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Session 1: Word List

concerto

n. a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

synonym: symphony, composition, piece

(1) piano **concerto**, (2) violin **concerto**

A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano **concerto**.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym : blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

synonym : alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym: refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

counterpoint

n. the technique of combining two or more independent melodies in such a way as to form a harmonious whole

synonym: harmony, countermelody, contrasting melody

(1) write in **counterpoint**, (2) play a **counterpoint**

The addition of a **counterpoint** melody enhanced the piece of music.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

baroque

adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

synonym: ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

imperious

adj. having or showing a proud and bossy manner;
domineering

synonym : bossy, demanding, commanding

(1) **imperious** attitude, (2) display **imperious** behavior

The **imperious** manager demanded respect from her subordinates.

lighthearted

adj. having a carefree or cheerful mood; not serious or heavy

synonym : carefree, joyful, cheerful

(1) a **lighthearted** person, (2) **lighthearted** approach

The movie had a **lighthearted** tone and was meant to be enjoyable.

gusto

n. enthusiasm or energy in doing something

synonym : enthusiasm, zeal, fervor

(1) eat with **gusto**, (2) go for the **gusto**

He tackled his work with **gusto** and was always full of energy.

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

synonym : fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

oboe

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound

synonym : cor anglais, english horn, heckelphone

(1) an alto **oboe**, (2) **oboe** reed

The **oboe** player was tuning her instrument before the concert.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

bassoon

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed

synonym : fagotto, contrabassoon

(1) a tenor **bassoon**, (2) **bassoon** reed

The **bassoon** player was the only one who could hit that low note.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym : energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym : conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

woodwind

adj. a category of musical instruments that are played by blowing air into or over a reed, including instruments such as flutes, clarinets, and saxophones

synonym : flute, clarinet, saxophone

(1) a single-reed **woodwind**, (2) **woodwind** section
He is an expert in playing **woodwind** instruments.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

trumpet

n. a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

synonym: bugle, cornet, flugelhorn

(1) **trumpet** player, (2) **trumpet** solo

She played a beautiful melody on the **trumpet**.

soloist

n. a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer

synonym: solo performer, solo artist

(1) a vocal **soloist**, (2) **soloist** musician

The **soloist's** performance was the highlight of the concert.

permutation

n. a rearrangement of a set of items, especially into a different order

synonym: alteration, rearrangement, change

(1) a repeated **permutation**, (2) a circular **permutation**

The mathematician was fascinated by **permutations** and combinations.

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.

cello

n. a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

synonym : violoncello, violincello

(1) the beautiful sound of a **cello**, (2) **cello** music

She played a passionate solo on her **cello**.

orchestra

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

synonym : ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

flute

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

synonym : pipe, recorder, whistle

(1) **flute** music, (2) play the **flute**

The **flute** solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

harpsichord

n. a keyboard instrument with strings plucked by plectra rather than struck by hammers like a piano. It is known for its distinctive and bright sound; it was a common instrument in the Baroque and classical music periods

synonym : clavichord, spinet, virginal

(1) electric **harpsichord**, (2) **harpsichord** player

She was playing a beautiful piece of music on the **harpsichord**.

tutti

n. (in music) all voices or instruments playing together

synonym : full ensemble, full choir

(1) **tutti** chorus, (2) **tutti** sound

In a **tutti** section, all the musicians played together.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

synonym: substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

synonym: follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

continuo

n. a group of instruments in Baroque music that play a primarily harmonic accompaniment, including a keyboard instrument, and one or more chordal instruments such as a cello or bassoon

synonym: background, accompaniment, chordal

(1) **continuo** accompaniment, (2) basso **continuo**

The **continuo** part was played on the harpsichord.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym: noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

adhere

v. to stick firmly; to be compatible

synonym: comply, stick, cling

(1) **adhere** to their plan, (2) **adhere** rigidly to the rules

Administrators must **adhere** to the highest standards.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

ritornello

n. (in classical music) a repeated section or refrain in a composition

synonym : refrain, chorus, recurring theme

(1) **ritornello** section, (2) **ritornello** melody

The instrumental **ritornello** was repeated several times throughout the concerto.

recurring

adj. happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

synonym : periodic, constant, frequent

(1) **recurring** payments, (2) **recurring** decimals

A **recurring** back pain interfered with his concentration.

cadence

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

synonym : rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

presto

adv. in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly

synonym : quickly, instantly, rapidly

(1) change **presto**, (2) poco **presto**

He performed the magic trick **presto**, and the rabbit disappeared.

fugue

n. a compositional technique in which a main melody is introduced and then imitated by voices entering one

after another

synonym : composition, musical piece, musical form

(1) psychogenic **fugue**, (2) **fugue** style

He studied the principles of **fugue**, a type of composition in Baroque music.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym : mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

overlap

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

synonym : overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

keyboard

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

synonym : console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym : diminution, decrease, cutback

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

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

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Session 2: Spelling

1. change pr___o *adv.* in a quick tempo, especially faster than *allegro* (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly
2. piano co____to *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
3. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
4. ac_____ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
5. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
6. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
7. a tenor ba____n *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed
8. psychogenic fu__e *n.* a compositional technique in which a main melody is introduced and then imitated by voices entering one after another

ANSWERS: 1. presto, 2. concerto, 3. reduction, 4. accompany, 5. Christ, 6. horn, 7. bassoon, 8. fugue

9. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
10. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
11. or_____ra conductor *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
12. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
13. ca_____e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
14. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
15. basso co_____uo *n.* a group of instruments in Baroque music that play a primarily harmonic accompaniment, including a keyboard instrument, and one or more chordal instruments such as a cello or bassoon
16. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
17. st__t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. combination, 10. dialogue, 11. orchestra, 12. sect, 13. cadence, 14. combination, 15. continuo, 16. solo, 17. strict

18. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
19. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
20. co_____uo accompaniment *n.* a group of instruments in Baroque music that play a primarily harmonic accompaniment, including a keyboard instrument, and one or more chordal instruments such as a cello or bassoon
21. numeric ke_____rd *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
22. ad___e rigidly to the rules *v.* to stick firmly; to be compatible
23. tr_____t solo *n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly
24. play a cou_____int *n.* the technique of combining two or more independent melodies in such a way as to form a harmonious whole
25. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
26. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
27. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 18. recognizable, 19. gross, 20. continuo, 21. keyboard, 22. adhere, 23. trumpet, 24. counterpoint, 25. dynamic, 26. compose, 27. movement

28. a repeated per_____on *n.* a rearrangement of a set of items, especially into a different order
29. im_____us attitude *adj.* having or showing a proud and bossy manner; domineering
30. play the fl__e *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
31. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
32. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
33. tu__i chorus *n.* (in music) all voices or instruments playing together
34. ce__o music *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
35. electric har_____rd *n.* a keyboard instrument with strings plucked by plectra rather than struck by hammers like a piano. It is known for its distinctive and bright sound; it was a common instrument in the Baroque and classical music periods
36. fl__e music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

ANSWERS: 28. permutation, 29. imperious, 30. flute, 31. string, 32. commission, 33. tutti, 34. cello, 35. harpsichord, 36. flute

37. a circular per_____on
38. re_____ng payments
39. fu__e style
40. im_____e animal sounds
41. the form of a di_____ue
42. musical ins_____nts
43. ke_____rd instruments
44. go for the gu__o
45. ad___e to their plan
46. bl__d milk and cream
47. ov_____p in many areas
48. rit_____lo melody
- n.* a rearrangement of a set of items, especially into a different order
- adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
- n.* a compositional technique in which a main melody is introduced and then imitated by voices entering one after another
- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
- n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
- n.* enthusiasm or energy in doing something
- v.* to stick firmly; to be compatible
- v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
- v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
- n.* (in classical music) a repeated section or refrain in a composition

ANSWERS: 37. permutation, 38. recurring, 39. fugue, 40. imitate, 41. dialogue, 42. instrument, 43. keyboard, 44. gusto, 45. adhere, 46. blend, 47. overlap, 48. ritornello

49. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
50. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
51. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
52. eat with gu__o *n.* enthusiasm or energy in doing something
53. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
54. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
55. in st____t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
56. wo_____nd section *adj.* a category of musical instruments that are played by blowing air into or over a reed, including instruments such as flutes, clarinets, and saxophones
57. regular ca_____e *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 49. ambitious, 50. Christ, 51. solo, 52. gusto, 53. dynamic, 54. gross, 55. strict, 56. woodwind, 57. cadence

58. qui_____nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
59. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
60. the beautiful sound of a ce__o *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
61. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
62. ba_____n reed *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed
63. re_____ng decimals *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
64. lig_____ted approach *adj.* having a carefree or cheerful mood; not serious or heavy
65. a vocal so_____t *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
66. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
67. a lig_____ted person *adj.* having a carefree or cheerful mood; not serious or heavy

ANSWERS: 58. quintessence, 59. commission, 60. cello, 61. movement, 62. bassoon, 63. recurring, 64. lighthearted, 65. soloist, 66. sect, 67. lighthearted

68. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
69. so_____t musician *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
70. tr_____t player *n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly
71. display im_____us behavior *adj.* having or showing a proud and bossy manner; domineering
72. pick up a vi__a *n.* a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
73. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
74. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
75. ba_____e architecture *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
76. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

ANSWERS: 68. imitate, 69. soloist, 70. trumpet, 71. imperious, 72. viola, 73. horn, 74. germ, 75. baroque, 76. alternate

77. ac_____ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
78. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
79. write in cou_____int *n.* the technique of combining two or more independent melodies in such a way as to form a harmonious whole
80. ba_____e music *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
81. poco pr___o *adv.* in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly
82. tu__i sound *n.* (in music) all voices or instruments playing together
83. write el_____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
84. a single-reed wo_____nd *adj.* a category of musical instruments that are played by blowing air into or over a reed, including instruments such as flutes, clarinets, and saxophones
85. violin co_____to *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

ANSWERS: 77. accompany, 78. string, 79. counterpoint, 80. baroque, 81. presto, 82. tutti, 83. elegant, 84. woodwind, 85. concerto

86. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
87. the qui_____nce of virtue *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
88. ov_____p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
89. o__e reed *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
90. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
91. el_____t design *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
92. rit_____lo section *n.* (in classical music) a repeated section or refrain in a composition
93. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
94. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
95. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
96. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

ANSWERS: 86. germ, 87. quintessence, 88. overlap, 89. oboe, 90. alternate, 91. elegant, 92. ritornello, 93. recognizable, 94. instrument, 95. compose, 96. ambitious

97. vi___n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
98. an alto o___e *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
99. play the vi___n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
100. bl___d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
101. har_____rd player *n.* a keyboard instrument with strings plucked by plectra rather than struck by hammers like a piano. It is known for its distinctive and bright sound; it was a common instrument in the Baroque and classical music periods
102. full or_____ra *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
103. vi___a section *n.* a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
104. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree

ANSWERS: 97. violin, 98. oboe, 99. violin, 100. blend, 101. harpsichord, 102. orchestra, 103. viola, 104. reduction

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
2. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
3. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
4. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
5. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
6. The _____ solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.
n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
7. The _____ part was played on the harpsichord.
n. a group of instruments in Baroque music that play a primarily harmonic accompaniment, including a keyboard instrument, and one or more chordal instruments such as a cello or bassoon

ANSWERS: 1. dynamic, 2. imitated, 3. composed, 4. germ, 5. Christmas, 6. flute, 7. continuo

8. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

9. The movie had a _____ tone and was meant to be enjoyable.

adj. having a carefree or cheerful mood; not serious or heavy

10. 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

11. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

12. The _____ manager demanded respect from her subordinates.

adj. having or showing a proud and bossy manner; domineering

13. The instrumental _____ was repeated several times throughout the concerto.

n. (in classical music) a repeated section or refrain in a composition

14. There was no _____ between their proposals.

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

15. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

16. He is an expert in playing _____ instruments.

adj. a category of musical instruments that are played by blowing air into or over a reed, including instruments such as flutes, clarinets, and saxophones

ANSWERS: 8. combination, 9. lighthearted, 10. viola, 11. string, 12. imperious, 13. ritornello, 14. overlap, 15. blend, 16. woodwind

17. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

18. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

19. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

20. The accomplished _____ will give two more performances this week.

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

21. He performed the magic trick _____ and the rabbit disappeared.

adv. in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly

22. The mathematician was fascinated by _____ and combinations.

n. a rearrangement of a set of items, especially into a different order

23. She was playing a beautiful piece of music on the _____.

n. a keyboard instrument with strings plucked by plectra rather than struck by hammers like a piano. It is known for its distinctive and bright sound; it was a common instrument in the Baroque and classical music periods

ANSWERS: 17. strict, 18. horns, 19. gross, 20. orchestra, 21. presto, 22. permutations, 23. harpsichord

24. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
- n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
25. He tackled his work with _____ and was always full of energy.
- n.* enthusiasm or energy in doing something
26. The _____ player was tuning her instrument before the concert.
- n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
27. She played a beautiful melody on the _____.
- n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone;
(verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly
28. The cello is a member of the _____ family.
- n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
29. A _____ back pain interfered with his concentration.
- adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
30. The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the _____ style.
- adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
31. She gets a _____ on each contract.
- n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 24. reduction, 25. gusto, 26. oboe, 27. trumpet, 28. violin, 29. recurring, 30. baroque, 31. commission

32. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.
adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
33. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify
34. The addition of a _____ melody enhanced the piece of music.
n. the technique of combining two or more independent melodies in such a way as to form a harmonious whole
35. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.
n. the perfect example of a quality or class
36. The _____ performance was the highlight of the concert.
n. a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
37. I would love to _____ camping someday.
adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone
38. Please strike the "enter" on the _____.
n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
39. In a _____ section, all the musicians played together.
n. (in music) all voices or instruments playing together
40. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 32. elegant, 33. recognizable, 34. counterpoint, 35. quintessence, 36. soloist's, 37. solo, 38. keyboard, 39. tutti, 40. movement

41. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
42. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.
- v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
43. He studied the principles of _____ a type of composition in Baroque music.
- n.* a compositional technique in which a main melody is introduced and then imitated by voices entering one after another
44. She played a passionate solo on her _____.
- n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
45. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
46. Administrators must _____ to the highest standards.
- v.* to stick firmly; to be compatible
47. The _____ player was the only one who could hit that low note.
- n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed
48. The singer's voice had a beautiful _____ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.
- n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 41. sect, 42. accompany, 43. fugue, 44. cello, 45. dialogue, 46. adhere, 47. bassoon, 48. cadence,

49. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

50. A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano _____.

n. a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

51. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

52. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

ANSWERS: 49. alternate, 50. concerto, 51. instrument, 52. ambitious