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Session 1: Word List

witty

adj. cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way

synonym : clever, humorous, satirical

(1) **witty** cartoon, (2) make **witty** remarks

The comedian's **witty** jokes had the audience in stitches.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

schooler

n. a student who attends a school

synonym : student, pupil, learner

(1) a primary **schooler**, (2) **schooler** uniform

He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high **schooler**.

disapproval

n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

synonym : condemnation, reproach, censure

(1) showing **disapproval**, (2) **disapproval** rate

Her **disapproval** of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

nod v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

nuance n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

cringeworthy adj. embarrassing or uncomfortable

synonym: embarrassing, awkward, mortifying

(1) **cringeworthy** situation, (2) **cringeworthy** behavior

The comedian's stand-up routine was **cringeworthy** and lacked humor.

oust v. to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition

synonym: expel, depose, drive out

(1) **oust** the chairman, (2) **oust** him from his post

Higher capacity storage media have **ousted** floppy disks.

intertwine v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

lovable adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection

synonym: adorable, charming, dear

(1) **lovable** personality, (2) a **lovable** creature
The little puppy was **lovable** and had a playful personality.

scrutinize

v. to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
synonym: examine, inspect, audit

(1) **scrutinize** her belongings, (2) **scrutinize** a suspect
The detective **scrutinized** the evidence for any clues.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

pervade

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate
synonym: permeate, penetrate, suffuse

(1) **pervade** society, (2) **pervade** an atmosphere
The smell of baking bread **pervaded** the kitchen.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**
Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

recluse

n. a person who lives in solitude and isolation
synonym: hermit, solitary, loner

(1) live as a **recluse**, (2) solitary **recluse**
After years in the limelight, the actor decided to retreat from the public eye and become a **recluse**.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym: automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

acquaintance

n. a person one knows but who is not a close friend

synonym: friend, associate, contact

(1) **acquaintance** with a language, (2) business

acquaintance

I met him at a party, and we quickly became **acquaintances**.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym: empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym:

brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

preempt

v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

synonym: forestall, head off, anticipate

(1) **preempt** a financial crisis, (2) **preempt** trouble

The government **preempted** the release of sensitive information.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

perplexity

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

synonym: confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

swimsuit

n. a piece of clothing worn for swimming

synonym: bathing suit, swimwear, bathers

(1) **swimsuit** model, (2) **swimsuit** designer

She wore a bright red **swimsuit** for the beach trip.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

rumble

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

synonym: roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

gladiator

n. a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

synonym: fighter, warrior, combatant

(1) act like a **gladiator**, (2) the Christian **gladiator**

The **gladiator's** training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym: temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

dazzle

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

synonym: sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it

The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

errand

n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

synonym: task, chore

(1) **errand** boy, (2) run an **errand**

He sent me on an **errand**.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

upend

v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym: overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions;
(verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, *(verb)* arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

blunder

n. mistake; the act of making a foolish error

synonym: mistake, error, goof

(1) a capital **blunder**, (2) make a **blunder** in my work

The CEO's **blunder** in the meeting cost the company millions.

unforgiving

adj. not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored

synonym: relentless, uncompromising, merciless

(1) **unforgiving** blow, (2) **unforgiving** terrain

The **unforgiving** sun scorched the desert, making it uninhabitable.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym: entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

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.

hyperconnected

adj. having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems

synonym: highly connected, fully connected

(1) **hyperconnected** network, (2) **hyperconnected** technology

The world has become increasingly **hyperconnected**, with the internet and social media playing a significant role in communication and information exchange.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

viola

n. a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower

synonym: alto violin, viola da gamba, viola d'amore

(1) **viola** section, (2) pick up a **viola**

She had been playing the **viola** for over a decade.

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.

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.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

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.

unnoticed

adj. not seen or noticed

synonym: ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period

His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent

researcher cited it.

Session 2: Spelling

1. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
2. up__d a table *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
3. de___d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
4. pr_____t a financial crisis *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
5. run an er___d *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
6. pe_____e an atmosphere *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
7. live as a re_____e *n.* a person who lives in solitude and isolation
8. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
9. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
10. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
11. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 1. stigma, 2. upend, 3. devoid, 4. preempt, 5. errand, 6. pervade, 7. recluse, 8. grieve, 9. confer, 10. trajectory, 11. ripple

12. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
13. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
14. l__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
15. pr_____t trouble *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
16. ru_____e an order *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
17. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
18. wi__y cartoon *adj.* cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way
19. business acq_____nce *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
20. a capital bl_____r *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
21. ro_____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
22. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 12. provoke, 13. nod, 14. lurk, 15. preempt, 16. rumble, 17. stereotype, 18. witty, 19. acquaintance, 20. blunder, 21. robotic, 22. opportune

23. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
24. make wi__y remarks *adj.* cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way
25. a per_____ty issue *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
26. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
27. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
28. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
29. air de___d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
30. unf_____ng terrain *adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
31. o__t the chairman *v.* to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition
32. scr_____ze her belongings *v.* to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
33. cri_____thy situation *adj.* embarrassing or uncomfortable
34. o__t him from his post *v.* to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition

ANSWERS: 23. compassionate, 24. witty, 25. perplexity, 26. embed, 27. curate, 28. intertwine, 29. devoid, 30. unforgiving, 31. oust, 32. scrutinize, 33. cringeworthy, 34. oust

35. act like a gl_____or
n. a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
36. unf_____ng blow
adj. not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
37. a ri___e of laughter
n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
38. pick up a vi__a
n. a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
39. co___r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
40. hyp_____ted network
adj. having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
41. pr_____e a reaction
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
42. em__d scripts in the message
v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
43. the Ar_____an cycle
adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
44. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. Ar_____an romances
adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

ANSWERS: 35. gladiator, 36. unforgiving, 37. ripple, 38. viola, 39. confer, 40. hyperconnected, 41. provoke, 42. embed, 43. Arthurian, 44. opportune, 45. Arthurian

46. showing dis_____al *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
47. lo_____e personality *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
48. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
49. up__d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
50. exa_____te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
51. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
52. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
53. resolve per_____ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
54. the ba_____sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
55. hyp_____ted technology *adj.* having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
56. ru___e down the dirt track *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
57. a lo_____e creature *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
58. political ba_____sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
59. er___d boy *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

ANSWERS: 46. disapproval, 47. lovable, 48. courageous, 49. upend, 50. exacerbate, 51. courageous, 52. misunderstand, 53. perplexity, 54. backlash, 55. hyperconnected, 56. rumble, 57. lovable, 58. backlash, 59. errand

60. I__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
61. vi__a section *n.* a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
62. fl_____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
63. cri_____thy behavior *adj.* embarrassing or uncomfortable
64. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
65. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
66. pe_____e society *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
67. make a bl_____r in my work *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
68. sc_____er uniform *n.* a student who attends a school
69. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
70. the Christian gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
71. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

ANSWERS: 60. lurk, 61. viola, 62. fleeting, 63. cringeworthy, 64. embody, 65. nuance, 66. pervade, 67. blunder, 68. schooler, 69. nod, 70. gladiator, 71. coworker

72. co____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
73. for a fl____ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
74. avoid ste____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
75. rich in nu____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
76. acq____nce with a language *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
77. mis____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
78. st____a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
79. gr____e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
80. solitary re____e *n.* a person who lives in solitude and isolation
81. dis____al rate *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
82. exa____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
83. struggling with ad____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces

ANSWERS: 72. coworker, 73. fleeting, 74. stereotype, 75. nuance, 76. acquaintance, 77. misunderstand, 78. stigma, 79. grieve, 80. recluse, 81. disapproval, 82. exacerbate, 83. adversity

84. ro____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
85. scr_____ze a suspect *v.* to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
86. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
87. da___e all who see it *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
88. a tra_____y missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
89. go un_____ed for a long period *adj.* not seen or noticed
90. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
91. environmental ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
92. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
93. da___e his eyes *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
94. sw_____it designer *n.* a piece of clothing worn for swimming

ANSWERS: 84. robotic, 85. scrutinize, 86. compassionate, 87. dazzle, 88. trajectory, 89. unnoticed, 90. intertwine, 91. adversity, 92. embody, 93. dazzle, 94. swimsuit

95. un_____ed by all

adj. not seen or noticed

96. a primary sc_____er

n. a student who attends a school

97. cu____e an art website

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

98. sw_____it model

n. a piece of clothing worn for swimming

ANSWERS: 95. unnoticed, 96. schooler, 97. curate, 98. swimsuit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
2. The detective _____ the evidence for any clues.
v. to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
3. The comedian's stand-up routine was _____ and lacked humor.
adj. embarrassing or uncomfortable
4. The _____ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.
n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
5. He sent me on an _____.
n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
6. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization
7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. curate, 2. scrutinized, 3. cringeworthy, 4. perplexity, 5. errand, 6. coworker, 7. opportune

8. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.
v. to twist together or become twisted together
9. I met him at a party, and we quickly became _____.
n. a person one knows but who is not a close friend
10. The sudden news _____ their plans for the weekend.
v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
11. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.
adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
12. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.
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13. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
14. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
15. The CEO's _____ in the meeting cost the company millions.
n. mistake; the act of making a foolish error
16. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 8. intertwine, 9. acquaintances, 10. upended, 11. fleeting, 12. Arthurian, 13. stigma, 14. embedded, 15. blunder, 16. provoked

17. The government _____ the release of sensitive information.
v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
18. The world has become increasingly _____ with the internet and social media playing a significant role in communication and information exchange.
adj. having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
19. After years in the limelight, the actor decided to retreat from the public eye and become a _____.
n. a person who lives in solitude and isolation
20. The thunder _____ in the distance.
v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound
21. She had been playing the _____ for over a decade.
n. a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
22. She wore a bright red _____ for the beach trip.
n. a piece of clothing worn for swimming
23. The comedian's _____ jokes had the audience in stitches.
adj. cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way
24. Her _____ of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.
n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

ANSWERS: 17. preempted, 18. hyperconnected, 19. recluse, 20. rumbled, 21. viola, 22. swimsuit, 23. witty, 24. disapproval

25. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

26. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

27. The audience was _____ by her realistic acting.

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

28. The little puppy was _____ and had a playful personality.

adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection

29. The _____ training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.

n. a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

30. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

31. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

32. 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

ANSWERS: 25. courageous, 26. exacerbated, 27. dazzled, 28. lovable, 29. gladiator's, 30. ripple, 31. misunderstand, 32. embody

33. He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high _____.
- n.* a student who attends a school
34. The smell of baking bread _____ the kitchen.
- v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
35. The surgeon removed the tumor using _____ video assistance.
- adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
36. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
37. His research went largely _____ until a prominent researcher cited it.
- adj.* not seen or noticed
38. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
39. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
- n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
40. She _____ the loss of her parents.
- v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 33. schooler, 34. pervaded, 35. robotic, 36. confer, 37. unnoticed, 38. stereotypes, 39. nuance, 40. grieved

41. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
42. The company faced a _____ from customers after the recall.
n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
43. Higher capacity storage media have _____ floppy disks.
v. to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition
44. The _____ sun scorched the desert, making it uninhabitable.
adj. not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
45. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
adj. completely lacking or free from something
46. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.
n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces
47. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
48. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
49. My father has a serious and _____ personality.
adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 41. trajectory, 42. backlash, 43. ousted, 44. unforgiving, 45. devoid, 46. adversity, 47. nodded, 48. lurks, 49. compassionate

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