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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.

disproportionate

 adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) pollute the air, (2) pollute the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

glaring

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

synonym: blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) glaring example, (2) glaring omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

disparity

 a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances synonym: contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) polluted air, (2) cadmium- polluted area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

unforgettable

adj. impossible to forget

synonym: indelible, ineffable, memorable

(1) have an **unforgettable** night, (2) **unforgettable** moment The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an **unforgettable** culinary experience.

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym: staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting baton, (2) twirl the baton

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

petrochemical

 a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

synonym: oil-based, chemical-based, refinery product

(1) **petrochemical** complex, (2) **petrochemical** plant The town's economy relies heavily on the **petrochemical** industry.

intergenerational

adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

(1) **intergenerational** conflict, (2) promote **intergenerational** ties

The results of that survey clearly show **intergenerational** differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

refinery

 a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form

synonym: plant, factory, processing plant

(1) hydrogen **refinery**, (2) **refinery** operations

The oil **refinery** was shut down due to safety concerns after a major accident.

incinerate

- v. to burn something, especially waste material completely synonym: burn
- (1) **incinerate** waste, (2) the power to **incinerate** nations For safety reasons, we must completely **incinerate** contaminated protective clothing.

segregation

 the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

synonym: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial segregation,(2) segregation of powerSegregation based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fairsynonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

redline

 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.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

cofounder

- one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
- (1) cofounder of the university, (2) late cofounderHe is the cofounder and chairman of this tech company.

sew

 ν . to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

fume

v. to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion

synonym: smoke, vaporize, emit

(1) fume with anger, (2) acrid fumes

The angry customer began to **fume** when their order was delayed.

uptown

- adv. in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication
- (1) walk **uptown**, (2) drive **uptown**

They just moved **uptown** to a much more excellent apartment.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

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.

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.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym: empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

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.

tactic

 a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym: strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

policymaker

 a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

an insecure future, (2) insecure attachment
 Children in an unstructured environment often feel insecure.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

- (1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,
- (2) decarbonize its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

frontline

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

synonym: battlefront, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

redress

- v. to correct an error, a fault, or something bad synonym: change, rectify, amend
- (1) **redress** a person, (2) **redress** gender disparities

That monk tried to **redress** wrongs in his kingdom in a non-violent manner.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

inflection

 a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

synonym: accent, intonation, modulation

(1) inflection in voice, (2) inflection pattern

The linguist studied the **inflection** of the language's inflection in speech.

ambivalence

n. the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about someone or something; the coexistence of opposing attitudes or emotions towards a person, thing, or situation

synonym: uncertainty, indecision, equivocation

(1) **ambivalence** on the issue, (2) persistent **ambivalence** My **ambivalence** towards the job offer kept me up at night.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	inre attachment	adj.	not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
2.	bankrupt cror	n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
3.	walk upn	adv.	in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication
4.	dit an assault	ν.	to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
5.	incze carpooling	<i>v</i> .	to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
6.	fe with anger	ν.	to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion
7.	disate amount	adj.	too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
8.	opne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. insecure, 2. creditor, 3. uptown, 4. divert, 5. incentivize, 6. fume, 7. disproportionate, 8. opportune

9.	rery operations	n.	a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form
10.	incze the right behavior	ν.	to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
11.	poe the air	<i>v</i> .	to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
12.	incte waste	<i>v</i> .	to burn something, especially waste material completely
13.	dit attention	v.	to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
14.	capze on an interest	ν.	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
15.	decze its energy system	v.	to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
16.	racial segon	n.	the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

ANSWERS: 9. refinery, 10. incentivize, 11. pollute, 12. incinerate, 13. divert, 14. capitalize, 15. decarbonize, 16. segregation

17.	education poler	n.	a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
18.	an imprudent tac	n.	a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
19.	drive upn	adv.	in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication
20.	unI distribution	adj.	different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
21.	poe the thread	<i>v</i> .	to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
22.	hydrogen rery	n.	a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form
23.	conte his ego	<i>v</i> .	to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
24.	infon pattern	n.	a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
25.	elfy the audience	<i>v</i> .	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 17. policymaker, 18. tactic, 19. uptown, 20. unequal, 21. pollute, 22. refinery, 23. contaminate, 24. inflection, 25. electrify

26.	acrid fes	<i>v</i> .	to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion
27.	coer of the university	n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
28.	cause disate damage	adj.	too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
29.	twirl the ban	n.	a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool fo specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
30.	intnal conflict	adj.	relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
31.	conducting ban	n.	a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool fo specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
32.	capze 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
33.	ree 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

ANSWERS: 26. fume, 27. cofounder, 28. disproportionate, 29. baton, 30. intergenerational, 31. baton, 32. capitalize, 33. redline

34.	glg omission	adj.	extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
35.	rene the possibilities	<i>v</i> .	to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
36.	ambce on the issue	n.	the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about someone or something; the coexistence of opposing attitudes or emotions towards a person, thing, or situation
37.	promote intnal ties	adj.	relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
38.	an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39.	at the frne of the war	adj.	in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
40.	a hard and rent steel	adj.	able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
41.	rene the future	<i>v</i> .	to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
42.	moze cooperation	<i>v</i> .	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources fo a particular purpose
43.	res gender disparities	<i>v</i> .	to correct an error, a fault, or something bad
44.	frne health workers	adj.	in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

ANSWERS: 34. glaring, 35. reimagine, 36. ambivalence, 37. intergenerational, 38. opportune, 39. frontline, 40. resilient, 41. reimagine, 42. mobilize, 43. redress, 44. frontline

45.	moze a stiff joint	<i>v</i> .	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
46.	regional poler	n.	a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
47.	infon in voice	n.	a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
48.	the cror's claims	n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
49.	segon of power	n.	the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
50.	the power to incte nations	<i>v</i> .	to burn something, especially waste material completely
51.	et a gamma ray	<i>v</i> .	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
52.	an inre future	adj.	not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
53.	poed air	adj.	contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
54.	persistent ambce	n.	the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about someone or something; the coexistence of opposing attitudes or emotions towards a person, thing, or situation

ANSWERS: 45. mobilize, 46. policymaker, 47. inflection, 48. creditor, 49. segregation, 50. incinerate, 51. emit, 52. insecure, 53. polluted, 54. ambivalence

55.	evte the building	<i>v</i> .	to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
56.	evte civilians	ν.	to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
57.	conte with a disease	v.	to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
58.	alternative tac	n.	a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
59.	et air pollution	v.	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
60.	s_w with thread	v.	to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
61.	res a person	ν.	to correct an error, a fault, or something bad
62.	rent population	adj.	able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
63.	glg example	adj.	extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
64.	income dity	n.	a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
65.	decze their manufacturing process	<i>v</i> .	to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 55. evacuate, 56. evacuate, 57. contaminate, 58. tactic, 59. emit, 60. sew, 61. redress, 62. resilient, 63. glaring, 64. disparity, 65. decarbonize

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

 a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

ANSWERS: 66. disparity, 67. cofounder, 68. polluted, 69. sew, 70. electrify, 71. petrochemical, 72. unforgettable, 73. unforgettable, 74. redline, 75. petrochemical, 76. unequal

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76. un____I opportunity

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ANSWERS:						

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	There is a significant in pay between men and women in the company.
n.	a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
2.	Within days, the new aircraft was in service.
adj	in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
3.	The town was forced to due to the hurricane approaching.
<i>v</i> .	to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
4.	That monk tried to wrongs in his kingdom in a non-violent manner.
v.	to correct an error, a fault, or something bad
5.	We strive not to the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
<i>v</i> .	to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
6.	The coach implemented a new to win the game.
n.	a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
7.	He is the and chairman of this tech company.
n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
8.	Governments their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
ν.	to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
	SWERS: 1. disparity, 2. frontline, 3. evacuate, 4. redress, 5. contaminate, 6. tactic cofounder, 8. incentivize

14. insecure, 15. unforgettable, 16. resilient

ANSWERS: 17. decarbonize, 18. unequal, 19. divert, 20. emits, 21. inflection, 22. petrochemical, 23. mobilized, 24. capitalize

ANSWERS: 25. intergenerational, 26. sew, 27. incinerate, 28. creditor, 29. Policymakers, 30. baton, 31. opportune, 32. ambivalence