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Session 1: Word List

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym: cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

bustle

v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

synonym: hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle

The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

riverfront

n. the land along the bank of a river

synonym: river bank, riverside

(1) along a **riverfront**, (2) **riverfront** area

The **riverfront** park was a popular destination for picnics and outdoor activities.

mausoleum

n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

synonym: tomb, sepulcher, crypt

(1) visit a **mausoleum**, (2) marble **mausoleum**

The imperial **mausoleum** was built to honor the late king.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

bazaar

n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

synonym: market, fair, trading post

(1) a charity **bazaar**, (2) a church **bazaar**

The **bazaar** market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.

caravanserai

n. a type of inn or lodging house, historically found along trade routes in the Middle East and Central Asia, used as a place for travelers to rest and trade goods

synonym: inn, hostel, hotel

(1) the architecture of the **caravanserai**, (2) the ruins of the old **caravanserai**

The grand **caravanserai** symbolized wealth and power for the ruling dynasty.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

culmination

n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time

synonym: climax, completion, ending

(1) the **culmination** of her ambition, (2) **culmination** altitude

Their achievements stand as a **culmination** of centuries of development.

meticulously

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

synonym: carefully, attentively, scrupulously

(1) **meticulously** crafted product, (2) **meticulously** executed

She **meticulously** planned every detail of her wedding.

sandstone

n. a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments

synonym: arenite

(1) lithic **sandstone**, (2) **sandstone** building

The **sandstone** cliffs along the coast are a natural wonder.

minaret

n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

synonym: tower, belfry

(1) **minaret** tower, (2) **minaret** call

The **minaret** of the mosque soared high above the city.

quarry

n. a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting

synonym : stone pit, prey, target

(1) **quarry** operation, (2) **quarry** site

The hunter tracked down his **quarry** in the woods.

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym : silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

cavern

n. a large, natural underground space

synonym : grotto, cave, cavity

(1) a yawning **cavern**, (2) **cavern** tour

The explorer discovered a large **cavern** deep underground.

otherworldly

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

synonym : celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature

The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

pietra

n. a type of natural stone typically used in building or decorative work

synonym : stone, rock, mineral

(1) solid **pietra**, (2) **pietra** material

The artist carefully carved the **pietra** to create a beautiful statue.

dura

n. a thick, tough membrane that covers the brain and spinal cord in the central nervous system

(1) **dura** tissue, (2) sinus of the **dura** mater

A **dura** matter is a hard material resistant to wear and tear.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym : engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

octagon

n. a polygon with eight sides and eight angles

synonym : eight-sided figure

(1) regular **octagon**, (2) an **octagon** table

The building had eight sides, forming an **octagon** shape.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym: cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

greenery

n. plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

synonym: vegetation, plants, foliage

(1) the **greenery** in a courtyard, (2) **greenery** environment

The city plans to add more **greenery** in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

reunification

n. the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts

synonym: integration, consolidation, reuniting

(1) **reunification** talks, (2) family **reunification**

The **reunification** of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

mason

n. a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete

synonym: bricklayer, stonemason, masonry worker

(1) **mason** jar, (2) the craft of a **mason**

The accomplished **mason** expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.

bricklayer

n. a person who lays bricks to construct buildings or walls

synonym: mason, brickie

(1) **bricklayer's** trowel, (2) **bricklayer** foreman

The **bricklayer's** work transformed the plain building into a beautiful structure.

calligraphy

n. the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one

synonym: penmanship, handwriting, script

(1) **calligraphy** art, (2) **calligraphy** script

The **calligraphy** on the scroll was intricate and beautiful.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

caretaker

n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

synonym : custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

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.

anew

adv. in a new or different way

synonym : again, once more, fresh

(1) arm **anew**, (2) review **anew**

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym : chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

glimmer

n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something

synonym : gleam, dazzle, gleam

(1) without a **glimmer** of truth, (2) give a **glimmer** of light

There is however a **glimmer** of hope.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in_____ct at a point | <i>v.</i> to meet or cross one another |
| 2. we__e on a loom | <i>v.</i> to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them |
| 3. pr_____e at the piano | <i>v.</i> to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization |
| 4. cal_____hy script | <i>n.</i> the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one |
| 5. allied di_____at | <i>n.</i> a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations |
| 6. review a__w | <i>adv.</i> in a new or different way |
| 7. along a riv_____nt | <i>n.</i> the land along the bank of a river |
| 8. railways in_____ct the country | <i>v.</i> to meet or cross one another |
| 9. in_____te lacework | <i>adj.</i> having many different parts and small details that all work together |
| 10. con_____ble aircraft | <i>adj.</i> able to be controlled or directed |
| 11. install a wa_____y | <i>n.</i> a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden |
| 12. computer-con_____ble | <i>adj.</i> able to be controlled or directed |

ANSWERS: 1. intersect, 2. weave, 3. preside, 4. calligraphy, 5. diplomat, 6. anew, 7. riverfront, 8. intersect, 9. intricate, 10. controllable, 11. walkway, 12. controllable

13. the architecture of the car_____rai *n.* a type of inn or lodging house, historically found along trade routes in the Middle East and Central Asia, used as a place for travelers to rest and trade goods
14. oth_____dly creature *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
15. pr____l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
16. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
17. the role of ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
18. a church ba_____r *n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
19. the sacred mo_____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
20. s_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
21. em_____y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
22. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 13. caravanserai, 14. otherworldly, 15. propel, 16. emperor, 17. caretaker, 18. bazaar, 19. mosque, 20. sob, 21. embody, 22. diplomat

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| 23. pi___a material | <i>n.</i> | a type of natural stone typically used in building or decorative work |
| 24. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa | <i>v.</i> | to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out |
| 25. ma___n jar | <i>n.</i> | a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete |
| 26. sp___l for acres | <i>v.</i> | to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out |
| 27. sk_____e view | <i>n.</i> | the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance |
| 28. de___t a scene | <i>v.</i> | to illustrate someone or something in a photograph |
| 29. regular oc_____n | <i>n.</i> | a polygon with eight sides and eight angles |
| 30. re___e a charm | <i>v.</i> | to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory, |
| 31. com_____te a deed | <i>v.</i> | to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute |
| 32. solid pi___a | <i>n.</i> | a type of natural stone typically used in building or decorative work |
| 33. pr_____e over ceremony | <i>v.</i> | to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization |
| 34. family reu_____ion | <i>n.</i> | the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts |
| 35. re___e a long list of the article | <i>v.</i> | to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory, |

ANSWERS: 23. pietra, 24. sprawl, 25. mason, 26. sprawl, 27. skyline, 28. depict, 29. octagon, 30. recite, 31. commemorate, 32. pietra, 33. preside, 34. reunification, 35. recite

36. reu_____ion talks *n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts
37. arm a__w *adv.* in a new or different way
38. bri_____er foreman *n.* a person who lays bricks to construct buildings or walls
39. 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
40. mi_____t call *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
41. hustle-bu___e lifestyle *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
42. bu___e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
43. no_____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
44. give a gl_____r of light *n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
45. s_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
46. wa_____y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
47. bri_____er's trowel *n.* a person who lays bricks to construct buildings or walls

ANSWERS: 36. reunification, 37. anew, 38. bricklayer, 39. endowment, 40. minaret, 41. bustle, 42. bustle, 43. nomadic, 44. glimmer, 45. sob, 46. walkway, 47. bricklayer

48. met_____sly executed *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
49. welfare ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
50. sinus of the d__a mater *n.* a thick, tough membrane that covers the brain and spinal cord in the central nervous system
51. oth_____dly experience *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
52. the ruins of the old car_____rai *n.* a type of inn or lodging house, historically found along trade routes in the Middle East and Central Asia, used as a place for travelers to rest and trade goods
53. a subtle cr_____an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
54. riv_____nt area *n.* the land along the bank of a river
55. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
56. an oc_____n table *n.* a polygon with eight sides and eight angles
57. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
58. sa_____ne building *n.* a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments

ANSWERS: 48. meticulously, 49. caretaker, 50. dura, 51. otherworldly, 52. caravanserai, 53. craftsman, 54. riverfront, 55. bury, 56. octagon, 57. propel, 58. sandstone

59. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
60. qu___y operation *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
61. without a gl____r of truth *n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
62. the gr____ry in a courtyard *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
63. a yawning ca___n *n.* a large, natural underground space
64. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
65. ca___n tour *n.* a large, natural underground space
66. marble ma_____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
67. cul_____on altitude *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
68. gr____ry environment *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
69. the cul_____on of her ambition *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
70. funerary ins_____ons *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

ANSWERS: 59. bury, 60. quarry, 61. glimmer, 62. greenery, 63. cavern, 64. intricate, 65. cavern, 66. mausoleum, 67. culmination, 68. greenery, 69. culmination, 70. inscription

71. lithic sa_____ne *n.* a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments
72. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
73. downtown sk_____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
74. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
75. no_____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
76. ins_____on on a plaque *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
77. 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
78. mi_____t tower *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
79. d__a tissue *n.* a thick, tough membrane that covers the brain and spinal cord in the central nervous system
80. met_____sly crafted product *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

ANSWERS: 71. sandstone, 72. embody, 73. skyline, 74. depict, 75. nomadic, 76. inscription, 77. endowment, 78. minaret, 79. dura, 80. meticulously

81. qu___y site *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
82. we___e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
83. the craft of a ma___n *n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
84. cal_____hy art *n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one
85. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
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87. a charity ba___r *n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
88. em___r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
89. cr_____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
90. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

ANSWERS: 81. quarry, 82. weave, 83. mason, 84. calligraphy, 85. mosque, 86. mausoleum, 87. bazaar, 88. emperor, 89. craftsman, 90. commemorate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
2. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
3. The accomplished _____ expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.
n. a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
4. The explorer discovered a large _____ deep underground.
n. a large, natural underground space
5. The grand _____ symbolized wealth and power for the ruling dynasty.
n. a type of inn or lodging house, historically found along trade routes in the Middle East and Central Asia, used as a place for travelers to rest and trade goods
6. The hunter tracked down his _____ in the woods.
n. a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
7. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.
n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
8. The ancient coin had an _____ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.
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ANSWERS: 1. embody, 2. sprawls, 3. mason, 4. cavern, 5. caravanserai, 6. quarry, 7. craftsman, 8. inscription

9. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
10. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.
v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
11. The _____ landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.
adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
12. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
13. A _____ matter is a hard material resistant to wear and tear.
n. a thick, tough membrane that covers the brain and spinal cord in the central nervous system
14. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
15. The artist carefully carved the _____ to create a beautiful statue.
n. a type of natural stone typically used in building or decorative work
16. He acted as a _____ until a new president was elected.
n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

ANSWERS: 9. propel, 10. president, 11. otherworldly, 12. weaves, 13. dura, 14. bury, 15. pietra, 16. caretaker

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adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

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19. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.

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21. The city plans to add more _____ in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

n. plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

22. She _____ planned every detail of her wedding.

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

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v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

24. The _____ of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.

n. the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts

25. 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

ANSWERS: 17. nomadic, 18. culmination, 19. intricate, 20. anew, 21. greenery, 22. meticulously, 23. depicted, 24. reunification, 25. endowment

26. The _____ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.
n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
27. The city _____ with activity as people rushed to work.
v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
28. The _____ cliffs along the coast are a natural wonder.
n. a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments
29. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
30. The _____ on the scroll was intricate and beautiful.
n. the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one
31. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
32. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
n. the male ruler of an empire
33. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.
v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
34. The new software is much more _____ and user-friendly.
adj. able to be controlled or directed

ANSWERS: 26. skyline, 27. bustled, 28. sandstone, 29. Mosque, 30. calligraphy, 31. recite, 32. Emperor, 33. sobbed, 34. controllable

35. The building had eight sides, forming an _____ shape.
n. a polygon with eight sides and eight angles
36. The _____ of the mosque soared high above the city.
n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
37. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
38. The _____ work transformed the plain building into a beautiful structure.
n. a person who lays bricks to construct buildings or walls
39. The imperial _____ was built to honor the late king.
n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
40. The _____ market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.
n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
41. The _____ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.
n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
42. The _____ park was a popular destination for picnics and outdoor activities.
n. the land along the bank of a river

ANSWERS: 35. octagon, 36. minaret, 37. diplomat, 38. bricklayer's, 39. mausoleum, 40. bazaar, 41. walkway, 42. riverfront

43. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
44. There is however a _____ of hope.
n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
45. Her multidisciplinary works _____ music and picture with writing.
v. to meet or cross one another

ANSWERS: 43. commemorated, 44. glimmer, 45. intersect