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Session 1: Word List

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym : environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

rhinoceros

n. (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

synonym : rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

orangutan

n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**

The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the island.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside
I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

patriarchal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

synonym : male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) **patriarchal** society, (2) **patriarchal** government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

subservient

adj. willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive

synonym : submissive, compliant, obedient

(1) **subservient** relationship, (2) **subservient** role

Her **subservient** attitude made it easy for her boss to take advantage of her.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym : assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym : preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

encroachment

n. an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests

synonym : invasion, intrusion, trespass

(1) **encroachment** of territory, (2) **encroachment** on personal rights

The **encroachment** of the new housing development on the wildlife habitat caused concern among environmentalists.

encroach

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

synonym : invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

waterfall

n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

synonym : cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic **waterfall**, (2) a **waterfall** with a fall of ten feet

Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped **waterfall** basin.

orchid

n. a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants

(1) **orchid** garden, (2) **orchid** species

The **orchid** blooms were so delicate and beautiful.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

synonym: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**

She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

fauna

n. the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period

synonym: wildlife, creatures, animals

(1) the tropical **fauna**, (2) **fauna** reserve

The national park is home to a diverse **fauna** of animal species.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

overhaul

n. a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

synonym: renovation, revamp, modernization

(1) **overhaul** process, (2) vehicle **overhaul**

The mechanic suggested an **overhaul** of the engine to improve performance.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

underresourced

adj. lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission

synonym : underfunded, deprived, resource-poor

(1) **underresourced** community, (2) **underresourced** nonprofits

The **underresourced** school needed help to provide basic supplies for its students.

worsen

v. to become or make something worse

synonym : languish, degenerate, degrade

(1) **worsen** a relation, (2) **worsen** the food problem

Unilateral import bans have **worsened** that country's terms of trade.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pat_____al society *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
2. white rhi_____os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
3. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
4. con_____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
5. or____t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
6. prevent a la_____de *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
7. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
8. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 1. patriarchal, 2. rhinoceros, 3. parachute, 4. congregate, 5. orient, 6. landslide, 7. conservationist, 8. degrade

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| 9. fa__a reserve | <i>n.</i> the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period |
| 10. wo___n a relation | <i>v.</i> to become or make something worse |
| 11. la_____de victory | <i>n.</i> a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope |
| 12. con_____te in a mosque | <i>v.</i> to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area |
| 13. co_____ve coal resources | <i>v.</i> to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction |
| 14. golden pa_____te | <i>n.</i> a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air |
| 15. en_____ch on the habitat of the animal | <i>v.</i> to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc. |
| 16. en_____ch on the realm | <i>v.</i> to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc. |
| 17. de_____e environmental quality | <i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others |

ANSWERS: 9. fauna, 10. worsen, 11. landslide, 12. congregate, 13. conserve, 14. parachute, 15. encroach, 16. encroach, 17. degrade

18. vehicle ov____ul *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
19. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
20. und_____ced nonprofits *adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
21. local vi____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
22. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
23. or____d garden *n.* a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants
24. the pa____n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

ANSWERS: 18. overhaul, 19. conservationist, 20. underresourced, 21. villager, 22. avert, 23. orchid, 24. patron

25. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
26. or_____an arm *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
27. the exotic flavor of the Or____t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
28. und_____ced community *adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
29. ov_____ul process *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
30. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
31. enc_____ent on personal rights *n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
32. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
33. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 25. untapped, 26. orangutan, 27. orient, 28. underresourced, 29. overhaul, 30. roam, 31. encroachment, 32. conserve, 33. roam

34. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
35. a wa_____ll with a fall of ten feet *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
36. or____d species *n.* a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants
37. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
38. sub_____nt role *adj.* willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive
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40. political pa____n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
41. pat_____al government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
42. scenic wa_____ll *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

ANSWERS: 34. stabilize, 35. waterfall, 36. orchid, 37. stabilize, 38. subservient, 39. subservient, 40. patron, 41. patriarchal, 42. waterfall

43. wo___n the food problem *v.* to become or make something worse
44. the tropical fa__a *n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
45. enc_____ent of territory *n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
46. female or_____an *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
47. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
48. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
49. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
50. rhi_____os habitat *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

ANSWERS: 43. worsen, 44. fauna, 45. encroachment, 46. orangutan, 47. avert, 48. untapped, 49. villager, 50. rhinoceros

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The massive _____ buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.
n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
2. The _____ system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.
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3. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
4. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.
adj. not yet used or exploited
5. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season
v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
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v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
7. Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped _____ basin.
n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

ANSWERS: 1. landslide, 2. patriarchal, 3. roam, 4. untapped, 5. avert, 6. encroach, 7. waterfall

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v. to become or make something worse
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n. the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
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ANSWERS: 8. underresourced, 9. worsened, 10. degrade, 11. fauna, 12. overhaul, 13. congregate, 14. subservient

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- v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

ANSWERS: 15. encroachment, 16. villagers, 17. stabilizes, 18. parachutes, 19. orchid, 20. rhinoceros, 21. orient

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ANSWERS: 22. patron, 23. orangutan, 24. conservationists, 25. conserve