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Session 1: Word List

engulf

v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

synonym: swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

thud

n. a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance

synonym: bang, collision, crash

(1) **thud** of footsteps, (2) a distant **thud**

The loud **thud** of the door closing echoed through the empty hallway.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

clench

v. to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress

synonym: grasp, clasp, tighten

(1) **clench** teeth, (2) **clench** muscles

He **clenched** his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.

wince

v. to make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement due to pain, distress, or embarrassment;
(noun) a facial expression or bodily gesture of pain, discomfort, or embarrassment in response to an unpleasant or unwelcome stimulus

synonym: flinch, grimace, twitch

(1) **wince** at the sound, (2) a slight **wince**

He **wincing** as he saw his favorite vase fall and shatter on the ground.

landmine

n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

synonym: mine, explosive device, antipersonnel mine

(1) destroy a **landmine**, (2) **landmine** removal

The antipersonnel **landmine** was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

expendable

adj. able to be consumed, used up, or sacrificed without consequence; dispensable or disposable; unnecessary or redundant

synonym: disposable, dispensable, replaceable

(1) **expendable** income, (2) **expendable** assets

In war, those in power often view soldiers as **expendable** resources.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym: excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

dislocate

v. to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

synonym: displace

(1) **dislocate** my shoulder, (2) **dislocate** residents

X-rays revealed that several of his joints were **dislocated**.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

dislodge

v. to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged

synonym: remove, displace, unseat

(1) **dislodge** debris, (2) **dislodge** a stuck object

I had to **dislodge** a small rock from the wheel of my car to keep driving safely.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

disband

v. to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally

synonym: dissolve, break up, disperse

(1) **disband** the assembly, (2) **disband** an organization

The band decided to **disband** the group after several members left.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery
He describes the story with **startling** reality.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute
Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record
Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

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.

splinter

n. a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from

something larger

synonym: shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during the crash.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

medic

n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

synonym: paramedic, medical professional

(1) **medic** unit, (2) military **medic**

The army **medic** arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

inextricable

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

synonym: inescapable, inseparable, entangled

(1) an **inextricable** part of life, (2) form an **inextricable** bond

The knot was **inextricable**, and she had to use scissors to cut it.

embroil

v. to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate

synonym : involve, complicate, entangle

(1) **embroil** him in a controversy, (2) **embroil** in controversy
The scandal **embroiled** the company's CEO and other high-level executives.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

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.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

exterminate

v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

synonym : eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

synonym : delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym : quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

fallout

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

forlorn

adj. appearing sad or lonely, abandoned, or hopeless; marked by feelings of despair or melancholy; isolated or destitute

synonym : despondent, hopeless, abandoned

(1) **forlorn** hope, (2) **forlorn** state

She wandered through the empty city streets with a **forlorn** expression.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym : settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. di_____ge debris | v. | to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged |
| 2. re_____le a dispute | v. | to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist |
| 3. form an ine_____ble bond | adj. | unable to be separated or escaped from |
| 4. the an_____te for aging | n. | a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease |
| 5. military ca_____ty | n. | a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim |
| 6. human activities int_____ect with the environment | v. | to connect similar things |
| 7. op_____s the minority | v. | to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people |
| 8. destroy a la_____ne | n. | an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle |
| 9. ext_____te pests | v. | to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds |

ANSWERS: 1. dislodge, 2. reconcile, 3. inextricable, 4. antidote, 5. casualty, 6. interconnect, 7. oppress, 8. landmine, 9. exterminate

10. di_____te residents *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
11. an un___n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
12. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
13. the fa_____t from the incident *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
14. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
15. nuclear fa_____t *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
16. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
17. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
18. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
19. an ine_____ble part of life *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
20. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
21. sheep without a sh_____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
22. ext_____nt lifestyle *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
23. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 10. dislocate, 11. unseen, 12. terrify, 13. fallout, 14. bleak, 15. fallout, 16. shatter, 17. industrious, 18. exile, 19. inextricable, 20. cling, 21. shepherd, 22. extravagant, 23. overlook

24. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
25. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
26. in a re_____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
27. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
28. cl____h muscles *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
29. desiccated co_____e *n.* the dead body of a human being
30. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
31. remove a sp_____er *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
32. en____f the politician *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
33. di_____d an organization *v.* to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
34. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 24. trajectory, 25. displace, 26. reckless, 27. displace, 28. clench, 29. corpse, 30. reckless, 31. splinter, 32. engulf, 33. disband, 34. empathy

35. ov____ok that fact
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
36. an act of ho_____ty
n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
37. op_____s the people with force
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
38. ext_____te communism
v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
39. directly int_____ect with those systems
v. to connect similar things
40. fo_____ly remove
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
41. re_____ct with family
v. to connect again after a break or interruption
42. hu_____ze my pet
v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
43. fo_____ly taken into a car
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
44. st_____ng discovery
adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
45. the speaker's dr__e
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 35. overlook, 36. hostility, 37. oppress, 38. exterminate, 39. interconnect, 40. forcibly, 41. reconnect, 42. humanize, 43. forcibly, 44. startling, 45. drone

46. ext_____nt expenses *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
47. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
48. co_____e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
49. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
50. sp_____er cell *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
51. ou_____ce a non-core function *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
52. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
53. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
54. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
55. di_____d the assembly *v.* to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
56. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

ANSWERS: 46. extravagant, 47. reconcile, 48. convene, 49. hostility, 50. splinter, 51. outsource, 52. storytelling, 53. exile, 54. hopeless, 55. disband, 56. antidote

57. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
58. sh_____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
59. a slight wi__e *v.* to make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement due to pain, distress, or embarrassment; (noun) a facial expression or bodily gesture of pain, discomfort, or embarrassment in response to an unpleasant or unwelcome stimulus
60. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
61. em_____l him in a controversy *v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
62. fo_____n state *adj.* appearing sad or lonely, abandoned, or hopeless; marked by feelings of despair or melancholy; isolated or destitute
63. the co___e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
64. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
65. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
66. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
67. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 57. terrify, 58. shepherd, 59. wince, 60. ache, 61. embroil, 62. forlorn, 63. corpse, 64. underpin, 65. startling, 66. extinguish, 67. drone

68. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
69. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
70. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
71. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
72. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
73. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
74. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
75. wi__e at the sound *v.* to make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement due to pain, distress, or embarrassment; (noun) a facial expression or bodily gesture of pain, discomfort, or embarrassment in response to an unpleasant or unwelcome stimulus
76. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
77. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
78. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
79. military me__c *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

ANSWERS: 68. extinguish, 69. industrious, 70. cling, 71. storytelling, 72. bleak, 73. trajectory, 74. unseen, 75. wince, 76. hopeless, 77. inhabit, 78. shatter, 79. medic

80. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
81. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
82. di_____te my shoulder *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
83. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
84. ou_____ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
85. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
86. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
87. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
88. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
89. em_____l in controversy *v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
90. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
91. co_____e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

ANSWERS: 80. blueprint, 81. devastation, 82. dislocate, 83. ache, 84. outsource, 85. blueprint, 86. empathy, 87. unleash, 88. underpin, 89. embroil, 90. inhabit, 91. convene

92. cl___h teeth *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
93. t__d of footsteps *n.* a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance
94. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
95. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
96. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
97. exp_____le assets *adj.* able to be consumed, used up, or sacrificed without consequence; dispensable or disposable; unnecessary or redundant
98. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
99. la_____ne removal *n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
100. di_____ge a stuck object *v.* to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged
101. exp_____le income *adj.* able to be consumed, used up, or sacrificed without consequence; dispensable or disposable; unnecessary or redundant

ANSWERS: 92. clench, 93. thud, 94. unleash, 95. casualty, 96. reconnect, 97. expendable, 98. devastation, 99. landmine, 100. dislodge, 101. expendable

102. en___f in water *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
103. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
104. fo_____n hope *adj.* appearing sad or lonely, abandoned, or hopeless; marked by feelings of despair or melancholy; isolated or destitute
105. me__c unit *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
106. a distant t__d *n.* a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance

ANSWERS: 102. engulf, 103. humanize, 104. forlorn, 105. medic, 106. thud

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The police officer _____ removed the protesters from the public park.
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
2. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
3. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
4. The scandal _____ the company's CEO and other high-level executives.
v. to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
5. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
6. The wedding was an _____ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.
adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
7. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
v. to connect again after a break or interruption
8. The car window shattered into a million little _____ during the crash.
n. a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

ANSWERS: 1. forcibly, 2. shepherd's, 3. terrify, 4. embroiled, 5. drone, 6. extravagant, 7. reconnected, 8. splinters

9. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.
v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
10. The loud _____ of the door closing echoed through the empty hallway.
n. a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance
11. He describes the story with _____ reality.
adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
12. they had no protection from the radioactive _____.
n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
13. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
14. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
15. The band decided to _____ the group after several members left.
v. to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
16. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
17. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 9. extinguish, 10. thud, 11. startling, 12. fallout, 13. oppressed, 14. unleash, 15. disband, 16. interconnect, 17. humanize

18. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
19. He _____ his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.
v. to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
20. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
21. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
22. The fire quickly _____ the entire building.
v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
23. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
24. She wandered through the empty city streets with a _____ expression.
adj. appearing sad or lonely, abandoned, or hopeless; marked by feelings of despair or melancholy; isolated or destitute
25. The research findings _____ the theory that human activities cause global warming.
v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

ANSWERS: 18. trajectory, 19. clenched, 20. displace, 21. clings, 22. engulfed, 23. devastation, 24. forlorn, 25. underpin

26. The army _____ arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.
n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
27. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
28. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being
29. The government _____ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.
v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
30. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
31. X-rays revealed that several of his joints were _____.
v. to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
32. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.
n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
33. In war, those in power often view soldiers as _____ resources.
adj. able to be consumed, used up, or sacrificed without consequence; dispensable or disposable; unnecessary or redundant

ANSWERS: 26. medic, 27. storytelling, 28. corpse, 29. exterminated, 30. exiled, 31. dislocated, 32. hostility, 33. expendable

34. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
35. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
36. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.
adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived
37. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
v. to break suddenly into many pieces
38. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
39. The parliament will _____ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.
v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
40. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
41. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.
n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
42. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 34. industrious, 35. Empathy, 36. unseen, 37. shattered, 38. overlook, 39. convene, 40. blueprint, 41. antidote, 42. casualty

43. The knot was _____ and she had to use scissors to cut it.
adj. unable to be separated or escaped from
44. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
45. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
46. The company decided to _____ its IT services to a third-party provider.
v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
47. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
48. I had to _____ a small rock from the wheel of my car to keep driving safely.
v. to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged
49. He _____ as he saw his favorite vase fall and shatter on the ground.
v. to make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement due to pain, distress, or embarrassment; (noun) a facial expression or bodily gesture of pain, discomfort, or embarrassment in response to an unpleasant or unwelcome stimulus
50. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

ANSWERS: 43. inextricable, 44. inhabit, 45. reconcile, 46. outsource, 47. ache, 48. dislodge, 49. winced, 50. bleak

51. _____ youth makes rueful age.

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

52. The antipersonnel _____ was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.

n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

53. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 51. Reckless, 52. landmine, 53. hopeless