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Session 1: Word List

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym: mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

caliphate

n. an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph

(1) the medieval **Caliphate**, (2) **Caliphate** lasted for four years

During the **Caliphate** of Umar, many new cities were founded.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax
His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya
He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym: evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views
He is in the **sunset** of his life.

hajj

n. the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, that is a requirement for all non-disabled, financially capable Muslims who can make the journey; one of the Five Pillars of Islam

synonym: pilgrimage, pilgrimage to Mecca

(1) mandatory **hajj**, (2) **hajj** rituals

Every year, millions of Muslims make the **hajj** pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym: sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym : traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

mecca

n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

synonym : cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

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.

intent

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

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

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

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

caravan

n. a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping

synonym : convoy, train, procession

(1) **caravan** park, (2) solar **caravan**

We traveled across the country in a **caravan** of RVs and campers.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

merchant

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

synonym: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym: attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

robbery

n. the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing

synonym: theft, larceny, burglary

(1) armed **robbery**, (2) petty **robbery**

The convenience store was the scene of a **robbery** last night.

dehydration

n. a condition in which the body lacks sufficient water and fluids, leading to thirst and other symptoms

synonym: drying out, desiccation, moisture loss

(1) sign of **dehydration**, (2) **dehydration** as a result of diarrhea

He suffered from **dehydration** after spending the day in the hot sun.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

mishap

n. an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage

synonym: accident, misfortune, incident

(1) avoidable **mishap**, (2) unfortunate **mishap**

The small **mishap** caused a delay in the construction schedule.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

undo

v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

synonym: reverse, retract, revoke

(1) **undo** changes, (2) **undo** a belt

I accidentally deleted the file, so can you **undo** that action?

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

camel

n. a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

(1) **camel** hair, (2) ride a **camel**

A **camel** has a hump on its back.

replacement

n. the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

synonym : alternate, substitute, backup

(1) regular **replacement** of tires, (2) **replacement** cost

We demand his **replacement**.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym : bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

bustle

v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

synonym : hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle

The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

pottery

n. ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

synonym : ceramics, earthenware, clayware

(1) antique **pottery**, (2) **pottery** studio

She took a **pottery** class and learned how to make vases and bowls.

silk

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym : satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym : hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

tutor

n. a person who teaches or gives private instruction in a particular subject or skill

synonym: teacher, instructor, mentor

(1) freelance **tutor**, (2) **tutor** student

The skillful **tutor** helped me improve my grades in math.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

grammar

n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

synonym: syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so

the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**
Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym: grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**
She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

hone

v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice

synonym: sharpen, refine, perfect

(1) **hone** abilities, (2) **hone** intuition

The athlete worked with a coach to **hone** her techniques and improve her performance.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym: aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

translator

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

synonym: interpreter

(1) electronic **translator**, (2) professional **translator**

The author discovered that the **translator** had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

herb

n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

synonym: plant, weed, shrub

(1) **herb** garden, (2) **herb** spices

Rosemary is a fragrant **herb** commonly used in cooking.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

theology

n. the study of the nature of God and religious belief
synonym: divinity, religion, faith

(1) **theology** student, (2) a college of **theology**

The professor specialized in the **theology** of the early church.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle
synonym: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

predicament

n. a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
synonym: situation, quandary, plight

(1) tragic **predicament**, (2) **predicament** decision

He was in a **predicament** and didn't know how to escape it.

arrangement

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
synonym: placement, configuration, account

(1) **arrangement** of the furniture, (2) **arrangement** committee

As a first **arrangement**, we agreed to meet the following Friday.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym: practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals

He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

ablution

n. the act of washing oneself or a specific part of the body as part of a religious ritual or routine hygiene practice; the cleansed state achieved through washing

synonym : washing, cleansing, purification

(1) **ablution** area, (2) perform **ablution**

The **ablution** ritual is essential for cleansing the body and soul.

bathhouse

n. a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools

synonym : spa, sauna, steam room

(1) Turkish **bathhouse**, (2) a public **bathhouse**

After a long day of work, she went to the **bathhouse** to relax in the sauna and hot tub.

crier

n. a person who cries or shouts, often to attract attention or announce news or events; a public official assigned to make announcements in a court of law

synonym : herald, announcer, proclaimer

(1) news **crier**, (2) court **crier**

The town **crier** announced the news of the newly elected mayor to the public.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

synonym: leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. a criminal bac_____nd | <i>n.</i> the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem |
| 2. a qu_____r mile | <i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion |
| 3. a ri____l dance | <i>n.</i> any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies |
| 4. u__o a belt | <i>v.</i> to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific |
| 5. single et____c group | <i>adj.</i> relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition |
| 6. the pre _____on of meals | <i>n.</i> the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready |
| 7. po_____y studio | <i>n.</i> ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven |
| 8. a pa____e garden | <i>n.</i> the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc. |
| 9. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 10. re _____on sociology | <i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |

ANSWERS: 1. background, 2. quarter, 3. ritual, 4. undo, 5. ethnic, 6. preparation, 7. pottery, 8. palace, 9. sibling, 10. religion

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| 11. com_____ty theory | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand |
| 12. de_____re from the company | <i>n.</i> the act of leaving, especially to start a journey |
| 13. boundless am_____on | <i>n.</i> a strong wish to do or achieve something |
| 14. have an up__t stomach | <i>adj.</i> causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry |
| 15. me_____nt bank | <i>n.</i> a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods |
| 16. mar_____ce competition | <i>n.</i> a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers |
| 17. morning ri____l | <i>n.</i> any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies |
| 18. spectacular su____t views | <i>n.</i> the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period |
| 19. th_____gy student | <i>n.</i> the study of the nature of God and religious belief |
| 20. armed ro_____y | <i>n.</i> the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing |

ANSWERS: 11. complexity, 12. departure, 13. ambition, 14. upset, 15. merchant, 16. marketplace, 17. ritual, 18. sunset, 19. theology, 20. robbery

21. h__b garden *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
22. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
23. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
24. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
25. unfortunate mi____p *n.* an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage
26. ca_____n park *n.* a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping
27. solar ca_____n *n.* a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping
28. freelance tu__r *n.* a person who teaches or gives private instruction in a particular subject or skill
29. el_____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
30. tu__r student *n.* a person who teaches or gives private instruction in a particular subject or skill
31. h__j rituals *n.* the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, that is a requirement for all non-disabled, financially capable Muslims who can make the journey; one of the Five Pillars of Islam

ANSWERS: 21. herb, 22. threaten, 23. refuse, 24. stretch, 25. mishap, 26. caravan, 27. caravan, 28. tutor, 29. elderly, 30. tutor, 31. hajj

32. gr____r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
33. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
34. se____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
35. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
36. mandatory h__j *n.* the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, that is a requirement for all non-disabled, financially capable Muslims who can make the journey; one of the Five Pillars of Islam
37. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
38. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
39. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
40. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
41. h__e abilities *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
42. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 32. grammar, 33. medicinal, 34. servant, 35. lifetime, 36. hajj, 37. poet, 38. split, 39. ambition, 40. intellect, 41. hone, 42. background

43. a home for the el____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
44. deh_____on as a result of diarrhea *n.* a condition in which the body lacks sufficient water and fluids, leading to thirst and other symptoms
45. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
46. modern po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
47. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
48. et____c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
49. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
50. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
51. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
52. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
53. news cr__r *n.* a person who cries or shouts, often to attract attention or announce news or events; a public official assigned to make announcements in a court of law
54. bu____e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
55. pre_____nt decision *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

ANSWERS: 43. elderly, 44. dehydration, 45. fur, 46. poetry, 47. progression, 48. ethnic, 49. peril, 50. mathematics, 51. inhabitant, 52. split, 53. crier, 54. bustle, 55. predicament

56. de_____re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
57. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
58. ab_____on area *n.* the act of washing oneself or a specific part of the body as part of a religious ritual or routine hygiene practice; the cleansed state achieved through washing
59. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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61. avoidable mi_____p *n.* an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage
62. arr_____nt of the furniture *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
63. arr_____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
64. Latin gr_____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
65. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 56. departure, 57. enslave, 58. ablution, 59. opportune, 60. palace, 61. mishap, 62. arrangement, 63. arrangement, 64. grammar, 65. distant

66. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
67. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
68. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
69. a public ba_____se *n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
70. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
71. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
72. h__e intuition *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
73. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
74. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
75. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
76. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 66. refuse, 67. primarily, 68. religion, 69. bathhouse, 70. distant, 71. scholarship, 72. hone, 73. empire, 74. cousin, 75. mathematics, 76. compose

77. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
78. ca__l hair *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
79. me__a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
80. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
81. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
82. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
83. s__k road *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
84. petty ro_____y *n.* the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing
85. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
86. su___t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

ANSWERS: 77. intent, 78. camel, 79. mecca, 80. compose, 81. wealth, 82. progression, 83. silk, 84. robbery, 85. intellect, 86. sunset

87. fellow se____t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
88. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
89. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
90. s__k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
91. a pre_____on program *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
92. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
93. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
94. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
95. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
96. a college of th_____gy *n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief
97. book of po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

ANSWERS: 87. servant, 88. philosophy, 89. wealth, 90. silk, 91. preparation, 92. flock, 93. upset, 94. depart, 95. massive, 96. theology, 97. poetry

98. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
99. cross-co____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
100. Turkish ba____se *n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
101. me____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
102. a sch____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
103. electronic tra____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
104. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
105. Ca____te lasted for four years *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
106. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
107. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
108. perform ab____on *n.* the act of washing oneself or a specific part of the body as part of a religious ritual or routine hygiene practice; the cleansed state achieved through washing

ANSWERS: 98. quarter, 99. cousin, 100. bathhouse, 101. medicinal, 102. scholarship, 103. translator, 104. holy, 105. caliphate, 106. massive, 107. scholar, 108. ablution

109. tourist me__a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
110. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
111. pi_____m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
112. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
113. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
114. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
115. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
116. the medieval Ca_____te *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
117. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
118. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
119. u__o changes *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

ANSWERS: 109. mecca, 110. depart, 111. pilgrim, 112. threaten, 113. complexity, 114. intent, 115. pilgrim, 116. caliphate, 117. scholar, 118. announce, 119. undo

120. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
121. global mar_____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
122. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
123. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
124. rep_____nt cost *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
125. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
126. ride a ca__l *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
127. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
128. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
129. sign of deh_____on *n.* a condition in which the body lacks sufficient water and fluids, leading to thirst and other symptoms
130. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 120. primarily, 121. marketplace, 122. opportune, 123. enslave, 124. replacement, 125. sibling, 126. camel, 127. inhabitant, 128. stretch, 129. dehydration, 130. holy

131. court cr__r *n.* a person who cries or shouts, often to attract attention or announce news or events; a public official assigned to make announcements in a court of law
132. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
133. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
134. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
135. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
136. an artificial f_r *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
137. antique po_____y *n.* ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven
138. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
139. tragic pre_____nt *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
140. agricultural me_____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
141. regular rep_____nt of tires *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
142. professional tra_____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

ANSWERS: 131. crier, 132. empire, 133. announce, 134. peril, 135. lifetime, 136. fur, 137. pottery, 138. poet, 139. predicament, 140. merchant, 141. replacement, 142. translator

143. h__b spices *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
144. hustle-bu___e lifestyle *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
145. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
146. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 143. herb, 144. bustle, 145. flock, 146. philosophy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
 - v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

2. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
 - n. the child of your aunt or uncle

3. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
 - n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

4. As a first _____ we agreed to meet the following Friday.
 - n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

5. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
 - n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

6. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
 - n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

7. I accidentally deleted the file, so can you _____ that action?
 - v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

8. Every year, millions of Muslims make the _____ pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
 - n. the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, that is a requirement for all non-disabled, financially capable Muslims who can make the journey; one of the Five Pillars of Islam

ANSWERS: 1. split, 2. cousins, 3. wealth, 4. arrangement, 5. ambition, 6. progression, 7. undo, 8. hajj

9. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
10. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
11. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
12. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.
adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
13. The _____ woman is quite energetic.
adj. (a polite word for) old
14. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
15. The city _____ with activity as people rushed to work.
v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
16. After a long day of work, she went to the _____ to relax in the sauna and hot tub.
n. a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
17. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 9. flock, 10. holy, 11. ethnic, 12. distant, 13. elderly, 14. quarter, 15. bustled, 16. bathhouse, 17. lifetime

18. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
19. The author discovered that the _____ had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.
- n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
20. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
21. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry
22. We demand his _____.
- n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
23. He is in the _____ of his life.
- n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
24. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.
- n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
25. The _____ ritual is essential for cleansing the body and soul.
- n.* the act of washing oneself or a specific part of the body as part of a religious ritual or routine hygiene practice; the cleansed state achieved through washing

ANSWERS: 18. intellect, 19. translator, 20. intent, 21. poet, 22. replacement, 23. sunset, 24. departure, 25. ablution

26. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

27. She wore a _____ dress to the party.

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

28. The _____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

29. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

30. The skillful _____ helped me improve my grades in math.

n. a person who teaches or gives private instruction in a particular subject or skill

31. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

32. The small _____ caused a delay in the construction schedule.

n. an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage

33. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

34. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

ANSWERS: 26. primarily, 27. silk, 28. fur, 29. ritual, 30. tutor, 31. complexity, 32. mishap, 33. announced, 34. servant

35. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.
n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
36. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
38. The building has become a _____ for fans of the movie.
n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
39. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
40. The athlete worked with a coach to _____ her techniques and improve her performance.
v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
41. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
42. The town _____ announced the news of the newly elected mayor to the public.
n. a person who cries or shouts, often to attract attention or announce news or events; a public official assigned to make announcements in a court of law

ANSWERS: 35. marketplace, 36. opportune, 37. empire, 38. mecca, 39. composed, 40. hone, 41. siblings, 42. crier

43. He suffered from _____ after spending the day in the hot sun.
n. a condition in which the body lacks sufficient water and fluids, leading to thirst and other symptoms
44. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
45. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
46. A _____ has a hump on its back.
n. a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
47. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
48. He was in a _____ and didn't know how to escape it.
n. a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
49. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
50. She took a _____ class and learned how to make vases and bowls.
n. ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven
51. Her beauty _____ me completely.
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 43. dehydration, 44. massive, 45. threatening, 46. camel, 47. scholar, 48. predicament, 49. inhabitant, 50. pottery, 51. enslaved

52. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
53. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
54. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
55. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
56. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
57. Rosemary is a fragrant _____ commonly used in cooking.
n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
58. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
59. This shipping company has several hundred _____ ships.
n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

ANSWERS: 52. stretch, 53. medicinal, 54. pilgrims, 55. scholarship, 56. upset, 57. herb, 58. religion, 59. merchant

60. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
61. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.
- n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
62. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.
- n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
63. My initial reaction was to _____.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
64. The professor specialized in the _____ of the early church.
- n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief
65. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
66. During the _____ of Umar, many new cities were founded.
- n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
67. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
- v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
68. We traveled across the country in a _____ of RVs and campers.
- n.* a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping

ANSWERS: 60. mathematics, 61. palace, 62. grammar, 63. refuse, 64. theology, 65. philosophy, 66. Caliphate, 67. departed, 68. caravan

69. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
70. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
- n.* serious and great danger or risk
71. The convenience store was the scene of a _____ last night.
- n.* the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing
72. He helped me with the _____ of this book.
- n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
73. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

ANSWERS: 69. background, 70. peril, 71. robbery, 72. preparation, 73. poetry