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Session 1: Word List

metaphysics

n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

(1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**

Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

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.

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**.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

syllogism

n. a kind of logical argument in which a conclusion is drawn from two premises

(1) a form of a **syllogism**, (2) reason by **syllogisms**

The philosopher used a **syllogism** to argue that all men are mortal and Socrates is a man, so Socrates must be mortal.

deduce

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym: conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

inclination

n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

synonym: tendency, preference, angle

(1) consumer's **inclination** to spend, (2) the **inclination** of a slope

She had an **inclination** towards the arts.

self-sufficient

adj. able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others

synonym: independent, self-reliant, self-sustaining

(1) **self-sufficient** economy, (2) **self-sufficient** renewable energy

He was determined to become **self-sufficient** and not rely on anyone else.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym: kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de___e facts from the evidence *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
2. sel_____ent renewable energy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
3. Med_____ean climate *n.* the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia
4. mo_____hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
5. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
6. consumer's inc_____on to spend *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
7. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
8. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
9. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
10. reason by sy_____sms *n.* a kind of logical argument in which a conclusion is drawn from two premises
11. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
12. met_____cs study *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

ANSWERS: 1. deduce, 2. self-sufficient, 3. Mediterranean, 4. monarchy, 5. devise, 6. inclination, 7. exaggerate, 8. platonic, 9. exaggerate, 10. syllogism, 11. platonic, 12. metaphysics

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| 13. Med_____ean agriculture | <i>n.</i> the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia |
| 14. the inc_____on of a slope | <i>n.</i> a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping |
| 15. abolish mo_____hy | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority |
| 16. a form of a sy_____sm | <i>n.</i> a kind of logical argument in which a conclusion is drawn from two premises |
| 17. sel_____ent economy | <i>adj.</i> able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others |
| 18. the nature of met_____cs | <i>n.</i> the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space |
| 19. de___e a plan | <i>v.</i> to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination |
| 20. de___e the meaning of a word | <i>v.</i> to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning |

ANSWERS: 13. Mediterranean, 14. inclination, 15. monarchy, 16. syllogism, 17. self-sufficient, 18. metaphysics, 19. devise, 20. deduce

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. inclination, 9. monarchy, 10. syllogism