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Session 1: Word List

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

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.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym : prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

deliberately

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

synonym: intentionally, knowingly, willfully

(1) **deliberately** amateurish, (2) commit a crime **deliberately**

He **deliberately** misleads others.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

optimist

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

synonym : positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

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

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

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

protopia

n. a state of transition or movement towards an idealized but undefined future state; a positive vision of change and progress that acknowledges that perfection is impossible to achieve

synonym : future-hope, utopia, ideal society

(1) **protopia** society, (2) **protopia** concept

Some futurists believe we can create a **protopia** by using

technology to improve society and create a better world continually.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym: proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond
The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**
The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

temperament

n. a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior

synonym: disposition, character, personality

(1) the **temperament** of an engineer, (2) a hysterical **temperament**

She has a calm **temperament** and never gets overly upset or angry.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym : hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym : surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym : story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

increment

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

synonym : increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym: variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

surplus

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

synonym: excess, surplusage, remainder

(1) budget **surplus**, (2) **surplus** of exports

The food **surplus** at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

raid

n. a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

synonym: attack, invasion, aggression

(1) make a **raid** on an enemy's camp, (2) air- **raid** siren

Throughout the **raid**, the bank robbers wore masks.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline**

news.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

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.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

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**.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

trend

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

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

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

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

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical

reactions.

rely v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
synonym: depend, count, lean
(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

collaborate v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
synonym: cooperate, unite, get together
(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release
She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

collaboration n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition
(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform
The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

addition n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum
(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors
In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

coop v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage
(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**
The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

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.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym : achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations
Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

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.

unborn

adj. not yet born

synonym : coming, future

(1) an **unborn** child, (2) **unborn** generations

It is unknown whether this vaccine is effective in an **unborn**
baby.

undergo

v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a
change

synonym : experience, suffer, endure

(1) **undergo** surgery, (2) **undergo** a decrease

The train has to **undergo** rigorous safety checks.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are
necessary for an organization or country, such as
transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure**
maintenance.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

postpone

v. to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date

synonym: delay, defer, reschedule

(1) **postpone** meeting, (2) **postpone** event

Due to inclement weather, the game has been **postponed** until next week.

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.

individually

adv. separately or apart from others

synonym : separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually** designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

shun

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

synonym : avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**
The woods **embrace** the house.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month
The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

peculiar

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

synonym : bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people
The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output
They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym : unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss
His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

unlimited

adj. without any limits or restrictions

synonym : unrestricted, boundless, limitless

(1) **unlimited** liability, (2) **unlimited** resources
An **unlimited** data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

impede

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym :

hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development
The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

conduit

n. a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts

synonym: channel, pipeline, tube

(1) water **conduit**, (2) electrical **conduit**

The **conduit** between the two buildings carried water and electricity.

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.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym: huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

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.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym : burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

arc

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

synonym : turn, bow, angle

(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference

A ball flew in a big **arc**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex___d agricultural output | <i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance |
| 2. the tr__d away from television | <i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing |
| 3. a deep obl_____on | <i>n.</i> the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something |
| 4. mo__l hazard | <i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc. |
| 5. s__n office politics | <i>v.</i> to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something |
| 6. pe_____ar people | <i>adj.</i> odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way |
| 7. an international tr__d | <i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing |
| 8. an_____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
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| 10. aquatic co_____nd | <i>n.</i> an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements |
| 11. ad_____on of vectors | <i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers |
| 12. def_____ly become a problem | <i>adv.</i> without any question and beyond doubt; clearly |

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22. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 13. inequality, 14. arc, 15. shun, 16. generation, 17. absence, 18. guarantee, 19. probable, 20. utopia, 21. possibility, 22. mechanism

23. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
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33. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
34. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

ANSWERS: 23. obligation, 24. improve, 25. individually, 26. yield, 27. individually, 28. utopia, 29. blind, 30. persuade, 31. collaborate, 32. pessimistic, 33. historic, 34. tremendous

35. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
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41. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
42. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
43. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
44. un_____n generations *adj.* not yet born

ANSWERS: 35. breakthrough, 36. unlikely, 37. delusion, 38. conduit, 39. persuade, 40. accomplished, 41. destruction, 42. optimist, 43. collaboration, 44. unborn

45. commit a crime del_____ely *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
46. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
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51. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
52. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
53. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
54. gi_____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
55. del_____ely amateurish *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

ANSWERS: 45. deliberately, 46. sacrifice, 47. cycle, 48. ignorance, 49. mechanism, 50. opportune, 51. accomplish, 52. compress, 53. definitely, 54. gigantic, 55. deliberately

56. corn yi__d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
57. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
58. co____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
59. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
60. re__t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
61. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
62. funny an____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
63. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
64. in__t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
65. harmful co____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
66. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 56. yield, 57. rely, 58. confront, 59. disguise, 60. reject, 61. disguise, 62. anecdote, 63. destroy, 64. invest, 65. compound, 66. rely

67. air-r__d siren *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
68. 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
69. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
70. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
71. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
72. in__t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
73. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
74. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
75. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
76. the tem_____nt of an engineer *n.* a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior
77. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

ANSWERS: 67. raid, 68. planet, 69. invisible, 70. ignorance, 71. inequality, 72. invest, 73. generate, 74. destruction, 75. optimist, 76. temperament, 77. coop

78. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
79. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
80. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
81. gi_____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
82. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
83. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
84. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
85. the a_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
86. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
87. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
88. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
89. un_____o surgery *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

ANSWERS: 78. inadvertently, 79. skyscraper, 80. cycle, 81. gigantic, 82. embrace, 83. infrastructure, 84. tremendous, 85. arc, 86. immediate, 87. optimism, 88. skyscraper, 89. undergo

90. pe____ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
91. co____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
92. take a pes____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
93. un____ed liability *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
94. bre____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
95. sm____ox epidemic *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
96. he is opt____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
97. sa____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
98. it is un____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
99. a leave of ab____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 90. peculiar, 91. confront, 92. pessimistic, 93. unlimited, 94. breakthrough, 95. smallpox, 96. optimistic, 97. sacrifice, 98. unlikely, 99. absence

100. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
101. un_____o a decrease *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
102. water co_____t *n.* a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts
103. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
104. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
105. re_____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
106. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
107. 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
108. po_____ne event *v.* to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date
109. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
110. en_____c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

ANSWERS: 100. collaboration, 101. undergo, 102. conduit, 103. progression, 104. optimism, 105. reject, 106. compress, 107. planet, 108. postpone, 109. eliminate, 110. endemic

111. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
112. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
113. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
114. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
115. po_____ne meeting *v.* to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date
116. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
117. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
118. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
119. budget su_____s *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
120. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
121. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
122. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
123. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 111. destroy, 112. possibility, 113. invisible, 114. headline, 115. postpone, 116. climate, 117. addition, 118. optimistic, 119. surplus, 120. transcend, 121. improve, 122. perspective, 123. historic

124. un_____ed resources *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
125. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
126. steady in_____ntal growth *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
127. pr_____ia concept *n.* a state of transition or movement towards an idealized but undefined future state; a positive vision of change and progress that acknowledges that perfection is impossible to achieve
128. a hysterical tem_____nt *n.* a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior
129. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
130. acc_____hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
131. im___e a close relationship *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
132. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
133. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
134. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 124. unlimited, 125. delusion, 126. increment, 127. protopia, 128. temperament, 129. intention, 130. accomplished, 131. impede, 132. generate, 133. perspective, 134. anecdote

135. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
136. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
137. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
138. sm_____ox vaccine *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
139. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
140. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
141. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
142. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
143. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
144. su_____s of exports *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
145. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

ANSWERS: 135. immediate, 136. opportune, 137. blind, 138. smallpox, 139. climate, 140. generation, 141. coop, 142. align, 143. eliminate, 144. surplus, 145. guarantee

146. an un___n child *adj.* not yet born
147. pr_____ia society *n.* a state of transition or movement towards an idealized but undefined future state; a positive vision of change and progress that acknowledges that perfection is impossible to achieve
148. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
149. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
150. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
151. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
152. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
153. cholera-en_____c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
154. al___n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
155. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
156. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
157. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 146. unborn, 147. protopia, 148. headline, 149. expand, 150. embrace, 151. inadvertently, 152. progression, 153. endemic, 154. align, 155. intention, 156. ancestor, 157. probable

158. make a r__d on an enemy's camp *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
159. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
160. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
161. small in_____nts *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
162. im___e development *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
163. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
164. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

ANSWERS: 158. raid, 159. collaborate, 160. transcend, 161. increment, 162. impede, 163. infrastructure, 164. accomplish

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
2. The train has to _____ rigorous safety checks.
v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
3. The food _____ at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.
n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
4. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
5. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.
v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
6. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
7. Malaria is _____ in many tropical countries.
adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
8. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 1. eliminate, 2. undergo, 3. surplus, 4. ignorance, 5. generate, 6. expand, 7. endemic, 8. rely

9. She felt _____ after finishing her book.

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

10. She has a calm _____ and never gets overly upset or angry.

n. a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior

11. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.

adj. extremely large

12. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

13. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

14. An _____ data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

adj. without any limits or restrictions

15. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

16. We had a _____ time yesterday.

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

17. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 9. accomplished, 10. temperament, 11. gigantic, 12. inadvertently, 13. addition, 14. unlimited, 15. transcended, 16. tremendous, 17. mechanisms

18. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

19. The juice has a _____ taste.

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

20. The company's stock gives a high _____.

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

21. The woods _____ the house.

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

22. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

23. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

24. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

25. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

26. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

ANSWERS: 18. improve, 19. peculiar, 20. yield, 21. embrace, 22. skyscraper, 23. accomplish, 24. delusion, 25. unlikely, 26. immediate

27. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

28. He _____ misleads others.

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

29. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

30. You are under no _____ to finish the job.

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

31. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

32. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

33. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

34. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

35. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 27. aligned, 28. deliberately, 29. compound, 30. obligation, 31. moral, 32. historic, 33. confront, 34. absence, 35. anecdotes

36. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
37. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
38. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
39. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
40. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
41. Throughout the _____ the bank robbers wore masks.
n. a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
42. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
43. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something

ANSWERS: 36. compressed, 37. probable, 38. sacrifice, 39. possibility, 40. utopia, 41. raid, 42. infrastructure, 43. destruction

44. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
45. Some futurists believe we can create a _____ by using technology to improve society and create a better world continually.
n. a state of transition or movement towards an idealized but undefined future state; a positive vision of change and progress that acknowledges that perfection is impossible to achieve
46. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
47. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
48. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
49. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
50. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

ANSWERS: 44. optimism, 45. protopia, 46. blind, 47. perspective, 48. inequality, 49. collaboration, 50. coop

51. The traffic jam _____ our progress to reach the destination on time.
v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
52. The bid _____ for this auction is \$100.
n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
53. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
54. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
55. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
56. 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
57. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.
n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
58. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 51. impeded, 52. increment, 53. guarantee, 54. Climate, 55. optimist, 56. generation, 57. smallpox, 58. invisible

59. He _____ going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

60. A ball flew in a big _____.

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

61. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

62. Each department has done its product costing _____.

adv. separately or apart from others

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

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

64. 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

65. The _____ between the two buildings carried water and electricity.

n. a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts

66. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 59. shunned, 60. arc, 61. definitely, 62. individually, 63. rejected, 64. invest, 65. conduit, 66. progression

67. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
68. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
69. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
70. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
71. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
72. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
73. Due to inclement weather, the game has been _____ until next week.
v. to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date
74. She was unduly _____ about her future.
adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
75. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 67. optimistic, 68. headline, 69. persuade, 70. destroyed, 71. disguised, 72. collaborate, 73. postponed, 74. pessimistic, 75. opportune

76. It is unknown whether this vaccine is effective in an _____ baby.

adj. not yet born

77. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

78. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

79. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

80. The oil price continued their downward _____.

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

81. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

82. 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: 76. unborn, 77. cycle, 78. intentions, 79. breakthroughs, 80. trend, 81. ancestor, 82. planet