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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### remnant

- n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

*synonym:* remainder, leftover, residue

- (1) **remnant** of the past, (2) **remnants** of fabric

The only **remnant** left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

### persecute

- v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

*synonym:* victimize, harass, oppress

- (1) **persecute** minorities, (2) **persecute** for small debts

The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to **persecute** journalists and media outlets.

### sect

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

*synonym:* group, faction, cult

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

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional

religious practices.

## **carnal**

*adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

*synonym*: physical, sensual, sexual

(1) **carnal** encounter, (2) **carnal** pleasure

The church considers **carnal** desires to be sinful.

## **penal**

*adj.* relating to punishment or penalties for breaking laws or rules; punitive; pertaining to the imposition of legal sanctions

*synonym*: punitive, disciplinary, corrective

(1) **penal** code, (2) **penal** system

He received a **penal** sentence for his crimes and was sentenced to years in prison.

## **indecenty**

*n.* behavior or language that is considered morally offensive or inappropriate in public; behavior that is vulgar, obscene, or offensive to common decency

*synonym*: impropriety, indecorum, lewdness

(1) vulgar **indecenty**, (2) **indecenty** accusation

The **indecenty** of the comedian's jokes offended many in the audience.

## **commonwealth**

*n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

*synonym*: federation, union, republic

(1) the **commonwealth** of learning, (2) **commonwealth** authority

The **Commonwealth** of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

## **degrade**

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym*: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## queer

*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

*synonym* : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

## mobilize

*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

*synonym* : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

## impede

*v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

*synonym* : hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

## counteract

*v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

*synonym* : balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

## entrenched

*adj.* established firmly and securely

*synonym* : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched**

power.

## blackmail

*n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

*synonym*: extortion, shakedown, racket

(1) **blackmail** extortion, (2) **blackmail** scheme

He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as **blackmail**.

## nonbinary

*adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

*synonym*: pluralistic, polyphyletic

(1) **nonbinary** gender, (2) **nonbinary** identities

More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for **nonbinary** people.

## spit

*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

*synonym*: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

## diaspora

*n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

*synonym*: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

## 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.

## mentorship

*n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person

*synonym* : guidance, coaching, tutorship

(1) **mentorship** program, (2) under his **mentorship**

He was grateful for the **mentorship** opportunity given to him by his supervisor.

## **troll**

*n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

*synonym* : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

## **viol**

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym* : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

## **industrious**

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## **barter**

*n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly

*synonym* : trade, exchange, swap

(1) **barter** system, (2) a **barter** economy

The farmers engaged in **barter** to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.

## **tenet**

*n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

*synonym*: dogma, creed, principle

(1) basic **tenets**, (2) a fundamental **tenet** of Judaism

This section explains a central **tenet** of economics.

## individualism

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

*synonym*: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## hinder

*v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

*synonym*: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

## lifesaving

*n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

## encrypt

*v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

*synonym*: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

## homophobia

*n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

*synonym*: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports  
The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

## transphobia

*n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

*synonym*: gender bias, gender bigotry

(1) overcome **transphobia**, (2) experience **transphobia**  
Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of **transphobia** still prevalent in many parts of the world.

## grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other  
He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## cocreate

*v.* to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship  
We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

## noteworthy

*adj.* deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable

*synonym*: remarkable, significant, notable

(1) **noteworthy** achievement, (2) **noteworthy** event

The artist's latest work received **noteworthy** critical acclaim.

## **decriminalize**

*v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law

*synonym*: legalize, decriminalization, depenalize

(1) **decriminalize** abortion, (2) **decriminalize** public drunkenness

Many activists are pushing for laws to **decriminalize** marijuana use.

## **intimacy**

*n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

*synonym*: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

## **offline**

*adj.* not connected to the internet

*synonym*: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.



## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. basic te__ts                | <i>n.</i> one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded   |
| 2. pe_____te for small debts   | <i>v.</i> to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity  |
| 3. copyright tr__l             | <i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat |
| 4. qu__r fashion               | <i>adj.</i> strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way  |
| 5. co_____te our life          | <i>v.</i> to create something by working with others   |
| 6. di_____ra community         | <i>n.</i> the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland  |
| 7. im___e a close relationship | <i>v.</i> to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress   |
| 8. no_____ry identities        | <i>adj.</i> someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things  |

ANSWERS: 1. tenet, 2. persecute, 3. troll, 4. queer, 5. cocreate, 6. diaspora, 7. impede, 8. nonbinary

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| 9. mo____ze a stiff joint          | <i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose  |
| 10. feed a tr__l                   | <i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat |
| 11. a ba____r economy              | <i>n.</i> the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly   |
| 12. ca____l pleasure               | <i>adj.</i> relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones  |
| 13. co____te a relationship        | <i>v.</i> to create something by working with others   |
| 14. build in____cy                 | <i>n.</i> close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person   |
| 15. of____e course                 | <i>adj.</i> not connected to the internet  |
| 16. a fundamental te__t of Judaism | <i>n.</i> one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded   |
| 17. men____ip program              | <i>n.</i> a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person   |

ANSWERS: 9. mobilize, 10. troll, 11. barter, 12. carnal, 13. cocreate, 14. intimacy, 15. offline, 16. tenet, 17. mentorship

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| 18. mo____ze cooperation           | <i>v.</i> | to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose   |
| 19. s__t beliefs                   | <i>n.</i> | a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream   |
| 20. gr____e with each other        | <i>v.</i> | to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons   |
| 21. dec_____ize public drunkenness | <i>v.</i> | to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law                        |
| 22. en____t message                | <i>v.</i> | to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons |
| 23. hi___r international exchanges | <i>v.</i> | to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something   |
| 24. vulgar in_____cy               | <i>n.</i> | behavior or language that is considered morally offensive or inappropriate in public; behavior that is vulgar, obscene, or offensive to common decency  |
| 25. pri_____ze people over cars    | <i>v.</i> | to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things  |

ANSWERS: 18. mobilize, 19. sect, 20. grapple, 21. decriminalize, 22. encrypt, 23. hinder, 24. indecency, 25. prioritize

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| 26. en____t data              | <i>v.</i> to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons |
| 27. cou_____ct global warming | <i>v.</i> to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it  |
| 28. of_____e mode             | <i>adj.</i> not connected to the internet   |
| 29. secret s__t               | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream   |
| 30. di_____ra migration       | <i>n.</i> the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland   |
| 31. op_____ne occasion        | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose   |
| 32. not_____hy achievement    | <i>adj.</i> deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable   |
| 33. lif_____ng device         | <i>n.</i> the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning  |
| 34. pe__l system              | <i>adj.</i> relating to punishment or penalties for breaking laws or rules; punitive; pertaining to the imposition of legal sanctions   |
| 35. s__t a bullet             | <i>v.</i> to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth  |

ANSWERS: 26. encrypt, 27. counteract, 28. offline, 29. sect, 30. diaspora, 31. opportune, 32. noteworthy, 33. lifesaving, 34. penal, 35. spit

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| 36. the com_____lth of learning     | <i>n.</i> a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power   |
| 37. pri_____ze tasks                | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things   |
| 38. experience tra_____ia           | <i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations  |
| 39. ent_____ed ideas                | <i>adj.</i> established firmly and securely  |
| 40. v__l instrument                 | <i>n.</i> a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba   |
| 41. de_____e environmental quality  | <i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others  |
| 42. lif_____ng efforts              | <i>n.</i> the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning   |
| 43. cou_____ct the effect of poison | <i>v.</i> to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it   |
| 44. hom_____ia in sports            | <i>n.</i> a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity |

ANSWERS: 36. commonwealth, 37. prioritize, 38. transphobia, 39. entrenched, 40. viol, 41. degrade, 42. lifesaving, 43. counteract, 44. homophobia

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| 45. nation of ind_____ism | <i>n.</i> the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant   |
| 46. in_____cy accusation  | <i>n.</i> behavior or language that is considered morally offensive or inappropriate in public; behavior that is vulgar, obscene, or offensive to common decency |
| 47. an op_____ne remark   | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 48. im____e development   | <i>v.</i> to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress   |
| 49. ba____r system        | <i>n.</i> the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly                 |
| 50. overcome tra_____ia   | <i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations            |
| 51. under his men_____ip  | <i>n.</i> a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person                 |
| 52. qu__r money           | <i>adj.</i> strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way  |
| 53. bl_____il extortion   | <i>n.</i> the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information  |

ANSWERS: 45. individualism, 46. indecency, 47. opportune, 48. impede, 49. barter, 50. transphobia, 51. mentorship, 52. queer, 53. blackmail

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| 54. hom_____ia awareness        | <i>n.</i> a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity |
| 55. de_____e his public image   | <i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others  |
| 56. pe__l code                  | <i>adj.</i> relating to punishment or penalties for breaking laws or rules; punitive; pertaining to the imposition of legal sanctions  |
| 57. ent_____ed positions        | <i>adj.</i> established firmly and securely  |
| 58. no_____ry gender            | <i>adj.</i> someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things  |
| 59. v__l music                  | <i>n.</i> a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba   |
| 60. rampant ind_____ism         | <i>n.</i> the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant   |
| 61. hi___r athletic performance | <i>v.</i> to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something  |

ANSWERS: 54. homophobia, 55. degrade, 56. penal, 57. entrenched, 58. nonbinary, 59. viol, 60. individualism, 61. hinder

62. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
63. gr_____e with problem	<i>v.</i> to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
64. com_____lth authority	<i>n.</i> a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
65. bl_____il scheme	<i>n.</i> the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
66. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
67. re_____ts of fabric	<i>n.</i> a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
68. s__t a mouthful of saliva	<i>v.</i> to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
69. dec_____ize abortion	<i>v.</i> to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
70. not_____hy event	<i>adj.</i> deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
71. re_____t of the past	<i>n.</i> a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

ANSWERS: 62. industrious, 63. grapple, 64. commonwealth, 65. blackmail, 66. industrious, 67. remnant, 68. spit, 69. decriminalize, 70. noteworthy, 71. remnant



72. pe\_\_\_\_\_te minorities

*v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

73. ca\_\_\_\_l encounter

*adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

74. on terms of in\_\_\_\_\_cy

*n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 72. persecute, 73. carnal, 74. intimacy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She tried to \_\_\_\_ out the gum that she had been chewing.  
*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.  
*n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the comedian's jokes offended many in the audience.  
*n.* behavior or language that is considered morally offensive or inappropriate in public; behavior that is vulgar, obscene, or offensive to common decency
4. The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ journalists and media outlets.  
*v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity
5. The \_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.  
*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
6. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
7. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.  
*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 1. spit, 2. diaspora, 3. indecency, 4. persecute, 5. viol, 6. industrious, 7. prioritized

8. The computer is \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot be accessed at the moment.

*adj.* not connected to the internet

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

*n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

10. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

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

11. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

12. He was banned from the online forum for being a \_\_\_\_\_ and causing trouble.

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13. He was grateful for the \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity given to him by his supervisor.

*n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person

14. The military \_\_\_\_\_ troops to the border.

*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. offline, 9. Commonwealth, 10. sect, 11. degrade, 12. troll, 13. mentorship, 14. mobilized

15. He received a \_\_\_\_\_ sentence for his crimes and was sentenced to years in prison.

*adj.* relating to punishment or penalties for breaking laws or rules; punitive; pertaining to the imposition of legal sanctions

16. This section explains a central \_\_\_\_\_ of economics.

*n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

17. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated \_\_\_\_\_.

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18. The farmers engaged in \_\_\_\_\_ to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.

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19. The artist's latest work received \_\_\_\_\_ critical acclaim.

*adj.* deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable

20. The church considers \_\_\_\_\_ desires to be sinful.

*adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

21. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to \_\_\_\_\_ disease.

*v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

ANSWERS: 15. penal, 16. tenet, 17. homophobia, 18. barter, 19. noteworthy, 20. carnal, 21. counteract

22. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
23. The pandemic \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of the airline industry.
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- n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
25. An ethic of \_\_\_\_\_ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.
- n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
26. Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of \_\_\_\_\_ still prevalent in many parts of the world.
- n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
27. We form partnerships to \_\_\_\_\_ customer value.
- v. to create something by working with others
28. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses \_\_\_\_\_ their files.
- v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 22. grapple, 23. hindered, 24. intimacy, 25. individualism, 26. transphobia, 27. cocreate, 28. encrypt

29. The only \_\_\_\_\_ left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.  
*n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
30. The monarch exploited the peasants using its \_\_\_\_\_ power.  
*adj.* established firmly and securely
31. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
32. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
*adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
34. The traffic jam \_\_\_\_\_ our progress to reach the destination on time.  
*v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
35. The patient needs a \_\_\_\_\_ transplant operation.  
*n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
36. He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

ANSWERS: 29. remnant, 30. entrenched, 31. queer, 32. opportune, 33. nonbinary, 34. impeded, 35. lifesaving, 36. blackmail

37. Many activists are pushing for laws to \_\_\_\_\_ marijuana use.

- v. to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior;  
to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or  
punishable by law

ANSWERS: 37. decriminalize