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Session 1: Word List

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym: grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym: body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

hose

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

synonym: tube, pipe, conduit

(1) garden **hose**, (2) **hose** bumper

The firefighter grabbed the **hose** and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym : cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

puffy

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

synonym : swollen, distended, inflated

(1) **puffy** off-shore winds, (2) **puffy** eyes

His cheeks looked **puffy** after he overate junk food.

trousers

n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

synonym : pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym : fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**
Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym: trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

confiscate

v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

synonym: seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

synonym: absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**

It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

synonym: cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

bloodletting

n. the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter

synonym: bleeding, phlebotomy, blood donation

(1) **bloodletting** device, (2) ethnic **bloodletting**

The doctor used leeches for **bloodletting**, as they were thought to be more effective than cutting the skin.

ordeal

n. a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

synonym: trial, hardship, torment

(1) **ordeal** by fire, (2) emotional **ordeal**

The car accident was a traumatic **ordeal** for everyone involved.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym : repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym : prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

scandalous

adj. causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

synonym : disgraceful, shocking, shameful

(1) **scandalous** behavior, (2) **scandalous** revelations

The media exposed the **scandalous** affair between the politician and his assistant.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

collarbone

n. the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle

synonym: clavicle, shoulder blade, scapula

(1) broken **collarbone**, (2) dislocated **collarbone**

The athlete suffered a broken **collarbone** after a hard fall during the game.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

sag

v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

synonym: droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

contempt

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

synonym: scorn, disdain, disrespect

(1) display **contempt**, (2) below **contempt**

The defendant's **contempt** for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

lawsuit

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

synonym: suit, legal action, litigation

(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**

The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination

against employees.

attire

n. clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
synonym: clothing, dress, garb

(1) businesslike **attire**, (2) casual **attire**

The formal **attire** for the wedding was a black tie.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym: maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

credential

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

synonym: certify, verify, (noun) certificate

(1) **credential** themselves by showing their registration,
(2) teaching **credential**

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and education.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym: trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

patriarch

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym: father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

silk

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

fraudulent

adj. involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading

synonym : dishonest, deceitful, fallacious

(1) **fraudulent** activity, (2) **fraudulent** alteration of data

The company was involved in a **fraudulent** scheme to scam customers out of money.

luxurious

adj. characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable

synonym : opulent, sumptuous, rich

(1) **luxurious** spa, (2) **luxurious** lifestyle

She was living in a **luxurious** apartment in the city.

jewel

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

synonym : gem, precious stone, treasure

(1) **jewel** of the crown, (2) gleaming **jewel**

She treasured the small **jewel** that her grandmother had given her.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym : hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

restricted

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym : limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet

The country has designated our products as **restricted**

import goods.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

royalty

n. revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

synonym: nobility, aristocracy, monarch

(1) a grandchild of **royalty**, (2) **royalty** income

The **royalty** payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

edgy

adj. being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

synonym: tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

artsy

adj. (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way

synonym: creative, artistic, imaginative

(1) **artsy** film, (2) **artsy** décor

The art exhibit showcased many different **artsy** pieces from local artists.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

professionalism

n. the quality or conduct characterized by a specialist in a particular field having a high degree of skill, knowledge, and good judgment; the standard or code of behavior expected from a professional

synonym : expertise, competence

(1) **professionalism** standards, (2) **professionalism** in the workplace

She showed great **professionalism** in the way she handled the difficult situation.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym : expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym: anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

synonym: brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

braid

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

synonym: plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

suited

adj. appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

synonym : appropriate, fitting, suitable

(1) **suited** for the job, (2) well- **suited** personality

The job offer was perfectly **suited** to her skills and experience.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym : even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym : brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

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.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym: hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym: congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**
He was a member of **parliament**.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym : bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously
She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
synonym: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation
He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

fashionable

adj. popular at a particular time
synonym: chic, stylish, trendy

(1) **fashionable** designs, (2) **fashionable** café
Lengthened skirts are **fashionable** this year.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly
synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**
I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

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.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**
She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

cue

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

synonym : signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**

The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym: slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

restrictive

adj. limiting or confining in nature; imposing limits or restrictions on something or someone

synonym: limiting, inhibiting, confining

(1) **restrictive** policy, (2) **restrictive** diet

The dress code at the office is very **restrictive** and doesn't allow any casual clothing.

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.

savvy

n. the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

synonym: know-how, expertise, skill

(1) a **savvy** investor, (2) tech- **savvy**

His business **savvy** was evident in the success of his company.

gravity

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

synonym : heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

midtown

n. the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

synonym : downtown, city center, central business district

(1) **midtown** traffic, (2) **midtown** coffee shop

The conference is being held in **midtown** Manhattan.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

- gut**
- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
- synonym*: belly, abdomen, courage
- (1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings
- He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.
- reaction**
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
- synonym*: response, reply, answer
- (1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**
- There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.
- subconscious**
- adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
- synonym*: unconscious, latent, hidden
- (1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior
- The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.
- bias**
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
- synonym*: inclination, partiality, predilection
- (1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism
- She researched gender **bias** in politics.
- 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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. take a qu_____on
n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
2. a su___e poison
adj. not readily apparent or visible
3. walk-in cl___ts
n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
4. su___r a setback
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
5. an unexpected si__t
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
6. fra_____nt activity
adj. involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading
7. fas_____le designs
adj. popular at a particular time
8. app_____te behavior
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
9. lu_____us spa
adj. characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable
10. for in_____ce
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
11. blo_____ing device
n. the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter

ANSWERS: 1. quotation, 2. subtle, 3. closet, 4. suffer, 5. sight, 6. fraudulent, 7. fashionable, 8. appropriate, 9. luxurious, 10. instance, 11. bloodletting

21. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
22. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
23. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
24. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
25. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
26. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
27. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
28. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
29. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
30. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

ANSWERS: 21. stereotype, 22. sight, 23. nod, 24. transport, 25. perspective, 26. rage, 27. regularly, 28. shorthand, 29. peninsula, 30. uniform

31. ci_____te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
32. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
33. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
34. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
35. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
36. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
37. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
38. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
39. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
40. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
41. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
42. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 31. circulate, 32. evaluate, 33. obvious, 34. fur, 35. cruel, 36. suffer, 37. vacation, 38. urban, 39. profession, 40. invest, 41. exclude, 42. movement

43. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
44. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
45. mo___l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
46. br___d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
47. mi_____n traffic *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
48. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
49. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
50. below co_____pt *n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn
51. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

ANSWERS: 43. gender, 44. equity, 45. moral, 46. braid, 47. midtown, 48. forbid, 49. exclude, 50. contempt, 51. motivation

52. dislocated col_____ne *n.* the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle
53. e__y fashion *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
54. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
55. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
56. pro_____ism standards *n.* the quality or conduct characterized by a specialist in a particular field having a high degree of skill, knowledge, and good judgment; the standard or code of behavior expected from a professional
57. professional et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
58. be__g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
59. s__k road *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

ANSWERS: 52. collarbone, 53. edgy, 54. heel, 55. fashion, 56. professionalism, 57. ethic, 58. belong, 59. silk

60. res_____ve policy *adj.* limiting or confining in nature; imposing limits or restrictions on something or someone
61. an intentional in___t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
62. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
63. in___t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
64. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
65. minimalist wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
66. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
67. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
68. gleaming je__l *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
69. in_____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
70. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

ANSWERS: 60. restrictive, 61. insult, 62. conclude, 63. insult, 64. parliament, 65. wardrobe, 66. precious, 67. pants, 68. jewel, 69. insidious, 70. fraud

71. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
72. fra_____nt alteration of data *adj.* involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading
73. mo_____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
74. 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
75. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
76. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
77. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
78. con_____te property *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
79. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 71. rev, 72. fraudulent, 73. monstrous, 74. sacrifice, 75. reaction, 76. moral, 77. consequence, 78. confiscate, 79. gender

80. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
81. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
82. a sa___y investor *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
83. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
84. str_____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
85. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
86. execution by burning at a st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
87. fas_____le caf  *adj.* popular at a particular time
88. el___e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
89. the tr___k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

ANSWERS: 80. virtue, 81. elite, 82. savvy, 83. identity, 84. straighten, 85. instance, 86. stake, 87. fashionable, 88. elite, 89. trunk

90. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
91. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
92. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
93. an av___e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
94. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
95. pro_____ism in the workplace *n.* the quality or conduct characterized by a specialist in a particular field having a high degree of skill, knowledge, and good judgment; the standard or code of behavior expected from a professional
96. pu__y eyes *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
97. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
98. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
99. well-su___d personality *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

ANSWERS: 90. cruel, 91. ethic, 92. jail, 93. avenue, 94. judge, 95. professionalism, 96. puffy, 97. relax, 98. harsh, 99. suited

100. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
101. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
102. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
103. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
104. h___l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
105. res_____ed area *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
106. ju___e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
107. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
108. as___t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

ANSWERS: 100. Renaissance, 101. attend, 102. arrest, 103. forbid, 104. heel, 105. restricted, 106. judge, 107. shorthand, 108. assert

109. a grandchild of ro____y *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
110. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
111. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
112. in____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
113. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
114. s_g with fatigue *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
115. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
116. 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

ANSWERS: 109. royalty, 110. gut, 111. protest, 112. insidious, 113. rev, 114. sag, 115. decide, 116. sacrifice

117. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
118. lactose res_____ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
119. sca_____us behavior *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
120. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
121. ar__y d□cor *adj.* (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way
122. emotional or___l *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
123. preserve my gr_____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
124. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
125. teaching cre_____al *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

ANSWERS: 117. racial, 118. restricted, 119. scandalous, 120. subconscious, 121. artsy, 122. ordeal, 123. gravity, 124. unique, 125. credential

126. tech-sa__y *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
127. as___t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
128. cre_____al themselves by showing their registration *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
129. or___l by fire *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
130. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
131. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
132. businesslike at___e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
133. buy the company's st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
134. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

ANSWERS: 126. savvy, 127. assert, 128. credential, 129. ordeal, 130. aristocracy, 131. dispute, 132. attire, 133. stake, 134. exhibit

135. the Arab pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
136. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
137. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
138. fr_____us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
139. broken col_____ne *n.* the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle
140. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
141. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
142. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
143. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
144. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
145. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

ANSWERS: 135. peninsula, 136. afterward, 137. straighten, 138. frivolous, 139. collarbone, 140. rid, 141. rage, 142. exhibit, 143. pants, 144. involve, 145. protest

146. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
147. private eq____y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
148. economic fo____y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
149. res____ve diet *adj.* limiting or confining in nature; imposing limits or restrictions on something or someone
150. file a la____t *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
151. international film fe____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
152. event of a hung par____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
153. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
154. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 146. chemical, 147. equity, 148. folly, 149. restrictive, 150. lawsuit, 151. festival, 152. parliament, 153. attend, 154. decide

155. lu_____us lifestyle *adj.* characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable
156. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
157. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
158. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
159. su___d for the job *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
160. pa_____ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
161. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
162. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
163. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
164. work tr_____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

ANSWERS: 155. luxurious, 156. monstrous, 157. bias, 158. rid, 159. suited, 160. patriarch, 161. harsh, 162. invest, 163. grief, 164. trousers

165. provide su____ or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
166. Pa_____ch of Constantinople *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
167. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
168. cl____t full of suits *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
169. ro_____y income *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
170. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
171. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
172. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
173. denim tr_____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

ANSWERS: 165. superior, 166. patriarch, 167. pretension, 168. closet, 169. royalty, 170. perspective, 171. grief, 172. motivation, 173. trousers

174. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
175. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
176. sca_____us revelations *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
177. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
178. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
179. e__y haircut *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
180. display co_____pt *n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn
181. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
182. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
183. ar__y film *adj.* (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way

ANSWERS: 174. bias, 175. cue, 176. scandalous, 177. chemical, 178. arrest, 179. edgy, 180. contempt, 181. quotation, 182. extreme, 183. artsy

184. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
185. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
186. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
187. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
188. casual at____e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
189. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
190. acquire a vi____e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
191. mi_____n coffee shop *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
192. un____e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
193. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
194. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 184. vacation, 185. consequence, 186. subconscious, 187. suddenly, 188. attire, 189. nod, 190. virtue, 191. midtown, 192. unique, 193. relax, 194. obvious

195. la____t settlement *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
196. act of fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
197. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
198. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
199. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
200. ethnic blo_____ing *n.* the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
201. je__l of the crown *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
202. the attraction of gr____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

ANSWERS: 195. lawsuit, 196. folly, 197. enlightened, 198. movement, 199. circulate, 200. bloodletting, 201. jewel, 202. gravity

203. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
204. ra____l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
205. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
206. gr__m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
207. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
208. su_____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
209. con_____te drugs *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
210. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
211. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
212. our school un_____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

ANSWERS: 203. wardrobe, 204. racial, 205. conclude, 206. groom, 207. suddenly, 208. superior, 209. confiscate, 210. appropriate, 211. identity, 212. uniform

213. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
214. ba_____ot walk *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
215. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
216. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
217. pu___y off-shore winds *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
218. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
219. county j___l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
220. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
221. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
222. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
223. an av_____e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
224. s___k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

ANSWERS: 213. transport, 214. barefoot, 215. Renaissance, 216. involve, 217. puffy, 218. evaluate, 219. jail, 220. profession, 221. extreme, 222. afterward, 223. avenue, 224. silk

225. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
226. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
227. elastic cord br__d *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
228. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
229. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
230. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
231. member of the ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
232. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
233. ba_____ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
234. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 225. fraud, 226. indifference, 227. braid, 228. stereotype, 229. precious, 230. trunk, 231. aristocracy, 232. urban, 233. barefoot, 234. reaction

235. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
236. an artificial f_r *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
237. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
238. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
239. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
240. h__e bumper *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner
241. gr__m a horse *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
242. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 235. indifference, 236. fur, 237. enlightened, 238. cue, 239. subtle, 240. hose, 241. groom, 242. festival

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
2. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
3. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
4. The old mattress _____ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.
v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
5. His cheeks looked _____ after he overate junk food.
adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
6. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
7. The doctor used leeches for _____ as they were thought to be more effective than cutting the skin.
n. the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter

ANSWERS: 1. racial, 2. obvious, 3. ethic, 4. sagged, 5. puffy, 6. precious, 7. bloodletting,

8. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

9. I always feel _____ when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

adj. being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

10. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

11. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

12. The family _____ was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

13. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

14. He was a member of _____.

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

15. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 8. arrest, 9. edgy, 10. extreme, 11. suddenly, 12. patriarch, 13. stake, 14. parliament, 15. sights

16. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

17. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

18. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

19. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

20. The dress code at the office is very _____ and doesn't allow any casual clothing.

adj. limiting or confining in nature; imposing limits or restrictions on something or someone

21. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.

n. a group of persons with high social status

22. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 16. enlightened, 17. insult, 18. relaxed, 19. gut-wrenching, 20. restrictive, 21. aristocracy, 22. gender

23. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
24. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
25. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
26. The ____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.
- n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
27. The company was involved in a _____ scheme to scam customers out of money.
- adj.* involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading
28. The defendant's _____ for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.
- n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn
29. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
30. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 23. renaissance, 24. quotation, 25. stereotypes, 26. fur, 27. fraudulent, 28. contempt, 29. fashion, 30. decide

31. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
32. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
33. The director gave the actor a ____ to begin the scene.
n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
34. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
35. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
36. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.
n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
37. His business _____ was evident in the success of his company.
n. the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
38. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city

ANSWERS: 31. grief, 32. suffers, 33. cue, 34. perspective, 35. exhibit, 36. trunk, 37. savvy, 38. urban

39. The conference is being held in _____ Manhattan.
- n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
40. The car accident was a traumatic _____ for everyone involved.
- n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
41. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.
- n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
42. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.
- n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
43. The country has designated our products as _____ import goods.
- adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
44. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
45. It was _____ for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.
- n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
46. The media exposed the _____ affair between the politician and his assistant.
- adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

ANSWERS: 39. midtown, 40. ordeal, 41. closet, 42. rage, 43. restricted, 44. transportation, 45. folly, 46. scandalous

47. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
48. He was accused of being _____ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.
- adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
49. She showed great _____ in the way she handled the difficult situation.
- n.* the quality or conduct characterized by a specialist in a particular field having a high degree of skill, knowledge, and good judgment; the standard or code of behavior expected from a professional
50. He wore black _____ and a white shirt to the job interview.
- n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
51. She was living in a _____ apartment in the city.
- adj.* characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable
52. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
53. This country has a nationally _____ culture.
- adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

ANSWERS: 47. movement, 48. frivolous, 49. professionalism, 50. trousers, 51. luxurious, 52. identity, 53. uniform

54. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
55. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
56. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
57. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.
v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
58. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
n. the value of the shares issued by a company
59. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
60. The security officer had to _____ the weapon from the suspect.
v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
61. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
62. Lengthened skirts are _____ this year.
adj. popular at a particular time

ANSWERS: 54. circulates, 55. belong, 56. instances, 57. straighten, 58. equity, 59. evaluate, 60. confiscate, 61. motivation, 62. fashionable

63. The art exhibit showcased many different _____ pieces from local artists.

adj. (also artsy) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way

64. She wore high _____ to the party.

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

65. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

66. The _____ hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

67. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

68. Do you have a plan for a long _____

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

69. 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

ANSWERS: 63. artsy, 64. heels, 65. subconscious, 66. barefoot, 67. involves, 68. vacation?, 69. invest

70. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

71. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

72. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

73. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

74. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

75. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

76. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

77. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

78. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

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

ANSWERS: 70. unique, 71. gravity, 72. moral, 73. profession, 74. protest, 75. bias, 76. jewel, 77. pants, 78. rev

79. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.

- v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

80. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

- n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

81. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

- adj.* not readily apparent or visible

82. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

- adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

83. I tried to assume an air of _____.

- n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

84. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

85. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

- n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

86. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.

- adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

ANSWERS: 79. groom, 80. shorthand, 81. subtle, 82. harsh, 83. indifference, 84. consequences, 85. festival, 86. monstrous

87. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

88. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

89. We must ___ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

90. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

91. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

92. She always wore her hair in a single _____ down her back.

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

93. The _____ payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.

n. revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

94. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

ANSWERS: 87. concluded, 88. insidious, 89. rid, 90. judge, 91. excludes, 92. braid, 93. royalty, 94. fraud

95. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
96. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
97. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
98. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.
adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
99. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.
v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
100. The formal _____ for the wedding was a black tie.
n. clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
101. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
102. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
103. The athlete suffered a broken _____ after a hard fall during the game.
n. the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle

ANSWERS: 95. peninsula, 96. dispute, 97. cruel, 98. superior, 99. asserted, 100. attire, 101. appropriate, 102. jail, 103. collarbone

104. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

105. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

106. To get the job, I need to _____ my experience and education.

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

107. They explored every _____ they could think of.

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

108. She had many good _____ and few faults.

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

109. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

110. The job offer was perfectly _____ to her skills and experience.

adj. appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

111. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 104. attend, 105. chemical, 106. credential, 107. avenue, 108. virtues, 109. reaction, 110. suited, 111. afterward

112. The firefighter grabbed the _____ and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

113. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

114. 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

115. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

116. She wore a _____ dress to the party.

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

117. The company is facing a _____ for its alleged discrimination against employees.

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

118. God _____ you should regret your marriage.

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

ANSWERS: 112. hose, 113. regularly, 114. sacrifice, 115. wardrobe, 116. silk, 117. lawsuit, 118. forbid

119. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

120. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

121. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 119. elites, 120. pretensions, 121. nodded