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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me__a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
2. bu___e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
3. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. 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
5. 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
6. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
7. 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
8. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. mecca, 2. bustle, 3. opportune, 4. ablution, 5. crier, 6. peril, 7. bathhouse, 8. opportune

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| 9. h__e intuition | <i>v.</i> | to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice |
| 10. tragic pre_____nt | <i>n.</i> | a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation |
| 11. inh_____nt tax | <i>n.</i> | a person or an animal that lives in a particular place |
| 12. ca_____n park | <i>n.</i> | a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping |
| 13. solar ca_____n | <i>n.</i> | a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping |
| 14. shrine for pi_____ms | <i>n.</i> | a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion |
| 15. avoidable mi____p | <i>n.</i> | an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage |
| 16. have a si_____g quarrel | <i>n.</i> | a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 17. hustle-bu____e lifestyle | <i>v.</i> | to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion |
| 18. sign of deh_____on | <i>n.</i> | a condition in which the body lacks sufficient water and fluids, leading to thirst and other symptoms |
| 19. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> | of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |

ANSWERS: 9. hone, 10. predicament, 11. inhabitant, 12. caravan, 13. caravan, 14. pilgrim, 15. mishap, 16. sibling, 17. bustle, 18. dehydration, 19. medicinal

20. unfortunate mi___p *n.* an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage
21. play with my si____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
22. the medieval Ca_____te *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
23. 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
24. 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
25. 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
26. pre_____nt decision *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
27. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
28. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
29. 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: 20. mishap, 21. sibling, 22. caliphate, 23. dehydration, 24. crier, 25. bathhouse, 26. predicament, 27. enslave, 28. intellect, 29. hajj

30. tourist me__a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
31. h__e abilities *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
32. pi_____m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
33. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
34. 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
35. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
36. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
37. Ca_____te lasted for four years *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
38. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
39. 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

ANSWERS: 30. mecca, 31. hone, 32. pilgrim, 33. peril, 34. ablution, 35. intellect, 36. enslave, 37. caliphate, 38. inhabitant, 39. hajj

40. traditional me_____al

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

ANSWERS: 40. medicinal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. 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

3. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

4. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

5. 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

6. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

7. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 1. pilgrims, 2. hajj, 3. opportune, 4. inhabitant, 5. ablution, 6. intellect, 7. medicinal

8. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
- n.* serious and great danger or risk
9. 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
10. 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
11. Her beauty _____ me completely.
- v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
12. 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
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15. He was in a _____ and didn't know how to escape it.
- n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

ANSWERS: 8. peril, 9. Caliphate, 10. bathhouse, 11. enslaved, 12. mecca, 13. caravan, 14. bustled, 15. predicament

16. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
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- n.* a condition in which the body lacks sufficient water and fluids, leading to thirst and other symptoms
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ANSWERS: 16. siblings, 17. mishap, 18. hone, 19. dehydration, 20. crier