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Session 1: Word List

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.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

astrophysics

n. the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

(1) **astrophysics** research, (2) neutrino **astrophysics**

He was studying **astrophysics** in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.

cashpoint

n. a machine that dispenses cash, typically one that is part of a bank and that can be used with a bank card

synonym : atm, cash dispenser, bank machine

(1) **cashpoint** machine, (2) **cashpoint** card

He withdrew money from the **cashpoint** before going on his trip.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

authorship

n. the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;

synonym : writing, composing, penning

(1) **authorship** of the document, (2) a book of doubtful **authorship**

He took credit for the book's **authorship**, but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.

illusory

adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

synonym : illusive, deceptive, delusional

(1) **illusory** wealth, (2) **illusory** hope

The promise of easy money turned out to be **illusory**.

allure

n. attractiveness, interestingness, or excitement

synonym : attraction, charm, temptation

(1) the **allure** of cheap labor in China, (2) external **allure**

He can't resist the attractive waitress's **allure**.

liberalism

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

synonym : progressivism, open-mindedness, humanism

(1) classical **liberalism**, (2) economic **liberalism**

His political views are rooted in neo- **liberalism**.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

penury

n. the state of being extremely poor; extreme poverty

synonym: poverty, destitution, indigence

(1) died in **penury**, (2) fall into **penury**

He lived in **penury** for most of his life.

malaise

n. a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify

synonym: unease, discomfort, dissatisfaction

(1) emotional **malaise**, (2) societal **malaise**

The country is experiencing economic **malaise**.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

petrify

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

synonym: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

thatch

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym: straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

deflation

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

synonym: contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung

The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

rewild

v. to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species

synonym: restore, return, rehabilitate

(1) **rewild** land, (2) **rewild** an area

The government is considering a plan to **rewild** certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym: buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

checkup

n. an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging

synonym : examination, diagnosis, consultation

(1) regular **checkup**, (2) health **checkup**

I am going to the doctor for my annual **checkup**.

biopsy

n. the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

synonym : examination, autopsy

(1) **biopsy** of bone marrow, (2) liquid **biopsy**

The doctor performed an excisional breast **biopsy**.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

Mars

n. a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye

(1) **Mars** colonization, (2) **Mars** exploration

The ice caps on the poles of **Mars** are permanent.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

enmity

n. the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something

synonym : hostility, antipathy, animosity

(1) incur his **enmity**, (2) mutual **enmity**

There is a long-standing **enmity** between the two countries.

downright

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

synonym: absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warrant

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

anathema

n. a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse

synonym: curse, bane, execration

(1) utter an **anathema**, (2) political **anathema**

The new policy is **anathema** to the employees.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

synonym: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

underfunded

adj. having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

synonym: undercapitalized, cash-strapped, insolvent

(1) severely **underfunded**, (2) **underfunded** programs

The healthcare system is **underfunded**, and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. th___h of hair | <i>n.</i> a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings |
| 2. natural chi_____th | <i>n.</i> the act or process of giving birth to a baby |
| 3. emotional ma_____e | <i>n.</i> a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify |
| 4. died in pe___y | <i>n.</i> the state of being extremely poor; extreme poverty |
| 5. regular ch_____p | <i>n.</i> an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging |
| 6. assisted chi_____th | <i>n.</i> the act or process of giving birth to a baby |
| 7. political fun_____ist | <i>n.</i> a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline |
| 8. und_____ed programs | <i>adj.</i> having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise |
| 9. ca_____nt machine | <i>n.</i> a machine that dispenses cash, typically one that is part of a bank and that can be used with a bank card |
| 10. hear customer's voices fi_____nd | <i>adv.</i> from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source |

ANSWERS: 1. thatch, 2. childbirth, 3. malaise, 4. penury, 5. checkup, 6. childbirth, 7. fundamentalist, 8. underfunded, 9. cashpoint, 10. firsthand

11. anti-de_____on policies	<i>n.</i> a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
12. health ch_____p	<i>n.</i> an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging
13. classical lib_____sm	<i>n.</i> a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
14. q_o warranto	<i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
15. the al___e of cheap labor in China	<i>n.</i> attractiveness, interestingness, or excitement
16. incur his en___y	<i>n.</i> the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
17. a book of doubtful aut_____ip	<i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
18. social st___a	<i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
19. grand de_____on	<i>n.</i> a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
20. a sense of wel_____ng	<i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
21. abound in in_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 11. deflation, 12. checkup, 13. liberalism, 14. quo, 15. allure, 16. enmity, 17. authorship, 18. stigma, 19. delusion, 20. well-being, 21. ingenuity

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| 22. dec_____ze its energy system | <i>v.</i> to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy |
| 23. sp_____te about the reason | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 24. do_____ht nonsense | <i>adj.</i> (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely |
| 25. professional mi_____e | <i>n.</i> a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby |
| 26. the infinite in_____ty of man | <i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways |
| 27. un____d the stroller | <i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown |
| 28. ast_____ics research | <i>n.</i> the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe |
| 29. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 30. a__n to the prior experiences | <i>adj.</i> similar or related in nature, character, or origin |
| 31. re____d land | <i>v.</i> to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species |

ANSWERS: 22. decarbonize, 23. speculate, 24. downright, 25. midwife, 26. ingenuity, 27. unfold, 28. astrophysics, 29. medicinal, 30. akin, 31. rewild

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| 32. utter an an____ma | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse |
| 33. M__s exploration | <i>n.</i> a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye |
| 34. bi___y of bone marrow | <i>n.</i> the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease |
| 35. ut____n society | <i>adj.</i> ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society) |
| 36. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 37. aut____ip of the document | <i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work; |
| 38. st___a against obesity | <i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person |
| 39. a ut___a for an engineer | <i>n.</i> an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity |
| 40. fun_____ist church | <i>n.</i> a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline |
| 41. M__s colonization | <i>n.</i> a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye |

ANSWERS: 32. anathema, 33. Mars, 34. biopsy, 35. utopian, 36. opportune, 37. authorship, 38. stigma, 39. utopia, 40. fundamentalist, 41. Mars

42. arbitrary bur_____cy	<i>n.</i> a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
43. il_____ry hope	<i>adj.</i> not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
44. re____d an area	<i>v.</i> to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species
45. societal ma_____e	<i>n.</i> a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
46. traditional me_____al	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
47. do_____ht impossible	<i>adj.</i> (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
48. conduct fi_____nd research	<i>adv.</i> from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
49. labor under a de_____on	<i>n.</i> a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
50. cover with th____h	<i>n.</i> a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
51. liquid bi____y	<i>n.</i> the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
52. un____d the story	<i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 42. bureaucracy, 43. illusory, 44. rewild, 45. malaise, 46. medicinal, 47. downright, 48. firsthand, 49. delusion, 50. thatch, 51. biopsy, 52. unfold

53. de_____on of the lung	<i>n.</i> a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
54. un_____in a structure	<i>v.</i> to support or strengthen the foundations of something
55. ca_____nt card	<i>n.</i> a machine that dispenses cash, typically one that is part of a bank and that can be used with a bank card
56. status q_o politician	<i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
57. serve as mi_____e	<i>n.</i> a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
58. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
59. economic lib_____sm	<i>n.</i> a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
60. op_____st by nature	<i>n.</i> a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
61. mutual en____y	<i>n.</i> the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
62. pe_____y into stone	<i>v.</i> to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
63. endangered bi__n	<i>n.</i> a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 53. deflation, 54. underpin, 55. cashpoint, 56. quo, 57. midwife, 58. industrious, 59. liberalism, 60. optimist, 61. enmity, 62. petrify, 63. bison

64. a__n to anger	<i>adj.</i> similar or related in nature, character, or origin
65. ut____n goal	<i>adj.</i> ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
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67. government bur____cy	<i>n.</i> a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
68. excessive op____st	<i>n.</i> a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
69. fa____te the public	<i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
70. sp____te on the outcome	<i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
71. political an____ma	<i>n.</i> a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
72. external al____e	<i>n.</i> attractiveness, interestingness, or excitement
73. fa____te the young	<i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
74. un____in democratization	<i>v.</i> to support or strengthen the foundations of something

ANSWERS: 64. akin, 65. utopian, 66. bison, 67. bureaucracy, 68. optimist, 69. fascinate, 70. speculate, 71. anathema, 72. allure, 73. fascinate, 74. underpin

75. severely und_____ed	<i>adj.</i> having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
76. dec_____ze their manufacturing process	<i>v.</i> to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
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84. neutrino ast_____ics	<i>n.</i> the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
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ANSWERS: 75. underfunded, 76. decarbonize, 77. illusory, 78. astonishing, 79. industrious, 80. reinvent, 81. reinvent, 82. opportune, 83. utopia, 84. astrophysics, 85. well-being

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ANSWERS: 86. petrify, 87. penury, 88. astonishing

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was present at the _____ of his children.
n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby
2. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
3. The country is experiencing economic _____.
n. a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
4. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.
n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
5. The new policy is _____ to the employees.
n. a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
6. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
7. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
8. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.
n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

ANSWERS: 1. childbirth, 2. stigma, 3. malaise, 4. bison, 5. anathema, 6. fundamentalist, 7. ingenuity, 8. delusion

9. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
10. I am going to the doctor for my annual _____.
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adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
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adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
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n. the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
15. He took credit for the book's _____ but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.
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v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 9. speculated, 10. checkup, 11. astonishing, 12. utopian, 13. downright, 14. enmity, 15. authorship, 16. decarbonize

17. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
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- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
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- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
20. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. He was studying _____ in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.
- n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
22. The research findings _____ the theory that human activities cause global warming.
- v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
23. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

ANSWERS: 17. quo, 18. utopia, 19. unfolded, 20. opportune, 21. astrophysics, 22. underpin, 23. optimist

24. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

25. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

26. Her interests are _____ to mine.

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adj. having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

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n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

29. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

30. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

31. The economy is experiencing severe _____.

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

ANSWERS: 24. medicinal, 25. bureaucracy, 26. akin, 27. underfunded, 28. thatch, 29. well-being, 30. midwife, 31. deflation

32. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

33. The government is considering a plan to _____ certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.

v. to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species

34. He can't resist the attractive waitress's _____.

n. attractiveness, interestingness, or excitement

35. The thought of public speaking will _____ her.

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

36. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

37. His political views are rooted in neo-_____.

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

38. The ice caps on the poles of _____ are permanent.

n. a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye

39. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

40. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 32. fascinated, 33. rewild, 34. allure, 35. petrify, 36. reinvent, 37. liberalism, 38. Mars, 39. firsthand, 40. industrious

41. He withdrew money from the _____ before going on his trip.

- n.* a machine that dispenses cash, typically one that is part of a bank and that can be used with a bank card

42. He lived in _____ for most of his life.

- n.* the state of being extremely poor; extreme poverty

43. The promise of easy money turned out to be _____.

- adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

44. The doctor performed an excisional breast _____.

- n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

ANSWERS: 41. cashpoint, 42. penury, 43. illusory, 44. biopsy