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Session 1: Word List

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

soaked

adj. completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid

synonym: drenched, saturated, wet

(1) **soaked** clothes, (2) **soaked** sponge

The hiker's boots were **soaked** from walking through the stream.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym: relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf
It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants
We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym : protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

fuel *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
synonym: energy, power, gas
(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

extract *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation
(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**
Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

environment *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate
(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

destruction *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin
(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**
The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

pollute *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade
(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread
We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym : division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym : funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

mathematics

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

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym: bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

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.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

incentivize

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

synonym: encourage, motivate

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

blackmail

n. the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
synonym: extortion, shakedown, racket

(1) **blackmail** extortion, (2) **blackmail** scheme

He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as **blackmail**.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

scalable

adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

synonym: expandable, flexible, adjustable

(1) **scalable** solution, (2) dynamically **scalable**

The company's new software is highly **scalable**, allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

measurable

adj. able to be measured, quantified, or assessed in some way

synonym : quantifiable, assessable, calculable

(1) **measurable** data, (2) **measurable** achievement

The company sets **measurable** goals to track progress and ensure success.

achievable

adj. possible to accomplish or attain

synonym : attainable, possible, reachable

(1) **achievable** task, (2) **achievable** plan

Setting a realistic and **achievable** goal is the key to success.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

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.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

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.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted
Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise
The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

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.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

withdraw

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

synonym: retract, remove, back out

(1) **withdraw** from public life, (2) **withdraw** \$500 from my account

The company decided to **withdraw** its proposal due to public opposition.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

reef

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym : watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

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.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

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.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

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.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

necessity

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
synonym : need, essentiality, prerequisite

(1) in great **necessity**, (2) the **necessity** of the concrete measure

He emphasized the **necessity** of immediate action.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym : dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

digit

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

synonym: number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

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.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve

greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym: constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak

points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym : cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

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**.

hypocritical

adj. behaving in a way that contradicts one's stated beliefs or values; insincere or false in one's dealings with others; pretending to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually have

synonym : insincere, two-faced, phony

(1) **hypocritical** actions, (2) **hypocritical** behavior

The politician's statements were **hypocritical** as he claimed to care about people experiencing poverty but cut funding for social services.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

deadline

n. a date or period by which something must be done

synonym : time limit, period

(1) transfer **deadline** day, (2) the **deadline** for applications

No matter what, we must have this done before the **deadline**.

ransom

n. a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive

synonym : blackmail, release, exchange

(1) **ransom** money, (2) **ransom** demand

The kidnappers demanded a **ransom** for the release of the victim.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym : supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

mourn

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym : grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym : candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed

schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

comprehensive

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

synonym: complete, encyclopedic, thorough

(1) a **comprehensive** explanation, (2) conduct a **comprehensive** survey

We have a **comprehensive** grasp of this topic.

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.

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym : reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**

The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

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.

ethics

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

synonym : morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

Session 2: Spelling

1. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
2. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
3. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
4. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
5. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
6. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
7. political et____s *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
8. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 1. responsible, 2. advantage, 3. increasingly, 4. finance, 5. critic, 6. trillion, 7. ethics, 8. straight

9. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
10. 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
11. in_____e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
12. mea_____le achievement *adj.* able to be measured, quantified, or assessed in some way
13. 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
14. private se_____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
15. lo_____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
16. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
17. the de_____ne for applications *n.* a date or period by which something must be done
18. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

ANSWERS: 9. operate, 10. economy, 11. insure, 12. measurable, 13. decarbonize, 14. sector, 15. locate, 16. climate, 17. deadline, 18. regulation

19. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
20. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
21. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
22. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
23. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
24. re____t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
25. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
26. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
27. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 19. increasingly, 20. barrier, 21. trap, 22. develop, 23. planet, 24. reject, 25. finance, 26. crazy, 27. flood

28. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
29. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
30. economic bu____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
31. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
32. res____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
33. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
34. de____t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
35. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
36. a brief ex____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 28. identify, 29. asset, 30. bubble, 31. moral, 32. responsible, 33. strength, 34. defeat, 35. nudge, 36. extract

37. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
38. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
39. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
40. give a person a nu___e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
41. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
42. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
43. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
44. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
45. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 37. argument, 38. relentless, 39. relevance, 40. nudge, 41. destroy, 42. balance, 43. reputation, 44. climate, 45. barrier

46. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
47. hyp_____cal behavior *adj.* behaving in a way that contradicts one's stated beliefs or values; insincere or false in one's dealings with others; pretending to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually have
48. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
49. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
50. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
51. mea_____le data *adj.* able to be measured, quantified, or assessed in some way
52. 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
53. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
54. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
55. in great ne_____ty *n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

ANSWERS: 46. poverty, 47. hypocritical, 48. pollution, 49. reef, 50. victory, 51. measurable, 52. policy, 53. planet, 54. march, 55. necessity

56. di__t identifier *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
57. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
58. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
59. face rel____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
60. an information pr____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
61. ach____le plan *adj.* possible to accomplish or attain
62. dr____t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
63. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
64. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
65. mat____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
66. in____e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
67. a digital pl____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 56. digit, 57. strength, 58. adopt, 59. relentless, 60. provider, 61. achievable, 62. droplet, 63. investor, 64. argument, 65. mathematics, 66. insure, 67. platform

68. inland ba__n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
69. transfer de____ne day *n.* a date or period by which something must be done
70. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
71. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
72. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
73. st_____le against discrimination *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
74. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
75. a person of diverse ta___ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
76. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
77. central ba___rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

ANSWERS: 68. basin, 69. deadline, 70. coal, 71. insane, 72. mathematics, 73. struggle, 74. insane, 75. talent, 76. pollute, 77. banker

78. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
79. 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
80. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
81. pe____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
82. tr____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
83. an arrival pl____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
84. take ad____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
85. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
86. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
87. high ar____c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 78. develop, 79. struggle, 80. phase, 81. peaceful, 82. transform, 83. platform, 84. advantage, 85. moral, 86. phase, 87. arctic

88. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
89. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
90. pu____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
91. et___s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
92. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
93. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
94. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
95. pe____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
96. dr____t formation *n.* a small drop of liquid
97. co____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
98. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
99. 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

ANSWERS: 88. fuel, 89. sector, 90. publicly, 91. ethics, 92. entirely, 93. bound, 94. trillion, 95. peaceful, 96. droplet, 97. convince, 98. publicly, 99. disrupt

100. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
101. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
102. a com_____ive explanation *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
103. hyp_____cal actions *adj.* behaving in a way that contradicts one's stated beliefs or values; insincere or false in one's dealings with others; pretending to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually have
104. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
105. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
106. burning of fo___l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
107. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
108. bl_____il scheme *n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

ANSWERS: 100. relevance, 101. defeat, 102. comprehensive, 103. hypocritical, 104. rev, 105. destroy, 106. fossil, 107. decision, 108. blackmail

109. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
110. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
111. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
112. without 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
113. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
114. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
115. wi_____aw from public life *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
116. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
117. a fo____l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

ANSWERS: 109. embarrass, 110. achieve, 111. celebrate, 112. hypocrisy, 113. regulation, 114. convinced, 115. withdraw, 116. profit, 117. fossil

118. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
119. mo__n death *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
120. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
121. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
122. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
123. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
124. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
125. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
126. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
127. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

ANSWERS: 118. bang, 119. mourn, 120. straight, 121. environment, 122. convince, 123. bubble, 124. institutionalize, 125. discuss, 126. critic, 127. fuel

128. ach_____le task *adj.* possible to accomplish or attain
129. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
130. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
131. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
132. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
133. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
134. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
135. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
136. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
137. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
138. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
139. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
140. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
141. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

ANSWERS: 128. achievable, 129. automatically, 130. identify, 131. adopt, 132. crazy, 133. incentivize, 134. automatically, 135. march, 136. invest, 137. achieve, 138. asset, 139. commit, 140. bang, 141. incentivize

142. 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
143. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
144. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
145. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
146. 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
147. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
148. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
149. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 142. balance, 143. generation, 144. basin, 145. locate, 146. hypocrisy, 147. extract, 148. pollute, 149. profit

150. the di__t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
151. ra___m money *n.* a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
152. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
153. fi_____er scandals *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
154. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
155. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
156. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
157. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
158. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
159. full-co_____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

ANSWERS: 150. digit, 151. ransom, 152. reject, 153. financier, 154. alternative, 155. invest, 156. institutionalize, 157. reputation, 158. discuss, 159. coverage

160. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
161. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
162. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
163. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
164. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
165. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
166. contractual co_____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
167. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
168. ra___m demand *n.* a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
169. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
170. mo___n with deep grief *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

ANSWERS: 160. coal, 161. discotheque, 162. alternative, 163. generation, 164. embarrass, 165. rev, 166. coverage, 167. investor, 168. ransom, 169. commit, 170. mourn

171. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
172. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
173. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
174. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
175. 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
176. wi_____aw \$500 from my account *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
177. sc_____le solution *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
178. so____d sponge *adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
179. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
180. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 171. flood, 172. trap, 173. bound, 174. financier, 175. disrupt, 176. withdraw, 177. scalable, 178. soaked, 179. victory, 180. decision

181. so___d clothes	<i>adj.</i> completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
182. ec_____y class	<i>n.</i> 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
183. high levels of air po_____on	<i>n.</i> the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
184. cyclonic des_____on	<i>n.</i> the act of causing so much damage to something
185. the ne_____ty of the concrete measure	<i>n.</i> the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
186. public fi_____ng	<i>n.</i> the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
187. po_____y alleviation	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
188. ar___c ice	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
189. conduct a com_____ive survey	<i>adj.</i> complete and including all or everything necessary
190. he was en_____ly to blame	<i>adv.</i> completely
191. dis_____ue party	<i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 181. soaked, 182. economy, 183. pollution, 184. destruction, 185. necessity, 186. financing, 187. poverty, 188. arctic, 189. comprehensive, 190. entirely, 191. discotheque

192. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
193. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
194. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
195. 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
196. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
197. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
198. 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
199. fi_____ng activity *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
200. bl_____il extortion *n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

ANSWERS: 192. environment, 193. transform, 194. destruction, 195. policy, 196. operate, 197. celebrate, 198. decarbonize, 199. financing, 200. blackmail

201. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
202. barrier r__f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
203. the pr_____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
204. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
205. investment ba___r *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
206. dynamically sc_____le *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

ANSWERS: 201. talent, 202. reef, 203. provider, 204. convinced, 205. banker, 206. scalable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
 - v. to do something illegal or wrong

3. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
 - v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

4. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
 - n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

5. The kidnappers demanded a _____ for the release of the victim.
 - n. a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive

6. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
 - v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

7. The company decided to _____ its proposal due to public opposition.
 - v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

8. This scripture provides the code of _____ for the religion.
 - n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

ANSWERS: 1. struggle, 2. committed, 3. insure, 4. discotheque, 5. ransom, 6. convince, 7. withdraw, 8. ethics

9. We are optimistic about our final _____.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
10. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
- adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
11. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
12. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
13. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.
- n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
14. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
15. 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

ANSWERS: 9. victory, 10. convinced, 11. strength, 12. bubble, 13. basin, 14. environment, 15. hypocrisy

16. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
17. He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as _____.
- n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
18. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.
- n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
19. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.
- n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
20. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
21. A single _____ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.
- n.* a small drop of liquid
22. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
23. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 16. advantages, 17. blackmail, 18. Bankers, 19. regulation, 20. finance, 21. droplet, 22. destroyed, 23. discuss

24. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
25. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.
n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development
26. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
27. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
28. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
29. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
30. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
31. The company sets _____ goals to track progress and ensure success.
adj. able to be measured, quantified, or assessed in some way

ANSWERS: 24. entirely, 25. phase, 26. floods, 27. nudged, 28. straight, 29. argument, 30. arctic, 31. measurable

32. Setting a realistic and _____ goal is the key to success.

adj. possible to accomplish or attain

33. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

34. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

35. 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

36. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

37. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

38. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

39. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 32. achievable, 33. relentless, 34. talents, 35. financier, 36. investors, 37. moral, 38. rejected, 39. planet

40. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

41. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

42. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

43. 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.)

44. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

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

45. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

46. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

47. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

ANSWERS: 40. bounds, 41. platform, 42. asset, 43. institutionalize, 44. incentivize, 45. embarrass, 46. peaceful, 47. pollution

48. The scandal received widespread media _____.
- n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
49. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
50. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
51. 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
52. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
53. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
54. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
55. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
- v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

ANSWERS: 48. coverage, 49. transformed, 50. critics, 51. balance, 52. alternative, 53. profit, 54. develop, 55. operate

56. He has a flair for _____.

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

57. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

58. 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

59. The enemy fell right into the _____.

- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

60. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

- adv.* without needing a direct human control

61. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

62. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

63. We _____ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

- v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

ANSWERS: 56. mathematics, 57. sector, 58. decarbonize, 59. trap, 60. automatically, 61. Climate, 62. locate, 63. mourned

64. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
65. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
66. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
67. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
68. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
69. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
70. The politician's statements were _____ as he claimed to care about people experiencing poverty but cut funding for social services.
adj. behaving in a way that contradicts one's stated beliefs or values; insincere or false in one's dealings with others; pretending to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually have
71. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 64. barrier, 65. providers, 66. coal, 67. increasingly, 68. insane, 69. publicly, 70. hypocritical, 71. trillion

72. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
73. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
74. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
- v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
75. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
76. 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
77. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
78. The company's new software is highly _____ allowing it to handle increasing number of users.
- adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

ANSWERS: 72. celebrated, 73. relevance, 74. pollute, 75. achieve, 76. economy, 77. defeat, 78. scalable,

79. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
80. We must enter a six-_____ number to unlock the safe.
n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
81. No matter what, we must have this done before the _____.
n. a date or period by which something must be done
82. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
83. The vessel ran aground on a _____.
n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
84. 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
85. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
86. We have a _____ grasp of this topic.
adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

ANSWERS: 79. identify, 80. digit, 81. deadline, 82. generation, 83. reef, 84. invest, 85. adopted, 86. comprehensive

87. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
88. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
89. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
90. 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
91. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
92. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
93. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

ANSWERS: 87. reputation, 88. crazy, 89. poverty, 90. policy, 91. extracting, 92. decision, 93. bang

94. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
95. The hiker's boots were _____ from walking through the stream.
- adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
96. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
97. 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
98. He emphasized the _____ of immediate action.
- n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
99. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
100. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
101. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

ANSWERS: 94. rev, 95. soaked, 96. responsible, 97. disrupt, 98. necessity, 99. fossil, 100. destruction, 101. marched

102. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

- n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

103. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

ANSWERS: 102. financing, 103. fuel