the layoffs was heard throughout the office.
n. a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
15. The new tax law caused a _____ among small business owners.
n. a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something

ANSWERS: 8. blur, 9. ungraceful, 10. disconcerted, 11. creditor, 12. traditionalist, 13. convulsed, 14. uproar, 15. furor

16. The _____ sound from the poorly tuned instruments was painful to listen to.
adj. sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions
17. The archaeological _____ of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.
n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
18. The wealthy benefactor's _____ helped the university build a new library.
n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
19. The _____ diet is based on plant-based foods.
n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
20. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
21. He was accused of being _____ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.
adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
22. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
23. The team's _____ improved after winning the championship.
n. the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination

ANSWERS: 16. dissonant, 17. excavation, 18. endowment, 19. vegan, 20. overlook, 21. frivolous, 22. skeptical, 23. morale

24. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
25. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.
n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
26. The _____ testimony was crucial in solving the case.
n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
27. He spoke with _____ conviction about the need for change.
adj. having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
28. His _____ stance on the issue caused him to lose support.
adj. not willing to change one's opinions or behavior; not able to bend or be bent without breaking
29. She had a _____ look and was determined to complete the task.
adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined
30. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
31. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

ANSWERS: 24. protagonist's, 25. rite, 26. eyewitness, 27. impassioned, 28. unbending, 29. purposeful, 30. disrupt, 31. recession,

32. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
33. He _____ this lengthy report in two pages.
v. to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory
34. The _____ outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.
adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
35. The creature's _____ in the horror movie shocked the audience.
n. a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
36. The dance performance featured intricate _____.
n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance
37. The public _____ took him from the airport to his hotel.
n. the act of transporting something or someone from one place to another or the means of transportation used; the legal document that transfers the title of a property to a new owner
38. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
39. She enjoyed watching the game as a _____.
n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

ANSWERS: 32. industrious, 33. precis, 34. unsurprising, 35. monstrosity, 36. choreography, 37. conveyance, 38. proclaimed, 39. spectator

40. He had a good ____ of the city and could easily find his way around.
n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
41. He _____ the important points in the document.
v. to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
42. High _____ corn syrup is a common ingredient in processed foods.
n. a simple sugar that is found in many fruits and vegetables and is about twice as sweet as sucrose
43. The _____ effects of the policy change are still being felt.
adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence
44. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
45. The example of a successful startup serves to _____ the potential of the industry.
v. to serve as a typical example of something
46. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.
adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
47. The insurance company will _____ the cost of the damage caused by the storm.
v. to pay someone back for money that they have spent

ANSWERS: 40. ken, 41. underlined, 42. fructose, 43. far-reaching, 44. distract, 45. exemplify, 46. commonplace, 47. reimburse

48. Have you _____ a response from them yet?

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

49. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 48. elicited, 49. riots