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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym : allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm**

bracelets.

waterfront

n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

synonym: lakefront, seaside, shoreline

(1) **waterfront** property, (2) **waterfront** view

The city's **waterfront** area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

vacant

adj. not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation

synonym: empty, unoccupied, available

(1) **vacant** land, (2) **vacant** position

The real estate agent showed me a **vacant** apartment perfect for my needs.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym : birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym : suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym : revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

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.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym: command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

redline

n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

synonym: boundary line, deadline, limit

(1) **redline** speed, (2) **redline** level

The neighborhood was affected by a **redline** drawn by real

estate agents to keep specific populations out.

renewal

n. the process of making something new or active again; the act of renewing a subscription, license, etc.

synonym: rejuvenation, revival, refreshment

(1) **renewal** process, (2) license **renewal**

The city is undergoing a **renewal** project that will transform the downtown area.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

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.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

ownership

n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

synonym : possession, title, proprietorship

(1) property **ownership**, (2) share **ownership**

The company's **ownership** has changed hands several times in the past few years.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

downward

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

synonym : lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past month.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym : coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

disinvestment

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

synonym : divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

hypervacancy

n. a situation in which a high proportion of homes or commercial properties in a given area stand vacant or unoccupied, often due to economic decline or urban sprawl

synonym : empty space, vacancy, void

(1) **hypervacancy** rates, (2) commercial **hypervacancy**

The **hypervacancy** in the downtown area has led to an increase in crime and homelessness.

decay

n. the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi;
(verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes

synonym : corrosion, decomposition, deterioration

(1) radioactive **decay**, (2) prevent tooth **decay**

The dead body was in an advanced state of **decay**.

exodus

n. a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

synonym : emigration, evacuation, departure

(1) mass **exodus**, (2) the Oriental **exodus** from America

The rural **exodus** may cause long-term population loss.

confirmation

n. a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite

synonym : validation, verification, affirmation

(1) **confirmation** of purchase, (2) **confirmation** bias

The **confirmation** of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

synonym: discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**

She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

undervalue

v. to assign too low a value to something

synonym: underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym: drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

displacement

n. the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: eviction, exile, exodus

(1) **displacement** camp, (2) a car with 1800 cc

displacement

The **displacement** of the residents was a consequence of the construction of the new highway.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

inclination

n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

synonym: tendency, preference, angle

(1) consumer's **inclination** to spend, (2) the **inclination** of a slope

She had an **inclination** towards the arts.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

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.

affirm

v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
synonym: declare, avow, assert

(1) **affirm** old traditions, (2) **affirm** strong identity
I **affirm** that I will always stand by my beliefs.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit
synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency
Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

parity

n. the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment
synonym: equality, sameness, equivalence

(1) gender **parity**, (2) **parity** of fighting ability
We have yet to achieve wage or occupational **parity** for women in many fields.

upfront

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
synonym: honest, authentic, fair

(1) an **upfront** tone, (2) pay **upfront**
He was very **upfront** with him about his intentions.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

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.

waitlist

n. a list of people who have requested or applied for something, such as admission to a school or a reservation at a restaurant, but are not yet able to be accommodated or granted access due to limited capacity or availability

synonym : waiting list, standby list, reservation

(1) **waitlist** for a restaurant, (2) medical **waitlist**

There is a long **waitlist** for popular classes at the gym.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym : deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym : cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

demolition

n. the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure

synonym : destruction, clearance, leveling

(1) **demolition** site, (2) **demolition** work

The city authorized the **demolition** of the abandoned building.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym: renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

renovation

n. the process of improving, repairing, or modernizing a building, room, or other structure; the state of being improved or repaired in this way

synonym: remodelling, redevelopment, restoration

(1) **renovation** work, (2) **renovation** project
The building is undergoing **renovation**, so it is closed for now.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice
The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay
synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution
The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

buyer

n. a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
synonym: purchaser, shopper, customer

(1) potential **buyer**, (2) house **buyer**
The online marketplace connects **buyers** with sellers all over the world.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
synonym: eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine
We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym : home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

healing

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

synonym : recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym : reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym : opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym : chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

appetite

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

synonym : hunger, appetite, craving

(1) **appetite** suppression, (2) loss of **appetite**

After a long hike, I had a huge **appetite** and devoured my meal in minutes.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

Session 2: Spelling

1. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

2. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

3. dem_____on work *n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure

4. va___t position *adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation

5. consumer's inc_____on to spend *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

6. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

7. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

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

9. far-right ra___t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

ANSWERS: 1. bond, 2. gut, 3. demolition, 4. vacant, 5. inclination, 6. thrive, 7. urban, 8. advocate, 9. racist

19. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
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23. re_____l process *n.* the process of making something new or active again; the act of renewing a subscription, license, etc.
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25. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
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27. und_____ue the potential *v.* to assign too low a value to something
28. loss of ap_____te *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
29. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
30. mo_____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 19. unexpected, 20. movement, 21. blind, 22. affirm, 23. renewal, 24. nowhere, 25. affordable, 26. tradition, 27. undervalue, 28. appetite, 29. defeat, 30. mortgage

31. ren_____on project *n.* the process of improving, repairing, or modernizing a building, room, or other structure; the state of being improved or repaired in this way
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38. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
39. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
40. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
41. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 31. renovation, 32. downward, 33. thrive, 34. spiral, 35. confirmation, 36. parity, 37. generation, 38. negative, 39. devastate, 40. invest, 41. opportune

42. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
43. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
44. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
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46. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
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48. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
49. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
50. masculine ch__m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
51. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
52. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
53. the ou_____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
54. part of the he_____g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

ANSWERS: 42. folk, 43. transfer, 44. communal, 45. exodus, 46. government, 47. renewal, 48. historic, 49. nonprofit, 50. charm, 51. contrary, 52. origin, 53. outskirts, 54. healing

55. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
56. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
57. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
58. dem_____on site *n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure
59. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
60. dis_____ent strategy *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
61. ap_____te suppression *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
62. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
63. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
64. ge_____fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
65. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay

ANSWERS: 55. vivid, 56. quitter, 57. folk, 58. demolition, 59. trajectory, 60. disinvestment, 61. appetite, 62. negative, 63. charm, 64. gentrify, 65. affordable

66. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
67. va___t land *adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation
68. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
69. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
70. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
71. an up_____t tone *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
72. re___m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
73. sp___l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
74. an int_____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent

ANSWERS: 66. row, 67. vacant, 68. finance, 69. typical, 70. origin, 71. upfront, 72. redeem, 73. spiral, 74. intentional

75. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
76. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
77. medical wa_____st *n.* a list of people who have requested or applied for something, such as admission to a school or a reservation at a restaurant, but are not yet able to be accommodated or granted access due to limited capacity or availability
78. pay up_____t *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
79. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
80. pa____y of fighting ability *n.* the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment
81. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
82. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
83. natural he_____g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
84. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
85. fa____c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 75. unexpected, 76. wealth, 77. waitlist, 78. upfront, 79. abandon, 80. parity, 81. creditor, 82. hometown, 83. healing, 84. devastate, 85. fabric

86. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
87. the inc_____on of a slope *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
88. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
89. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
90. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
91. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
92. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
93. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
94. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
95. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
96. 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

ANSWERS: 86. settle, 87. inclination, 88. absolutely, 89. investor, 90. cycle, 91. bond, 92. butterfly, 93. opportune, 94. absolutely, 95. environment, 96. institute

97. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
98. re_____e speed *n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
99. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
100. property ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
101. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
102. radioactive de__y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
103. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
104. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
105. mass ex___s *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

ANSWERS: 97. spot, 98. redline, 99. tradition, 100. ownership, 101. investor, 102. decay, 103. resident, 104. environment, 105. exodus

106. the clear co_____ry	<i>n.</i>	acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
107. ma_____e obligation	<i>n.</i>	an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
108. de____t a global power	<i>v.</i>	to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
109. an Imperial ma_____e	<i>n.</i>	an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
110. re____t all imperfect merchandise	<i>v.</i>	to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
111. re_____d a company	<i>v.</i>	to build again or anew
112. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word	<i>v.</i>	to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
113. re_____d communities	<i>v.</i>	to build again or anew
114. dis_____ent plan	<i>n.</i>	the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
115. beauty s__t	<i>n.</i>	a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
116. a signal of di_____ss	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
117. wa_____st for a restaurant	<i>n.</i>	a list of people who have requested or applied for something, such as admission to a school or a reservation at a restaurant, but are not yet able to be accommodated or granted access due to limited capacity or availability

ANSWERS: 106. contrary, 107. mandate, 108. defeat, 109. mandate, 110. reject, 111. rebuild, 112. capitalize, 113. rebuild, 114. disinvestment, 115. spot, 116. distress, 117. waitlist

118. ren_____on work *n.* the process of improving, repairing, or modernizing a building, room, or other structure; the state of being improved or repaired in this way
119. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
120. con_____ion bias *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
121. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
122. 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
123. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
124. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
125. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
126. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
127. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 118. renovation, 119. reject, 120. confirmation, 121. fabric, 122. institute, 123. pump, 124. transform, 125. risky, 126. highway, 127. communal

128. a car with 1800 cc dis_____ent *n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
129. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
130. share ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
131. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
132. commercial hyp_____ncy *n.* a situation in which a high proportion of homes or commercial properties in a given area stand vacant or unoccupied, often due to economic decline or urban sprawl
133. ra____t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
134. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 128. displacement, 129. advocate, 130. ownership, 131. finance, 132. hypervacancy, 133. racist, 134. dominant

135. tr_____m an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
136. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
137. af____m old traditions *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
138. potential bu__r *n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
139. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
140. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
141. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
142. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
143. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
144. und_____ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something
145. re____m a government bond *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
146. ge_____fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

ANSWERS: 135. transform, 136. typical, 137. affirm, 138. buyer, 139. blind, 140. nowhere, 141. highway, 142. narrative, 143. historic, 144. undervalue, 145. redeem, 146. gentrify

147. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
148. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
149. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
150. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
151. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
152. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
153. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
154. maintain do_____rd compatibility *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
155. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
156. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
157. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 147. row, 148. intentional, 149. gut, 150. cycle, 151. nonprofit, 152. transfer, 153. wealth, 154. downward, 155. revitalization, 156. abandon, 157. generation

158. dis_____ent camp *n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
159. fixed-rate mo_____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
160. on the western ou_____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
161. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
162. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
163. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
164. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
165. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
166. wat_____nt property *n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

ANSWERS: 158. displacement, 159. mortgage, 160. outskirts, 161. pump, 162. resident, 163. quitter, 164. dominant, 165. settle, 166. waterfront

167. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
168. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
169. house bu__r *n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
170. emotional di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
171. 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
172. re_____e level *n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
173. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
174. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
175. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
176. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
177. prevent tooth de__y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes

ANSWERS: 167. narrative, 168. creditor, 169. buyer, 170. distress, 171. movement, 172. redline, 173. butterfly, 174. trajectory, 175. revitalization, 176. hometown, 177. decay

178. ur__n property owners

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

179. in___t in stocks

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

180. t_p keyboard with an index finger

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 178. urban, 179. invest, 180. tap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He tried to _____ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
2. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.
n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
3. _____ 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
4. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.
adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent
5. After a long hike, I had a huge _____ and devoured my meal in minutes.
n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
6. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
7. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.
v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

ANSWERS: 1. redeem, 2. distress, 3. Advocates, 4. intentional, 5. appetite, 6. hometown, 7. gentrify

8. We have yet to achieve wage or occupational _____ for women in many fields.
n. the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment
9. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
10. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
11. The _____ of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.
n. a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
12. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
13. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.
n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
14. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
15. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
16. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.
adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

ANSWERS: 8. parity, 9. nowhere, 10. defeat, 11. confirmation, 12. dominant, 13. spiral, 14. typical, 15. finance, 16. racist

17. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

18. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

19. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

20. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

21. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

22. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front ____.

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

23. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

24. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 17. contrary, 18. investors, 19. narrative, 20. fabrics, 21. tap, 22. row, 23. transferred, 24. risky

25. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
26. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.
n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
27. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
28. The building is undergoing _____ so it is closed for now.
n. the process of improving, repairing, or modernizing a building, room, or other structure; the state of being improved or repaired in this way
29. He _____ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.
v. to assign too low a value to something
30. The city is undergoing a _____ project that will transform the downtown area.
n. the process of making something new or active again; the act of renewing a subscription, license, etc.
31. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
32. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 25. Communal, 26. gut-wrenching, 27. tradition, 28. renovation, 29. undervalued, 30. renewal, 31. transformed, 32. resident

33. She made a _____ impression.

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

34. She had an _____ towards the arts.

n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

35. The _____ in the downtown area has led to an increase in crime and homelessness.

n. a situation in which a high proportion of homes or commercial properties in a given area stand vacant or unoccupied, often due to economic decline or urban sprawl

36. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

37. The _____ of the residents was a consequence of the construction of the new highway.

n. the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

38. The company's decision to engage in _____ led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

39. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 33. vivid, 34. inclination, 35. hypervacancy, 36. wealth, 37. displacement, 38. disinvestment, 39. folk

40. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.
n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
41. The neighborhood was affected by a _____ drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.
n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
42. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
43. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
44. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
45. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
46. The online marketplace connects _____ with sellers all over the world.
n. a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
47. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 40. charm, 41. redline, 42. outskirts, 43. unexpected, 44. rebuild, 45. environment, 46. buyers, 47. butterfly

48. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
- v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
49. They had formed a friendship _____.
- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
50. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
51. The company's _____ has changed hands several times in the past few years.
- n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
52. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. The dead body was in an advanced state of _____.
- n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
54. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
55. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.
- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

ANSWERS: 48. capitalize, 49. bond, 50. rejected, 51. ownership, 52. opportune, 53. decay, 54. negative, 55. highway

56. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
57. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
58. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
59. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
60. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
61. The stock market has been in a _____ trend for the past month.
adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level
62. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
adj. not expensive and able to pay
63. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
64. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.
n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 56. origin, 57. settle, 58. abandoned, 59. trajectory, 60. quitter, 61. downward, 62. affordable, 63. generation, 64. mortgage

65. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

66. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

67. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

68. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

69. He was very _____ with him about his intentions.

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

70. 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

71. 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

72. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 65. thrive, 66. mandate, 67. absolutely, 68. creditor, 69. upfront, 70. institutes, 71. movement, 72. cycle

73. We seek a person _____ for the post.

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

74. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

75. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

76. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

77. The real estate agent showed me a _____ apartment perfect for my needs.

adj. not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation

78. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

79. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

80. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 73. qualified, 74. urban, 75. revitalization, 76. healing, 77. vacant, 78. government, 79. pump, 80. blind

81. I _____ that I will always stand by my beliefs.

v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

82. The city's _____ area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

83. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

84. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

85. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

86. There is a long _____ for popular classes at the gym.

n. a list of people who have requested or applied for something, such as admission to a school or a reservation at a restaurant, but are not yet able to be accommodated or granted access due to limited capacity or availability

87. The rural _____ may cause long-term population loss.

n. a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

88. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 81. affirm, 82. waterfront, 83. devastate, 84. historic, 85. invest, 86. waitlist, 87. exodus, 88. nonprofit

89. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

90. The city authorized the _____ of the abandoned building.

n. the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure

ANSWERS: 89. spot, 90. demolition