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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 2. consumer's inc_____on to spend | <i>n.</i> a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping |
| 3. und_____ue his contribution | <i>v.</i> to assign too low a value to something |
| 4. 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 |
| 5. re____m a coupon | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 6. the inc_____on of a slope | <i>n.</i> a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping |
| 7. the cr_____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 8. on the western ou_____rts | <i>n.</i> the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something. |

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. inclination, 3. undervalue, 4. waitlist, 5. redeem, 6. inclination, 7. creditor, 8. outskirts

9. an up_____t tone *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
10. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *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
11. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
12. hyp_____ncy rates *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
13. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
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15. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
16. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
17. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

ANSWERS: 9. upfront, 10. capitalize, 11. trajectory, 12. hypervacancy, 13. revitalization, 14. capitalize, 15. opportune, 16. quitter, 17. devastate

18. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
19. 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
20. pay up_____t *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
21. 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
22. 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
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24. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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ANSWERS: 18. trajectory, 19. redline, 20. upfront, 21. gentrify, 22. gentrify, 23. outskirts, 24. opportune, 25. redline

26. dis_____ent strategy *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
27. 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
28. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
29. und_____ue the potential *v.* to assign too low a value to something
30. dis_____ent plan *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
31. 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
32. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
33. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
34. 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

ANSWERS: 26. disinvestment, 27. redeem, 28. revitalization, 29. undervalue, 30. disinvestment, 31. hypervacancy, 32. devastate, 33. quitter, 34. waitlist

35. the Oriental ex___s from America *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
36. mass ex___s *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

ANSWERS: 35. exodus, 36. exodus

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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