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Session 1: Word List

heartfelt

adj. genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions

synonym : sincere, genuine, heartfelt

(1) **heartfelt** apology, (2) **heartfelt** condolence

The letter was a **heartfelt** expression of gratitude to her parents.

crossroad

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

synonym : intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym : conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

gigaton

n. a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

(1) **gigaton-class** bomb, (2) half a **gigaton** of CO₂

The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 **gigatons** of energy.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

centigrade

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

(1) **centigrade** scale, (2) **centigrade** thermometer

The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees **centigrade**.

emit

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

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

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

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

electrify

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

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

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

The product developed through years of research continues

to **electrify** the market.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

abate

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

synonym : decrease, diminish, reduce

(1) **abate** a storm, (2) **abate** a crisis

He tried to **abate** his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

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.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym : broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports

something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

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

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

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasped** when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym : distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

powerhouse

n. an electrical generating station; a person, organization, or thing that is extremely successful or influential

synonym : center of power, fireball, human dynamo

(1) **powerhouse** actors, (2) **powerhouse** economy

The company has become a **powerhouse** in the tech industry with its innovative products and services.

cookstove

n. a stove or oven designed specifically for cooking food, often fueled by gas, electricity, or wood

synonym : stove, range, oven

(1) outdoor **cookstove**, (2) traditional **cookstove**

In rural areas, families often rely on a **cookstove** for preparing meals.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

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

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

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.

desalination

n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater

(1) shut down a **desalination** plant, (2) water **desalination**

He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-**desalination** method.

geothermal

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

synonym: underground, thermal, subterranean

(1) **geothermal** activity, (2) **geothermal** drilling

The town is exploring using **geothermal** energy to power its homes and buildings.

hydropower

n. electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

synonym: hydroelectricity, waterpower, hydro

(1) **hydropower** plant, (2) **hydropower** energy

Many countries around the world have built dams to harness the power of **hydropower** for their energy needs.

hypocrisy

n. the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

synonym : insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

feedstock

n. the raw material or substances that are used to make a product, particularly in industrial or manufacturing processes

synonym : raw material, input, supply

(1) **feedstock** supply, (2) **feedstock** procurement

Corn is a common **feedstock** for ethanol production.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym : unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

fortify

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

synonym : strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system

He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym: attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

dissuade

v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

synonym: discourage, deter, convince

(1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

decarbonize

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

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

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

bountiful

adj. abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

synonym: abundant, plentiful, generous

(1) **bountiful** compliments, (2) **bountiful** blessings

The farmer's land was **bountiful** and produced a large harvest.

depreciate

v. to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time

synonym: devalue, diminish, decrease

(1) **depreciate** asset, (2) **depreciate** against foreign currency

The car's value **depreciated** soon after being driven off the lot.

conventionally

adv. in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

synonym: traditionally, customarily, conventionally

(1) **conventionally** dressed, (2) **conventionally** grown crops

Conventionally, doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.

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.

sorely

adv. to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

synonym: severely, acutely, greatly

(1) **sorely** missed, (2) **sorely** in need

I was **sorely** disappointed when my favorite team lost the game.

cusp

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

synonym: point, apex, tip

(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**

The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

tautology

n. an expression or statement in which a concept or meaning is repeated, often unnecessarily or redundantly, using different words or phrases

synonym: repetition, redundancy, pleonasm

(1) **tautology** example, (2) grammatical **tautology**

The statement "it is what it is" is a perfect example of a **tautology**.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym: agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

semblance

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

synonym: appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity

There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym: banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

refinery

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

synonym: plant, factory, processing plant

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

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

disproportionate

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

synonym: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

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

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

overburden

v. to burden or load someone or something with too much weight, responsibility, or work; to place an excessive or unfair demand on someone or something

synonym: overwhelm, overload, overfill

(1) snow **overburdens** the roof, (2) **overburden** the military

The new tax laws had **overburdened** the accounting department with additional paperwork and compliance requirements.

underserved

adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services

(1) **underserved** market, (2) traditionally **underserved**

This area is medically **underserved**.

skyrocket

v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

synonym: rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

outlast

v. to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence

synonym: endure, survive, persevere

(1) **outlast** competitors, (2) **outlast** the storm

Some species of turtles can **outlast** human beings by centuries.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required
I need to send this email **urgently**.

legislate

v. to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws

synonym: enact, pass, establish

(1) **legislate** gun control, (2) **legislate** against discrimination

The government needs to **legislate** stricter laws to protect the environment.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

unplanned

adj. not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

synonym: spontaneous, impromptu, unforeseen

(1) an **unplanned** economy, (2) **unplanned** visit

The **unplanned** power outage caused much inconvenience.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

reluctance

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

synonym: hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym : empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

rife

adj. full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful

synonym : prevalent, abundant, widespread

(1) **rife** with rumors, (2) **rife** with uncertainty

Misinformation is **rife** on social media platforms.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym : injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

nugget

n. a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food

synonym : chunk, clod, clump

(1) a gold **nugget**, (2) **nugget** of truth

It took a few weeks to extract the **nugget** of information from those complicated sources.

jade

n. a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

synonym : gemstone, stone, mineral

(1) a **jade** accessory, (2) decorated with **jade**

The **jade** sculpture was worth a fortune.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

Session 2: Spelling

1. li_____an retrieval curve
n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
2. make a con_____on
n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
3. int_____ne thread
v. to twist together or become twisted together
4. de_____on tactics
n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
5. co____r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
6. sub_____an Africa
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
7. hydrogen re_____ry
n. a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form
8. an oil con_____on
n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

ANSWERS: 1. lifespan, 2. concession, 3. intertwine, 4. deception, 5. confer, 6. sub-Saharan, 7. refinery, 8. concession

9. pow_____se actors *n.* an electrical generating station; a person, organization, or thing that is extremely successful or influential
10. on_____ht of criticism *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
11. dep_____te against foreign currency *v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time
12. pow_____se economy *n.* an electrical generating station; a person, organization, or thing that is extremely successful or influential
13. lose se_____ce of identity *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
14. price sk_____eted *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
15. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
16. overcoming rel_____ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
17. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
18. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

ANSWERS: 9. powerhouse, 10. onslaught, 11. depreciate, 12. powerhouse, 13. semblance, 14. skyrocket, 15. secondly, 16. reluctance, 17. capita, 18. disproportionate

19. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
20. traditionally und_____ed *adj.* inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services
21. traditional co_____ve *n.* a stove or oven designed specifically for cooking food, often fueled by gas, electricity, or wood
22. dec_____ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
23. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
24. gi_____n-class bomb *n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
25. ur_____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
26. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
27. fe_____ck supply *n.* the raw material or substances that are used to make a product, particularly in industrial or manufacturing processes
28. cen_____de scale *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

ANSWERS: 19. widen, 20. underserved, 21. cookstove, 22. decarbonize, 23. emit, 24. gigaton, 25. urgently, 26. sub-Saharan, 27. feedstock, 28. centigrade

29. fo____y a building
v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
30. a hard and re_____nt steel
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
31. tackle the problem ur_____ly
adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
32. dec_____ze their manufacturing process
v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
33. ind_____us worker
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34. ins_____ize a system
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
35. fl_____te rapidly
v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
36. und_____ed market
adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services
37. un___t verdict
adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
38. li_____an extension
n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
39. g__p for air
v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

ANSWERS: 29. fortify, 30. resilient, 31. urgently, 32. decarbonize, 33. industrious, 34. institutionalize, 35. fluctuate, 36. underserved, 37. unjust, 38. lifespan, 39. gasp

40. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
41. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
42. dep_____te asset *v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time
43. tr_____e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
44. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
45. un_____ed visit *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
46. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
47. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
48. major cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
49. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
50. di_____de him from committing the crime *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

ANSWERS: 40. human-made, 41. medicinal, 42. depreciate, 43. trickle, 44. cofounder, 45. unplanned, 46. financier, 47. human-made, 48. crossroad, 49. widen, 50. dissuade

51. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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55. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
56. fl_____te prices *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
57. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
58. co_____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
59. so___y in need *adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

ANSWERS: 51. opportune, 52. hypocrisy, 53. tautology, 54. hydropower, 55. opportune, 56. fluctuate, 57. livelihood, 58. collide, 59. sorely

60. ab__e a storm
v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
61. water des_____ion
n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
62. g__p in shock
v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
63. ab__e a crisis
v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
64. pl_____t against other major currencies
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
65. so___y missed
adv. to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship
66. rel_____ce in buying
n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
67. fe_____ck procurement
n. the raw material or substances that are used to make a product, particularly in industrial or manufacturing processes
68. ast_____ng achievement
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
69. sk_____et the cost
v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
70. French soc_____st
n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

ANSWERS: 60. abate, 61. desalination, 62. gasp, 63. abate, 64. plummet, 65. sorely, 66. reluctance, 67. feedstock, 68. astonishing, 69. skyrocket, 70. sociologist

71. shut down a des_____ion plant *n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
72. c__p of change *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
73. fi_____er scandals *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
74. ou_____t the storm *v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence
75. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
76. co_____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
77. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
78. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
79. cen_____de thermometer *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

ANSWERS: 71. desalination, 72. cusp, 73. financier, 74. outlast, 75. sociologist, 76. confer, 77. optimist, 78. electrify, 79. centigrade

80. ta_____gy example *n.* an expression or statement in which a concept or meaning is repeated, often unnecessarily or redundantly, using different words or phrases
81. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
82. nu___t of truth *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
83. self-serving hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
84. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
85. le_____te against discrimination *v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws
86. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
87. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
88. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 80. tautology, 81. institutionalize, 82. nugget, 83. hypocrisy, 84. collide, 85. legislate, 86. optimist, 87. villain, 88. curator

89. geo_____al drilling *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
90. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
91. urban on_____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
92. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
93. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
94. a single c__p *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
95. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
96. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
97. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
98. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 89. geothermal, 90. emit, 91. onslaught, 92. overlook, 93. industrious, 94. cusp, 95. pivot, 96. inequity, 97. disrupt, 98. medicinal

99. tr_____e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
100. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
101. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
102. a gold nu_____t *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
103. r___e with uncertainty *adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful
104. a j___e accessory *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
105. snow ove_____ens the roof *v.* to burden or load someone or something with too much weight, responsibility, or work; to place an excessive or unfair demand on someone or something
106. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 99. trickle, 100. takeaway, 101. disrupt, 102. nugget, 103. rife, 104. jade, 105. overburden, 106. skepticism

107. critical cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
108. di_____de a person *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
109. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
110. r___e with rumors *adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful
111. he_____lt apology *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
112. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
113. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
114. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
115. he_____lt condolence *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
116. ent_____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
117. ou_____t competitors *v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence

ANSWERS: 107. crossroad, 108. dissuade, 109. takeaway, 110. rife, 111. heartfelt, 112. electrify, 113. disproportionate, 114. resilient, 115. heartfelt, 116. entrenched, 117. outlast

118. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
119. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
120. se_____ce of truth *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
121. geo_____al activity *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
122. outdoor co_____ve *n.* a stove or oven designed specifically for cooking food, often fueled by gas, electricity, or wood
123. un____t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
124. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
125. in_____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
126. half a gi_____n of CO2 *n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
127. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 118. secondly, 119. cofounder, 120. semblance, 121. geothermal, 122. cookstove, 123. unjust, 124. intertwine, 125. inequity, 126. gigaton, 127. curator

128. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
129. de___d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
130. bo_____ul blessings *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
131. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
132. ove_____en the military *v.* to burden or load someone or something with too much weight, responsibility, or work; to place an excessive or unfair demand on someone or something
133. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
134. the agricultural yield per ca___a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
135. bo_____ul compliments *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
136. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
137. con_____lly dressed *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

ANSWERS: 128. overlook, 129. devoid, 130. bountiful, 131. entrenched, 132. overburden, 133. villain, 134. capita, 135. bountiful, 136. livelihood, 137. conventionally

138. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
139. an un_____ed economy *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
140. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
141. de_____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
142. con_____lly grown crops *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
143. natural ske_____sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
144. air de___d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
145. decorated with j___e *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
146. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
147. fo_____y an immune system *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

ANSWERS: 138. pivot, 139. unplanned, 140. astonishing, 141. deception, 142. conventionally, 143. skepticism, 144. devoid, 145. jade, 146. plummet, 147. fortify

148. re____ry operations

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

149. hyd_____er plant

n. electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

150. le_____te gun control

v. to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws

ANSWERS: 148. refinery, 149. hydropower, 150. legislate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The wealthy _____ made a generous donation to the charity.
 - n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

2. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
 - v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

3. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.
 - v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

4. Some species of turtles can _____ human beings by centuries.
 - v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence

5. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
 - n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

6. The new tax laws had _____ the accounting department with additional paperwork and compliance requirements.
 - v.* to burden or load someone or something with too much weight, responsibility, or work; to place an excessive or unfair demand on someone or something

7. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
 - v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 1. financier, 2. institutionalize, 3. fluctuate, 4. outlast, 5. Sociologist, 6. overburdened, 7. confer

8. The farmer's land was _____ and produced a large harvest.

adj. abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

9. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

10. I could no longer earn my own _____.

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

11. He drank a protein shake to _____ his muscles before the marathon.

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

12. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

13. He tried to _____ his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

14. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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

15. The monarch exploited the peasants using its _____ power.

adj. established firmly and securely

ANSWERS: 8. bountiful, 9. curator, 10. livelihood, 11. fortify, 12. capita, 13. abate, 14. medicinal, 15. entrenched

16. The ruling was considered _____ by many people in the community.
adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
17. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
18. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
19. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.
n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
20. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
21. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
22. Many countries around the world have built dams to harness the power of _____ for their energy needs.
n. electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

ANSWERS: 16. unjust, 17. skepticism, 18. human-made, 19. takeaway, 20. secondly, 21. sub-Saharan, 22. hydropower

23. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
24. He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-_____ method.
n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
25. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
26. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
27. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
adj. completely lacking or free from something
29. The company's _____ to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.
n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
30. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 23. villain, 24. desalination, 25. overlook, 26. plummeted, 27. opportune, 28. devoid, 29. reluctance, 30. astonishing

31. The _____ sculpture was worth a fortune.

- n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

32. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

33. Corn is a common _____ for ethanol production.

- n.* the raw material or substances that are used to make a product, particularly in industrial or manufacturing processes

34. There was no _____ of order at the chaotic protest.

- n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

35. The car's value _____ soon after being driven off the lot.

- v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time

36. The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees _____.

- n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

37. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.

- n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

38. He tried to _____ her from quitting her job.

- v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

ANSWERS: 31. jade, 32. disrupt, 33. feedstock, 34. semblance, 35. depreciated, 36. centigrade, 37. lifespan, 38. dissuade

39. It took a few weeks to extract the _____ of information from those complicated sources.
- n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
40. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
- n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
41. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.
- adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
42. The _____ power outage caused much inconvenience.
- adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
43. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
44. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.
- v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
45. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
46. The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 _____ of energy.
- n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

ANSWERS: 39. nugget, 40. pivot, 41. disproportionate, 42. unplanned, 43. resilient, 44. widened, 45. industrious, 46. gigatons

47. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.
- v.* to twist together or become twisted together
48. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
- v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
49. In rural areas, families often rely on a _____ for preparing meals.
- n.* a stove or oven designed specifically for cooking food, often fueled by gas, electricity, or wood
50. The commentaries often criticized the government's political _____.
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
51. The movie theater offered a special _____ for seniors on Tuesdays.
- n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
52. _____ doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.
- adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
53. The interests of the two countries _____.
- v.* to hit something violently when moving
54. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
- v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

ANSWERS: 47. intertwine, 48. emits, 49. cookstove, 50. hypocrisy, 51. concession, 52. Conventionally, 53. collide, 54. gasped

55. The company has become a _____ in the tech industry with its innovative products and services.
- n.* an electrical generating station; a person, organization, or thing that is extremely successful or influential
56. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
57. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
58. There's an _____ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.
- n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
59. 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
60. The oil _____ was shut down due to safety concerns after a major accident.
- n.* a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form
61. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
- n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
62. The statement "it is what it is" is a perfect example of a _____.
- n.* an expression or statement in which a concept or meaning is repeated, often unnecessarily or redundantly, using different words or phrases

ANSWERS: 55. powerhouse, 56. electrify, 57. optimist, 58. inequity, 59. trickle, 60. refinery, 61. cofounder, 62. tautology

63. Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have _____ dramatically.
- v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
64. The politician was accused of _____ for making false promises during his campaign.
- n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
65. I need to send this email _____.
- adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
66. Misinformation is _____ on social media platforms.
- adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful
67. The letter was a _____ expression of gratitude to her parents.
- adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
68. The government needs to _____ stricter laws to protect the environment.
- v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws
69. I was _____ disappointed when my favorite team lost the game.
- adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship
70. I'm at a career _____ and unsure which path to take.
- n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

ANSWERS: 63. skyrocketed, 64. deception, 65. urgently, 66. rife, 67. heartfelt, 68. legislate, 69. sorely, 70. crossroads

71. The town is exploring using _____ energy to power its homes and buildings.

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

72. This area is medically _____.

adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services

73. The project was on the ____ of success and needed a little more funding.

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

74. We have to seek methods to _____ its fossil fuel economy.

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

75. The village was unprepared for the sudden _____ of the enemy army.

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

ANSWERS: 71. geothermal, 72. underserved, 73. cusp, 74. decarbonize, 75. onslaught