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Session 1: Word List

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

eligible

adj. having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria

synonym: qualified, suitable, acceptable

(1) **eligible** candidates, (2) **eligible** for a refund

All those **eligible** will receive a substantial amount of money.

arbitrary

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

synonym: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a

dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym: wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

candid

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

synonym: honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion
The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym: proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

coming-of-age

n. the process of reaching maturity and assuming adult responsibilities

(1) **coming-of-age** celebration, (2) **coming-of-age** novel

The book is a **coming-of-age** story about a young boy growing up in a small town.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym: agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of

risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym: aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

hub

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

synonym: center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

prune

n. a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance;
(verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth

synonym: (verb) trim, (verb) cut back

(1) **prune** a branch, (2) wrinkle like a **prune**

You should remove the seeds from the **prunes** before cooking.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

weed

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

synonym: plant, grass, shrub

(1) pull up a **weed**, (2) **weed** management

The garden was full of **weeds** that needed to be pulled.

fine-tune

v. to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible

synonym: adjust, calibrate, refine

(1) **fine-tune** financial systems, (2) **fine-tune** the engine
The government should not try to **fine-tune** the economy excessively based on a short-term prediction.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

coincide

v. to take place at or near the same time

synonym: overlap, coexist, concur

(1) partly **coincide**, (2) **coincide** with reality

These results **coincide** with our hypothesis.

myelin

n. a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively

synonym: medulla

(1) **myelin** encasing the axons, (2) **myelin** protein

Myelin sheath allows electrical impulses to travel quickly and efficiently along the nerve cells.

insulation

n. the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this

synonym: cushioning, covering, nonconductor

(1) additional sound **insulation**, (2) **insulation** board

He installed fiberglass **insulation** in the wall.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

balanced

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

synonym: equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

undergo

v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

synonym: experience, suffer, endure

(1) **undergo** surgery, (2) **undergo** a decrease

The train has to **undergo** rigorous safety checks.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

adolescent

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

synonym: teen, preadult, youth

(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children

Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym: effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

susceptible

adj. easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something

synonym: exposed, liable, gullible

(1) a **susceptible** young woman, (2) **susceptible** of proof

Well-stretched muscles are less **susceptible** to injury.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym: outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

utilize

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

synonym: employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter

The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

explore

- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

- (1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

identity

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

- (1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

vulnerable

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

- (1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

negative

- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

- (1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

peer

- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

- (1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

rash

- n.* any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences

synonym: hives, inflammation, roseola

(1) develop a **rash**, (2) prevent diaper **rash**

The strong sunlight brought her out in an itchy **rash**.

judicial

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

synonym: legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

juvenile

adj. relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature

synonym: youthful, boyish, childlike

(1) exhibit **juvenile** behavior, (2) **juvenile** justice

The detective suspected that the vandalism was the work of **juvenile** delinquents.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

genetics

n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

(1) the science of **genetics**, (2) **genetics** discrimination

He is a specialist in the **genetics** of aging.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. take im_____te effect | <i>adj.</i> happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else |
| 2. a va__d contract | <i>adj.</i> having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable |
| 3. co_____t mainly of cells | <i>v.</i> to be composed or made up of |
| 4. re_____e my thoughts | <i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something |
| 5. the st_____re of a machine | <i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts |
| 6. de___e my position | <i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something |
| 7. chaotic env_____nt | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 8. ju_____al review | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment |
| 9. em_____ng technologies | <i>adj.</i> starting to exist, mature, or become well-known |
| 10. prevent diaper r__h | <i>n.</i> any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences |
| 11. p__r review | <i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability |

ANSWERS: 1. immediate, 2. valid, 3. consist, 4. reshape, 5. structure, 6. define, 7. environment, 8. judicial, 9. emerging, 10. rash, 11. peer

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| 12. in_____ce the daily life | <i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself |
| 13. the branch of neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 14. the evidence of the pr_____ce | <i>n.</i> the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present |
| 15. mistaken id_____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another |
| 16. com_____age novel | <i>n.</i> the process of reaching maturity and assuming adult responsibilities |
| 17. a well-ba_____ed mind | <i>adj.</i> taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium |
| 18. gr__t a new license | <i>v.</i> to agree to give or allow somebody |
| 19. sus_____le of proof | <i>adj.</i> easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something |
| 20. ins_____on board | <i>n.</i> the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this |
| 21. a ba_____ed diet | <i>adj.</i> taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium |
| 22. a sus_____le young woman | <i>adj.</i> easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something |

ANSWERS: 12. influence, 13. neuroscience, 14. presence, 15. identity, 16. coming-of-age, 17. balanced, 18. grant, 19. susceptible, 20. insulation, 21. balanced, 22. susceptible

23. in_____ce a child's future	<i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
24. ca____d conversation	<i>adj.</i> honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
25. improve co_____ve function	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
26. cel_____ed artist	<i>adj.</i> renowned for possessing admirable attributes
27. ju_____le justice	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature
28. el_____le candidates	<i>adj.</i> having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria
29. str_____en a border patrol	<i>v.</i> to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
30. fac_____te the process	<i>v.</i> to make something easier or more likely to happen
31. a tra_____ry missile	<i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space
32. ge_____cs discrimination	<i>n.</i> the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
33. un_____o surgery	<i>v.</i> to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
34. permanent br__n damage	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 23. influence, 24. candid, 25. cognitive, 26. celebrated, 27. juvenile, 28. eligible, 29. strengthen, 30. facilitate, 31. trajectory, 32. genetics, 33. undergo, 34. brain

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| 35. a gradual re_____on | <i>n.</i> a decrease in size, amount, or degree |
| 36. id_____ty as an individual | <i>n.</i> the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another |
| 37. pr_____ge of membership | <i>n.</i> a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society |
| 38. de__e forests | <i>adj.</i> containing a large number of people or something with little space between them |
| 39. fac_____te a smooth transition | <i>v.</i> to make something easier or more likely to happen |
| 40. un_____o a decrease | <i>v.</i> to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change |
| 41. the con_____ce of an argument | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual |
| 42. em___e from poverty | <i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible |
| 43. pre-ado_____nt children | <i>n.</i> a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult |
| 44. ex_____al factors | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or situated outside of someone or something |
| 45. pr__e a branch | <i>n.</i> a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth |

ANSWERS: 35. reduction, 36. identity, 37. privilege, 38. dense, 39. facilitate, 40. undergo, 41. consequence, 42. emerge, 43. adolescent, 44. external, 45. prune

46. in_____e a lot of paperwork	<i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
47. ex_____al commerce	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
48. ar_____ry size and shape	<i>adj.</i> based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
49. id_____fy handwriting	<i>v.</i> to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
50. the im_____te past	<i>adj.</i> happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
51. ex____d a lineup	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
52. ce_____ny hall	<i>n.</i> a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
53. el_____le for a refund	<i>adj.</i> having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria
54. de_____on authority	<i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
55. env_____nt affairs	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
56. em____e as a butterfly	<i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible
57. partly co_____de	<i>v.</i> to take place at or near the same time
58. basic br__n function	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 46. involve, 47. external, 48. arbitrary, 49. identify, 50. immediate, 51. expand, 52. ceremony, 53. eligible, 54. decision, 55. environment, 56. emerge, 57. coincide, 58. brain

59. career tra_____ry	<i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space
60. de___e a word	<i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
61. ob___s over her weight	<i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
62. di_____ee with a plan	<i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
63. as___s the quality	<i>v.</i> to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
64. he is ob___sed with the fear	<i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
65. his majestic pr_____ce	<i>n.</i> the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
66. ex_____e the world	<i>v.</i> to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
67. em_____al distress	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
68. re_____on strategy	<i>n.</i> a decrease in size, amount, or degree
69. additional sound ins_____on	<i>n.</i> the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this
70. co_____de with reality	<i>v.</i> to take place at or near the same time
71. un___r employment practices	<i>adj.</i> not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

ANSWERS: 59. trajectory, 60. define, 61. obsess, 62. disagree, 63. assess, 64. obsess, 65. presence, 66. explore, 67. emotional, 68. reduction, 69. insulation, 70. coincide, 71. unfair

72. unintended con_____ces	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
73. a un___e teacher	<i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
74. wrinkle like a pr___e	<i>n.</i> a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth
75. a precise def_____on	<i>n.</i> a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
76. a public co_____us	<i>n.</i> general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
77. have a ne_____ve effect	<i>adj.</i> having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
78. a h_b of commerce	<i>n.</i> the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
79. li_____me ban from the sport	<i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
80. in_____e a high degree of risk	<i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
81. co_____t only in knowing facts	<i>v.</i> to be composed or made up of
82. em_____al health	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
83. a vul_____le bridge	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 72. consequence, 73. unique, 74. prune, 75. definition, 76. consensus, 77. negative, 78. hub, 79. lifetime, 80. involve, 81. consist, 82. emotional, 83. vulnerable

84. my___n protein	<i>n.</i>	a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
85. st_____re and function of the brain	<i>n.</i>	the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
86. vo___e of work	<i>n.</i>	the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
87. a ticket va__d for two days	<i>adj.</i>	having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
88. high vo___e	<i>n.</i>	the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
89. ut_____e a different approach	<i>v.</i>	to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
90. co_____us among scientists	<i>n.</i>	general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
91. a demonstration in lo__c	<i>n.</i>	a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
92. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator	<i>adj.</i>	based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
93. fi_____ne the engine	<i>v.</i>	to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible
94. ce_____ny location	<i>n.</i>	a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

ANSWERS: 84. myelin, 85. structure, 86. volume, 87. valid, 88. volume, 89. utilize, 90. consensus, 91. logic, 92. arbitrary, 93. fine-tune, 94. ceremony

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| 95. pull up a w__d | <i>n.</i> a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants |
| 96. the science of ge____cs | <i>n.</i> the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms |
| 97. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 98. w__d management | <i>n.</i> a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants |
| 99. have an un___r advantage | <i>adj.</i> not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception |
| 100. id____fy gene sequences | <i>v.</i> to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are |
| 101. education h_b | <i>n.</i> the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes |
| 102. cel_____ed paper | <i>adj.</i> renowned for possessing admirable attributes |
| 103. dr____c measures | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 104. em_____ng country | <i>adj.</i> starting to exist, mature, or become well-known |
| 105. the re___d for good works | <i>n.</i> a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc. |

ANSWERS: 95. weed, 96. genetics, 97. neuroscience, 98. weed, 99. unfair, 100. identify, 101. hub, 102. celebrated, 103. drastic, 104. emerging, 105. reward

106. str_____en the immune system	<i>v.</i> to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
107. fi_____ne financial systems	<i>v.</i> to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible
108. com_____age celebration	<i>n.</i> the process of reaching maturity and assuming adult responsibilities
109. ut_____e a catheter	<i>v.</i> to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
110. nutrient-de__e foods	<i>adj.</i> containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
111. an indisputable lo__c	<i>n.</i> a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
112. li_____me benefits	<i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
113. com_____te well with my advisor	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
114. vul_____le parts of the body	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
115. in my ca___d opinion	<i>adj.</i> honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
116. my___n encasing the axons	<i>n.</i> a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
117. develop a r__h	<i>n.</i> any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences

ANSWERS: 106. strengthen, 107. fine-tune, 108. coming-of-age, 109. utilize, 110. dense, 111. logic, 112. lifetime, 113. communicate, 114. vulnerable, 115. candid, 116. myelin, 117. rash

118. ado_____nt girl	<i>n.</i> a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
119. the def_____on of a word	<i>n.</i> a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
120. a breach of pr_____ge	<i>n.</i> a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
121. a selfish de_____on	<i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
122. a ne_____ve number	<i>adj.</i> having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
123. di_____ee about a particular issue	<i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
124. an energy eff_____cy	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
125. shopping re_____ds cards	<i>n.</i> a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
126. research on co_____ve psychology	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
127. ex_____e our options	<i>v.</i> to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
128. un_____e design	<i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 118. adolescent, 119. definition, 120. privilege, 121. decision, 122. negative, 123. disagree, 124. efficiency, 125. reward, 126. cognitive, 127. explore, 128. unique

129. better fuel eff_____cy	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
130. as____s a tax of 10 pounds	<i>v.</i> to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
131. re_____e education policy	<i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something
132. gr__t a land	<i>v.</i> to agree to give or allow somebody
133. ju_____al police	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
134. exhibit ju_____le behavior	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature
135. make dr_____c revision	<i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
136. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
137. ex____d agricultural output	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
138. p__r group	<i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 129. efficiency, 130. assess, 131. reshape, 132. grant, 133. judicial, 134. juvenile, 135. drastic, 136. communicate, 137. expand, 138. peer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ sheath allows electrical impulses to travel quickly and efficiently along the nerve cells.
n. a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
2. He installed fiberglass _____ in the wall.
n. the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this
3. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
4. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
5. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.
v. to make something easier or more likely to happen
6. These results _____ with our hypothesis.
v. to take place at or near the same time
7. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes
8. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 1. Myelin, 2. insulation, 3. obsessed, 4. environment, 5. facilitate, 6. coincide, 7. celebrated, 8. vulnerable

9. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

10. This airport has taken the first step to become an international ____ airport.

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

11. The strong sunlight brought her out in an itchy _____.

n. any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something;
(adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences

12. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

13. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

14. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

15. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

16. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

17. The detective suspected that the vandalism was the work of _____ delinquents.

adj. relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature

ANSWERS: 9. negative, 10. hub, 11. rash, 12. drastic, 13. consequences, 14. identity, 15. rewards, 16. peer, 17. juvenile

18. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
19. The cook _____ the leftover oxtail to make soup.
v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
20. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
21. The book is a _____ story about a young boy growing up in a small town.
n. the process of reaching maturity and assuming adult responsibilities
22. The two parties have reached a _____.
n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
23. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
24. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
25. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.
v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
26. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 18. trajectory, 19. utilized, 20. explore, 21. coming-of-age, 22. consensus, 23. cognitive, 24. consists, 25. assess, 26. disagree

27. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
28. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
29. The train has to _____ rigorous safety checks.
v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
30. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
31. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
32. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
33. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.
adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
34. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
35. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.
n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

ANSWERS: 27. expand, 28. reduction, 29. undergo, 30. influence, 31. definition, 32. define, 33. external, 34. Emerging, 35. presence

36. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

37. All those _____ will receive a substantial amount of money.

adj. having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria

38. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

39. He is a specialist in the _____ of aging.

n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

40. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.

v. to change the form or structure of something

41. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

42. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

43. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

44. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 36. immediate, 37. eligible, 38. efficiency, 39. genetics, 40. reshaped, 41. communicate, 42. adolescent, 43. ceremony, 44. decision

45. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

46. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

47. The garden was full of _____ that needed to be pulled.

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

48. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

49. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

50. There's no _____ in his description.

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

51. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

52. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 45. balanced, 46. granted, 47. weeds, 48. unfair, 49. dense, 50. logic, 51. involves, 52. unique,

53. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.

- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

54. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

55. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

56. Well-stretched muscles are less _____ to injury.

- adj.* easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something

57. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

58. The government should not try to _____ the economy excessively based on a short-term prediction.

- v.* to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible

59. Your credit card is no longer _____.

- adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

60. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.

- v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

ANSWERS: 53. neuroscience, 54. volume, 55. lifetime, 56. susceptible, 57. identify, 58. fine-tune, 59. valid, 60. strengthen

61. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

62. You should remove the seeds from the _____ before cooking.

n. a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth

63. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

64. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

65. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

66. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

67. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

68. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 61. privilege, 62. prunes, 63. emerged, 64. emotional, 65. structure, 66. arbitrary, 67. candid, 68. brain

69. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.
adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

ANSWERS: 69. judicial