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Session 1: Word List

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym : canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

tray

n. a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles

synonym : platter, dish, plate

(1) serving **tray**, (2) **tray** for drinks

She placed the dishes on the **tray** and carried them to the table.

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.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

gravitation

n. the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

synonym: attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

malevolent

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

synonym: evil, malicious, wicked

(1) **malevolent** stars, (2) **malevolent** act

She had a **malevolent** intention to harm her enemy.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym: wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym: expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

peer

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

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

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

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

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for

the interior of the building.

sophomore

n. a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field

synonym: second-year student, junior, apprentice

(1) **sophomore** in high school, (2) **sophomore** slump

The university student was now a **sophomore**, having completed their first year of studies.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

advocacy

n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

synonym: support, promotion, defense

(1) **advocacy** group, (2) consumer **advocacy** group

The group engages in **advocacy** through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

penalty

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

synonym: punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

wholehearted

adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

synonym : passionate, enthusiastic, devoted

(1) **wholehearted** support, (2) **wholehearted** commitment

She put her **wholehearted** effort into finishing the project on time.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

immediate

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

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

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

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

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym : subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

synonym : prevent, discourage, forestall

(1) **deter** aggression, (2) **deter** crime

The high fence was meant to **deter** intruders from entering the property.

closure

n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

synonym : shutdown, stoppage, termination

(1) public school **closures**, (2) **closure** of a road

They regretted the **closure** of their restaurant.

execution

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

synonym : carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

agonize

v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

synonym: disturb, excruciate, lament

(1) **agonize** pain, (2) **agonize** about financing

He **agonized** over whether to accept the job offer.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

pore

n. a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively

synonym: stoma, foramen

(1) woody **pore** fungi, (2) **pore** over reference books

I was sweating at every **pore**.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym: broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym : traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym : legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym :

confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

opposing

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

synonym: disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction

We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

partisan

adj. biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint

synonym: biased, prejudiced, one-sided

(1) **partisan** politics, (2) bridge **partisan** differences

Her **partisan** beliefs made it difficult for her to consider opposing viewpoints.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym:

facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

suppression

n. the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed

synonym: repression, oppression, restriction

(1) the **suppression** of bandits, (2) **suppression** of estrogen

The government imposed a **suppression** of freedom of speech.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym: worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

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.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym: inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym : disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

unique

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

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

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

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

delve

v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

synonym : dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym : impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

disagree

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

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

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

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

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

discourse

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

synonym: discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art

Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

validate

v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved

synonym: approve, certify, verify

(1) **validate** a hypothesis, (2) **validate** a passport
To **validate** your purchase, please visit the following link.

poll *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

president *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

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

synonym: honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

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.

division *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

affinity

n. a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption

synonym : liking, attraction, fondness

(1) **affinity** group, (2) have a high **affinity**

He has a strong **affinity** for music and plays multiple instruments.

constitute

v. to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something

synonym : comprise, form, make up

(1) **constitute** a threat, (2) **constitute** a majority

The new regulations **constitute** a significant change in the industry standards.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**
Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

identity

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

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual
The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .
I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

obsess

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

synonym : torment, beset, engross

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

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

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym : rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym : outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

unwilling

adj. not ready or wanting to do something

synonym : disinclined, involuntary, reluctant

(1) **unwilling** look, (2) in an **unwilling** voice

They were **unwilling** to take any risks.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

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.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym : credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym : pressing, critical, immediate

(1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation

It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a di_____se about art *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
2. ag_____e pain *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
3. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
4. un_____ng look *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
5. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
6. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
7. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
8. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
9. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
10. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
11. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

ANSWERS: 1. discourse, 2. agonize, 3. conservative, 4. unwilling, 5. religion, 6. immediate, 7. obsess, 8. identity, 9. convince, 10. label, 11. chamber

12. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
13. co____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
14. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
15. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
16. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
17. po__r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
18. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
19. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
20. co____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 12. violent, 13. confront, 14. institute, 15. graduate, 16. encourage, 17. polar, 18. disagree, 19. disproportionately, 20. convince

21. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
22. minor traffic of_____es *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
23. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
24. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
25. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
26. bridge pa_____an differences *adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
27. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
28. ev_____e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
29. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 21. argument, 22. offense, 23. reconsider, 24. unconventional, 25. insight, 26. partisan, 27. disrespect, 28. evolve, 29. empathy

30. va____te a passport *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
31. criminal ju____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
32. con_____te a threat *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
33. va____te a hypothesis *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
34. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
35. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
36. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
37. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
38. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

ANSWERS: 30. validate, 31. justice, 32. constitute, 33. validate, 34. politically, 35. institute, 36. unique, 37. bet, 38. ideology

39. cl_____e of a road *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
40. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
41. ur____t situation *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
42. fierce de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
43. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
44. 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
45. op_____ng counsel *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
46. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
47. office ca_____ia *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
48. political id_____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

ANSWERS: 39. closure, 40. inherit, 41. urgent, 42. defiance, 43. polarization, 44. movement, 45. opposing, 46. disproportionately, 47. cafeteria, 48. ideology

49. 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
50. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
51. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
52. bip_____an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
53. ca___d conversation *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
54. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
55. sports pu___t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
56. compulsory ex_____on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
57. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
58. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 49. movement, 50. politically, 51. decide, 52. bipartisan, 53. candid, 54. reinforce, 55. pundit, 56. execution, 57. equity, 58. appreciate

59. su____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
60. p__e over reference books *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
61. sc____d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
62. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
63. who_____ted commitment *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
64. a first of_____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
65. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
66. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
67. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
68. de__r crime *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
69. in my ca____d opinion *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
70. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

ANSWERS: 59. suppress, 60. pore, 61. scared, 62. bipartisan, 63. wholehearted, 64. offense, 65. incredible, 66. label, 67. echo, 68. deter, 69. candid, 70. liberal

71. de__e deeper *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
72. woody p__e fungi *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
73. ad____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
74. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
75. eq____y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
76. meet with opp____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
77. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
78. sup____on of estrogen *n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
79. universal gra____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
80. the sup____on of bandits *n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
81. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 71. delve, 72. pore, 73. advocacy, 74. entirely, 75. equity, 76. opposition, 77. topic, 78. suppression, 79. gravitation, 80. suppression, 81. instance

82. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
83. t__y for drinks *n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
84. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
85. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
86. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
87. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
88. corner of the pe_____y area *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
89. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
90. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
91. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
92. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 82. perspective, 83. tray, 84. amazing, 85. judge, 86. inherit, 87. racial, 88. penalty, 89. encourage, 90. disagree, 91. conservative, 92. fellow

93. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
94. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
95. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
96. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
97. Imperial sa____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
98. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
99. so____re slump *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
100. popular sa____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
101. in an un____ng voice *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
102. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place

ANSWERS: 93. divide, 94. evolve, 95. engage, 96. involve, 97. sanction, 98. bet, 99. sophomore, 100. sanction, 101. unwilling, 102. attend

103. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
104. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
105. a un____e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
106. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
107. 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
108. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
109. con_____te a majority *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
110. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
111. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
112. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
113. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 103. precise, 104. overwhelming, 105. unique, 106. violent, 107. stereotype, 108. confront, 109. constitute, 110. opportune, 111. attend, 112. disrespect, 113. poll

114. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
115. de__e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
116. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
117. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
118. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
119. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
120. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
121. conservative pu____t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
122. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
123. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

ANSWERS: 114. instance, 115. delve, 116. poll, 117. addict, 118. justice, 119. tip, 120. heritage, 121. pundit, 122. murder, 123. echo

124. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
125. 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
126. family upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
127. ex_____on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
128. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
129. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
130. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
131. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
132. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 124. polar, 125. stereotype, 126. upbringing, 127. execution, 128. reinforce, 129. rough, 130. addict, 131. identity, 132. nod

133. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
134. serving t__y *n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
135. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
136. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
137. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
138. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
139. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
140. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
141. so_____re in high school *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
142. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

ANSWERS: 133. scream, 134. tray, 135. entirely, 136. empathy, 137. peer, 138. uncomfortable, 139. cable, 140. religion, 141. sophomore, 142. scream

143. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
144. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
145. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
146. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
147. inc____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
148. a li____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
149. adopt an attitude of de____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
150. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
151. have a high af____ty *n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption
152. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
153. pr____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
154. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 143. historic, 144. topic, 145. crisis, 146. historic, 147. incredible, 148. liberal, 149. defiance, 150. crisis, 151. affinity, 152. obsess, 153. precise, 154. intent

155. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
156. mal_____nt stars *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others
157. hold di_____se with him *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
158. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
159. in an op_____ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
160. ambitious ag___a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
161. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
162. ca_____ia lunch *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
163. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
164. a scientific vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
165. mal_____nt act *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others
166. aesthetic vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

ANSWERS: 155. divide, 156. malevolent, 157. discourse, 158. conversation, 159. opposing, 160. agenda, 161. reconsider, 162. cafeteria, 163. opportune, 164. viewpoint, 165. malevolent, 166. viewpoint

167. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
168. unc_____nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
169. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
170. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
171. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
172. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
173. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
174. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
175. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
176. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 167. conversation, 168. unconventional, 169. perspective, 170. immediate, 171. decide, 172. advocate, 173. advocate, 174. president, 175. communal, 176. involve

177. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
178. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
179. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
180. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
181. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
182. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
183. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
184. ag_____e about financing *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
185. consumer ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
186. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 177. murder, 178. compromise, 179. politician, 180. merit, 181. voter, 182. argument, 183. tip, 184. agonize, 185. advocacy, 186. compromise

187. af____ty group *n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption
188. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
189. terrestrial gra_____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
190. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
191. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
192. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
193. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
194. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
195. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
196. pa_____an politics *adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint

ANSWERS: 187. affinity, 188. judge, 189. gravitation, 190. agenda, 191. communal, 192. peer, 193. voter, 194. division, 195. engage, 196. partisan

197. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
198. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
199. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
200. Catholic upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
201. death pe_____y *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
202. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
203. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
204. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
205. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
206. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

ANSWERS: 197. aisle, 198. nod, 199. empower, 200. upbringing, 201. penalty, 202. appreciate, 203. division, 204. heritage, 205. uncomfortable, 206. cable

207. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
208. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
209. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
210. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
211. public school cl_____es *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
212. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
213. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
214. an ur___t telegram *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
215. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 207. aisle, 208. insight, 209. chamber, 210. intent, 211. closure, 212. scared, 213. graduate, 214. urgent, 215. polarization

216. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
217. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
218. who_____ted support *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
219. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
220. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
221. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
222. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
223. de__r aggression *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
224. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
225. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
226. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

ANSWERS: 216. president, 217. politician, 218. wholehearted, 219. empower, 220. merit, 221. amazing, 222. overwhelming, 223. deter, 224. rough, 225. fellow, 226. racial

227. opp_____on campaign

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

228. su_____ss a revolt

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

ANSWERS: 227. opposition, 228. suppress

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
2. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
3. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
4. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
5. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
6. Her _____ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.
adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
7. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
8. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.
adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

ANSWERS: 1. echoed, 2. conversation, 3. decide, 4. label, 5. religion, 6. unconventional, 7. unique, 8. candid

9. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
10. They regretted the _____ of their restaurant.
n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
11. The force of _____ keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.
n. the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
12. He _____ over whether to accept the job offer.
v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
13. The university student was now a _____ having completed their first year of studies.
n. a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
14. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
15. The lawyer was reinstated after paying the _____.
n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
16. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 9. peer, 10. closure, 11. gravitation, 12. agonized, 13. sophomore, 14. confront, 15. penalty, 16. murder

17. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

18. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

- adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

19. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

20. The new regulations _____ a significant change in the industry standards.

- v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something

21. He has a strong _____ for music and plays multiple instruments.

- n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption

22. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

23. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

24. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.

- n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

ANSWERS: 17. tips, 18. overwhelming, 19. amazing, 20. constitute, 21. affinity, 22. argument, 23. crisis, 24. cables

25. I ____ that you know it.

- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

26. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

27. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

28. The content is _____ and informative for me.

- adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

29. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

- n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

30. His strict _____ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

- n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

31. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

32. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 25. bet, 26. institutes, 27. polarization, 28. precise, 29. agenda, 30. upbringing, 31. divide, 32. empowered

33. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
34. He is _____ in his thoughts.
adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior;
open-minded
35. Sweet _____ makes short days and nights.
n. any form of communication in speech or writing
36. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.
v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
37. She placed the dishes on the _____ and carried them to the table.
n. a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
38. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
39. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
40. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
41. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

ANSWERS: 33. voter, 34. liberal, 35. discourse, 36. suppress, 37. tray, 38. engaged, 39. addicts, 40. topic, 41. division

42. Her _____ beliefs made it difficult for her to consider opposing viewpoints.
adj. biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
43. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
44. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
45. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
46. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.
adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
47. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
48. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
49. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 42. partisan, 43. president, 44. judge, 45. merits, 46. politically, 47. compromised, 48. intent, 49. reinforce

50. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

51. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

52. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

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

53. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

54. It is _____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

55. The legislation was passed with _____ support from both parties.

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

56. The _____ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

57. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

58. He humbly _____ his conduct.

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

ANSWERS: 50. fellow, 51. racial, 52. obsessed, 53. equity, 54. urgent, 55. bipartisan, 56. execution, 57. heritage, 58. reconsidered

59. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

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

60. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

61. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

62. 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

63. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

64. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

65. We looked at this issue from a different _____.

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

66. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

67. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

ANSWERS: 59. immediate, 60. entirely, 61. conservative, 62. stereotypes, 63. chambers, 64. convince, 65. viewpoint, 66. instances, 67. attend

68. The university's _____ was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.
- n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
69. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
70. She put her _____ effort into finishing the project on time.
- adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
71. I was sweating at every _____.
- n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through;
(verb) to read carefully or study attentively
72. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
73. His abusive words made me _____.
- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
74. He acted in _____ of our decision.
- n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
75. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 68. cafeteria, 69. justice, 70. wholehearted, 71. pore, 72. involves, 73. uncomfortable, 74. defiance, 75. incredible

76. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

77. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

78. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

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

79. The group engages in _____ through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

80. She had a _____ intention to harm her enemy.

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

81. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

82. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

83. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

ANSWERS: 76. scared, 77. historic, 78. disagree, 79. advocacy, 80. malevolent, 81. offenses, 82. encouraged, 83. ideology

84. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
85. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
86. To _____ your purchase, please visit the following link.
- v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
87. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
88. 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
89. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
90. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 84. Empathy, 85. perspective, 86. validate, 87. insights, 88. movement, 89. violent, 90. polls

91. We have no intention of _____ his idea.

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

92. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

93. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

94. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

95. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

96. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

97. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

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

98. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 91. opposing, 92. disproportionately, 93. Communal, 94. deter, 95. screaming, 96. disrespectful, 97. identity, 98. aisle

99. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
100. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
- adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
101. They were _____ to take any risks.
- adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
102. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
103. The political _____ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.
- n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
104. The government imposed a _____ of freedom of speech.
- n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
105. Researchers must _____ into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.
- v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
106. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 99. Advocates, 100. Polar, 101. unwilling, 102. inherited, 103. pundit, 104. suppression, 105. delve, 106. politician

107. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

108. 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

109. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

110. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization

111. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

112. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

113. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

114. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 107. graduate, 108. nodded, 109. rough, 110. sanctions, 111. opposition, 112. opportune, 113. appreciate, 114. evolved

ANSWERS: