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Session 1: Word List

electrify

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

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

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

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

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.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

livelihood

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

synonym : occupation, living, income

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

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

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym : dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

externality

n. a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit

synonym : impact, consequence, effect

(1) **externality** costs, (2) network **externality**

The negative **externality** of pollution affects not just the polluter but also people living in the surrounding area.

secondly

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

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

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

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

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co___r degree | v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 2. op_____ne occasion | adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 3. a means of liv_____od | n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 4. co___r honor | v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 5. se_____ly connected | adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc. |
| 6. fr_____c pace | adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied |
| 7. network ext_____ty | n. a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit |
| 8. with fr_____c haste | adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied |
| 9. ou_____gh our wishes | v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something |
| 10. absolutely dis_____us effect | adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful |
| 11. po_____e the thread | v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals |

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. opportune, 3. livelihood, 4. confer, 5. secondly, 6. frantic, 7. externality, 8. frantic, 9. outweigh, 10. disastrous, 11. pollute

12. ext_____ty costs *n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit
13. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
14. have dis_____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
15. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
16. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
17. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
18. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
19. ou_____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
20. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

ANSWERS: 12. externality, 13. secondly, 14. disastrous, 15. electrify, 16. opportune, 17. electrify, 18. pollute, 19. outweigh, 20. livelihood

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.
adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

2. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

3. The negative _____ of pollution affects not just the polluter but also people living in the surrounding area.
n. a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit

4. The advantages would undoubtedly _____ the disadvantages.
v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

5. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

6. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. disastrous, 2. livelihood, 3. externality, 4. outweigh, 5. electrify, 6. pollute, 7. opportune

8. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
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9. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
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10. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

ANSWERS: 8. confer, 9. secondly, 10. frantic