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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### president

*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

*synonym*: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice-**president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

### economy

*n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

*synonym*: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

### struggle

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## unemployed

*adj.* not having a job, although able to work

*synonym* : idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

## inflation

*n.* a general and progressive increase in prices;  
(cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

*synonym* : increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

## peak

*n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

*synonym* : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

## peacetime

*n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

*synonym* : peace, non-war, non-conflict

(1) **peacetime** era, (2) **peacetime** treaty

Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in **peacetime**.

## administer

*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

*synonym* : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

## introduction

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

*synonym* : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

## policy

*n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

*synonym* : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

## corporation

*n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

*synonym* : business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

## trickle

*v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

*synonym* : dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

## refer

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

*synonym* : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

## economics

*n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

*synonym*: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

## median

*n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size

*synonym*: middle, center

(1) **median** age at diagnosis, (2) a **median** strip

**Median** annual income fell last year in this country.

## politician

*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

*synonym*: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

## invoke

*v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

*synonym*: evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

## stimulate

*v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

*synonym*: excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## circumstance

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

*synonym* : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym* : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## revenue

*n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

*synonym* : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym* : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

## theoretical

*adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

*synonym* : conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist  
Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

## regardless

*adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

*synonym*: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread  
People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

## counterproductive

*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted  
*synonym*: ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

## hamper

*v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something

*synonym*: hinder, impede, obstruct

(1) **hamper** progress, (2) **hamper** growth

The piles of laundry on the floor **hampered my** ability to walk around my room.

## accomplish

*v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

*synonym*: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym*: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the

country's growth.

## bracket

*n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ( [ ] ) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols

*synonym* : support, holder, frame

(1) **bracket** placement, (2) tax **bracket**

I need to hang these shelves with the help of some sturdy **brackets**.

## comparison

*n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

*synonym* : equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

## 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.

## lawmaker

*n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

*synonym* : lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

## balance

*n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

*synonym* : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym* : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

## negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym* : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## territory

*n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

*synonym* : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

## recover

*v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

*synonym* : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

## imply

*v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

*synonym* : hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

*synonym* : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.



## invest

*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

*synonym*: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

## trend

*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

*synonym*: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

## operate

*v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

*synonym*: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

## isolation

*n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

*synonym*: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

## unique

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

*synonym*: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

## simultaneously

*adv.* at the same time

*synonym*: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs **simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question **simultaneously**.

## scenario

*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future;  
a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

*synonym*: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different

### **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

## definitive

*adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation;  
final and not able to be changed

*synonym*: conclusive, final, decisive

(1) **definitive** answer, (2) a **definitive** edition

The study provided **definitive** proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

## rhetoric

*n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

*synonym*: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------|----|---|
| 1. re__r to a map             | v. | to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support                    |
| 2. vice-pr_____nt for finance | n. | the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.                                     |
| 3. in_____on control          | n. | a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air |
| 4. pe_____me treaty           | n. | the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war  |
| 5. in___t capital             | v. | to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result  |
| 6. gov_____nt funding         | n. | the group of people with authority to control a country or state  |
| 7. high-flown rh_____ic       | n. | speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form                   |
| 8. tax re_____e               | n. | the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business  |

ANSWERS: 1. refer, 2. president, 3. inflation, 4. peacetime, 5. invest, 6. government, 7. rhetoric, 8. revenue

9. com\_\_\_\_\_on of foods on a caloric basis      *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
10. ha\_\_\_\_r growth      *v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
11. health po\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
12. tr\_\_\_\_\_e down my cheek      *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
13. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job      *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
14. highly cou\_\_\_\_\_ive to performance      *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
15. a public cor\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
16. st\_\_\_\_\_te the nervous system      *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 9. comparison, 10. hamper, 11. policy, 12. trickle, 13. struggle, 14. counterproductive, 15. corporation, 16. stimulate

17. majority of his we\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
18. number of different sc\_\_\_\_\_ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
19. adm\_\_\_\_\_er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
20. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
21. welfare ec\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
22. a corrupt pol\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
23. the tr\_\_d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
24. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
25. the p\_\_k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
26. reg\_\_\_\_\_ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
27. def\_\_\_\_\_ve answer *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

ANSWERS: 17. wealth, 18. scenario, 19. administer, 20. improvisation, 21. economics, 22. politician, 23. trend, 24. ultimate, 25. peak, 26. regardless, 27. definitive

28. un\_\_\_e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
29. the\_\_\_\_\_al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
30. in\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
31. br\_\_\_\_\_t placement *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ( [ ] ) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
32. im\_\_y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
33. a me\_\_\_n strip *n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
34. in\_\_\_e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
35. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
36. ease of com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 28. unique, 29. theoretical, 30. invest, 31. bracket, 32. imply, 33. median, 34. invoke, 35. president, 36. comparison

37. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* now or without delay
38. st\_\_\_\_\_te the economy      *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
39. tr\_\_\_\_\_e from his eyes      *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
40. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
41. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number      *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
42. cr\_\_\_\_\_l information      *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
43. the worst case sc\_\_\_\_\_io      *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
44. a un\_\_\_\_\_e teacher      *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
45. material we\_\_\_\_\_h      *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
46. ha\_\_\_\_\_r progress      *v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
47. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women      *adj.* extremely vital or necessary

ANSWERS: 37. immediately, 38. stimulate, 39. trickle, 40. improvisation, 41. negative, 42. crucial, 43. scenario, 44. unique, 45. wealth, 46. hamper, 47. crucial

48. a def\_\_\_\_\_ve edition *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
49. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
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53. annual re\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
54. acc\_\_\_\_\_sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
55. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
56. female la\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
57. is\_\_\_\_\_on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
58. people who are une\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work

ANSWERS: 48. definitive, 49. circumstance, 50. peacetime, 51. individual, 52. invoke, 53. revenue, 54. accomplish, 55. individual, 56. lawmaker, 57. isolation, 58. unemployed



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60. ec\_\_\_\_\_cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
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66. foreign po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 59. refer, 60. economics, 61. politician, 62. counterproductive, 63. inflation, 64. government, 65. isolation, 66. policy



78. cor\_\_\_\_\_on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
79. asset on the company's ba\_\_\_\_\_e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
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84. acquire te\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
85. ec\_\_\_\_\_y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
86. ec\_\_\_\_\_y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 78. corporation, 79. balance, 80. balance, 81. recover, 82. territory, 83. rhetoric, 84. territory, 85. economy, 86. economy

87. at p\_\_k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
88. self-int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
89. re\_\_\_\_\_r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
90. op\_\_\_\_\_e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
91. sim\_\_\_\_\_sly affected *adv.* at the same time
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94. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
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96. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 87. peak, 88. introduction, 89. recover, 90. operate, 91. simultaneously, 92. unemployed, 93. theoretical, 94. immediately, 95. bracket, 96. circumstance

97. take several inputs sim\_\_\_\_\_sly     *adv.* at the same time
98. im\_\_y the presence of alien     *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

ANSWERS: 97. simultaneously, 98. imply

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- Four companies were amalgamated into a single \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
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- The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.  
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*n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
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*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
10. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.  
*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
11. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely \_\_\_\_\_ but common.  
*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
12. Two students answered the teacher's question \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* at the same time
13. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.  
*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
14. The salespeople speak in technical terms to \_\_\_\_\_ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.  
*v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
15. This machine is too difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ for me.  
*v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
16. She is still \_\_\_\_\_ from a shot to her shoulder.  
*v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
17. He was known for his powerful \_\_\_\_\_ and ability to persuade people with his words.  
*n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

ANSWERS: 9. ultimate, 10. individual, 11. counterproductive, 12. simultaneously, 13. government, 14. imply, 15. operate, 16. recovering, 17. rhetoric

18. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* now or without delay

19. She explained the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the accident.

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

20. After the accident, three governmental bodies \_\_\_\_\_ the company.

*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

21. The piles of laundry on the floor \_\_\_\_\_ ability to walk around my room.

*v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something

22. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

23. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

24. People can pick out superior products \_\_\_\_\_ of the quality of the advertising.

*adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

25. Try to keep a \_\_\_\_\_ between work and off.

*n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 18. immediately, 19. circumstances, 20. administer, 21. hampered my, 22. struggle, 23. refer, 24. regardless, 25. balance



26. The company's new \_\_\_\_\_ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
27. That incident led to his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
28. The politician \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.
- v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
29. Water was beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ into the basement after the heavy rain.
- v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
30. The study provided \_\_\_\_\_ proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.
- adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
32. They incorporated the conquered \_\_\_\_\_ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

ANSWERS: 26. policy, 27. isolation, 28. invoked, 29. trickle, 30. definitive, 31. economy, 32. territory

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
34. \_\_\_\_\_ annual income fell last year in this country.
- n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
35. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
36. Absolute zero is the lowest \_\_\_\_\_ temperature.
- adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
37. The club \_\_\_\_\_ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
38. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.
- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
40. This graph indicates the city's tourism \_\_\_\_\_ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 33. politician, 34. Median, 35. economics, 36. theoretical, 37. president, 38. negative, 39. wealth, 40. revenue

41. The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no other like it.

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

42. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at \_\_\_\_\_ periods.

*n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

43. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

44. I've included the two designs for a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

45. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

46. The oil price continued their downward \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

47. The book \_\_\_\_\_ my imagination.

*v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

48. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.

*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 41. unique, 42. peak, 43. improvisation, 44. comparison, 45. inflation, 46. trend, 47. stimulated, 48. invest

49. My father was \_\_\_\_\_ for so long.

*adj.* not having a job, although able to work

ANSWERS: 49. unemployed