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Session 1: Word List

samurai

n. a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido

synonym: warrior, fighter, swordsman

(1) **samurai** sword, (2) **samurai** lifestyle

Samurai culture emphasized honor, discipline, and respect for one's superiors.

bamboo

n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

synonym: cane, reed, stem

(1) **bamboo** crafts, (2) **bamboo** flooring

The stalks of **bamboo** can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

grove

n. a small group of trees growing closely together

synonym: copse, thicket, underbrush

(1) a bamboo **grove**, (2) citrus **grove**

They walked through the **grove** of trees and admired the natural beauty.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

transpire

v. to happen or be revealed

synonym: occur, happen, take place

(1) **transpire** as expected, (2) **transpire** in the news

It finally **transpired** that an employee had stolen the missing money.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym: affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

plausible

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

synonym: probable, conceivable, credible

(1) **plausible** explanation, (2) a **plausible** liar

She could find no **plausible** explanation for its failure.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym: assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

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.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

conceivable

adj. imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind

synonym : believable, imaginable, probable

(1) **conceivable** way, (2) **conceivable** emergency

It is challenging to defend every **conceivable** target.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym : feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished

career as a consultant

unreliability

n. the quality or state of not being dependable or trustworthy, often used to describe a person or thing that cannot be counted on to perform or deliver as expected

synonym : undependability, capriciousness, inconsistency

(1) **unreliability** of data, (2) frequent **unreliability**

The **unreliability** of the train system was frustrating for commuters who needed to arrive on time.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym : observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym : affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

closure

n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

synonym : shutdown, stoppage, termination

(1) public school **closures** , (2) **closure** of a road

They regretted the **closure** of their restaurant.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

definitive

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

synonym : conclusive, final, decisive

(1) **definitive** answer, (2) a **definitive** edition

The study provided **definitive** proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym : damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym : unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym : inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information
By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**
There was no **hint** of a problem.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news
Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

frustrate

- v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

plot

- n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

subvert

- v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

mystery

- n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

refuse

- v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
- synonym*: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company
My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts
I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy
synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling
His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory
The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**
Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**
His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

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.

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.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

egocentric

adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

synonym : self-centered, narcissistic, egotistical

(1) **egocentric** personality, (2) **egocentric** world view

His **egocentric** behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.

subconsciously

adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

synonym : unconsciously, without thinking

(1) **subconsciously** influenced, (2) controlled **subconsciously**

He **subconsciously** picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym : alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

encode

v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

synonym : transcribe, convert

(1) **encode** data, (2) **encode** information

The software can **encode** and decode encrypted messages.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym : remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name
She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
synonym: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

embellish

v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

synonym: decorate, adorn, beautify

(1) **embellish** a story, (2) **embellish** a room

I decided to **embellish** the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

dataset

n. a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes

synonym: data array, database

(1) **dataset** analysis, (2) publicly available **dataset**

The scientist analyzed the large **dataset** to conclude the experiment.

analytical

adj. relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

synonym: investigative, logical, cogent

(1) **analytical** approach, (2) **analytical** ability

He is **analytical** and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion
The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

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.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once

every five years.

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

disgruntled

adj. displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

synonym : dissatisfied, resentful, unhappy

(1) become **disgruntled** at work, (2) **disgruntled** customer

The **disgruntled** employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

summit

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

synonym : peak, top, crest

(1) reach the **summit**, (2) **summit** talks

The climbers reached the mountain's **summit** after a long and challenging journey.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

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.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job

offers.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

embrace

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

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|---|
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| 2. re___e a request | <i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something |
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| 4. a man of imp_____ce | <i>n.</i> the quality of being important and worthy of note |
| 5. have a b__s toward socialism | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment |
| 6. provide ac_____te information | <i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details |
| 7. v__y directly with the price | <i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc. |
| 8. de_____on authority | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 9. wi_____s of the car accident | <i>n.</i> a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident |
| 10. con_____le way | <i>adj.</i> imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind |
| 11. un___e design | <i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else |

ANSWERS: 1. testimony, 2. refuse, 3. transpire, 4. importance, 5. bias, 6. accurate, 7. vary, 8. decision, 9. witness, 10. conceivable, 11. unique

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23. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
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28. sa_____i sword *n.* a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido
29. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
30. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
31. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
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33. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 23. influence, 24. transform, 25. interpretation, 26. paranoid, 27. singular, 28. samurai, 29. reshape, 30. frequent, 31. statistics, 32. disgruntled, 33. mystery

34. en___e information *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
35. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
36. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
37. publicly available da_____t *n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
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40. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
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42. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 34. encode, 35. tale, 36. metaphor, 37. dataset, 38. frustrate, 39. tempting, 40. highlight, 41. recall, 42. background

43. ba___o flooring *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
44. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
45. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
46. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
47. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
48. def_____ve answer *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
49. cl_____e of a road *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
50. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
51. ego_____ic world view *adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
52. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 43. bamboo, 44. enormous, 45. doubt, 46. frequent, 47. plot, 48. definitive, 49. closure, 50. reshape, 51. egocentric, 52. undermine

53. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
54. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
55. unr_____ity of data *n.* the quality or state of not being dependable or trustworthy, often used to describe a person or thing that cannot be counted on to perform or deliver as expected
56. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
57. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
58. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
59. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
60. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
61. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

ANSWERS: 53. plot, 54. cast, 55. unreliability, 56. incorporate, 57. individual, 58. resident, 59. influence, 60. conviction, 61. tempting

62. tr_____re as expected *v.* to happen or be revealed
63. sub_____sly influenced *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
64. ba____o crafts *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
65. controlled sub_____sly *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
66. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
67. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
68. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
69. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
70. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
71. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

ANSWERS: 62. transpire, 63. subconsciously, 64. bamboo, 65. subconsciously, 66. specific, 67. identify, 68. universal, 69. perception, 70. testimony, 71. grapple

72. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
73. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
74. em_____sh a room *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
75. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
76. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
77. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
78. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
79. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
80. ego_____ic personality *adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

ANSWERS: 72. perspective, 73. background, 74. embellish, 75. phenomenon, 76. highlight, 77. adapt, 78. mystery, 79. typical, 80. egocentric

81. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
82. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
83. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
84. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
85. si_____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
86. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
87. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
88. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
89. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
90. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
91. citrus gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
92. ve____y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
93. en____e data *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

ANSWERS: 81. enormous, 82. messy, 83. capture, 84. vary, 85. singular, 86. achieve, 87. filmmaker, 88. tale, 89. internal, 90. adapt, 91. grove, 92. verify, 93. encode

94. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
95. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
96. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
97. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
98. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
99. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
100. a bamboo gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
101. a def_____ve edition *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
102. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
103. pl_____le explanation *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
104. con_____le emergency *adj.* imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind

ANSWERS: 94. specific, 95. imply, 96. metaphor, 97. ambiguity, 98. anthropology, 99. psychology, 100. grove, 101. definitive, 102. complicated, 103. plausible, 104. conceivable

105. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
106. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
107. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
108. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
109. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
110. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
111. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
112. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
113. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
114. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
115. ana_____al approach *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

ANSWERS: 105. refuse, 106. unique, 107. grapple, 108. incorporate, 109. embrace, 110. biology, 111. internal, 112. frustrate, 113. complexity, 114. narrator, 115. analytical

116. a theoretical concept in
neu_____nce
117. da_____t analysis
118. moral con_____on
119. public school cl_____es
120. un_____ne their adversary's
reputation
121. in_____e a high degree of risk
122. vi____l navigation
123. re____l his name
124. su_____t power
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
- n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
- n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
- n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
- v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
- v.* to remember something
- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

ANSWERS: 116. neuroscience, 117. dataset, 118. conviction, 119. closure, 120. undermine, 121. involve, 122. visual, 123. recall, 124. subvert

125. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
126. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
127. reach the su____t *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
128. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assing or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
129. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
130. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
131. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
132. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
133. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
134. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
135. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 125. resident, 126. narrator, 127. summit, 128. cast, 129. identify, 130. unreliable, 131. complicated, 132. regularly, 133. introduction, 134. premise, 135. compete

136. un_____al life	<i>adj.</i> existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
137. su___t talks	<i>n.</i> the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
138. evolutionary bi_____y	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
139. helpful h__ts	<i>n.</i> an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
140. b__s against a big company	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
141. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
142. re_____t a conversation with him	<i>v.</i> to describe what happened or to narrate a story
143. ac_____e milestones	<i>v.</i> to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
144. int_____ion education	<i>n.</i> a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
145. no do__t about the news	<i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
146. cognitive com_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 136. universal, 137. summit, 138. biology, 139. hint, 140. bias, 141. psychology, 142. recount, 143. achieve, 144. introduction, 145. doubt, 146. complexity

147. em_____sh a story *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
148. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
149. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
150. eye_____ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
151. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
152. pa_____id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
153. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
154. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
155. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 147. embellish, 148. capture, 149. decision, 150. eyewitness, 151. perception, 152. paranoid, 153. underlying, 154. importance, 155. visual

156. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
157. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
158. su_____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
159. ana_____al ability *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze
160. a memory of an eye_____ss *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
161. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
162. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
163. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
164. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
165. re_____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story

ANSWERS: 156. statistics, 157. hint, 158. subvert, 159. analytical, 160. eyewitness, 161. unreliable, 162. individual, 163. anthropology, 164. involve, 165. recount

166. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
167. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
168. sa_____i lifestyle *n.* a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido
169. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
170. become dis_____ed at work *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
171. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
172. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
173. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
174. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
175. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
176. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 166. compete, 167. phenomenon, 168. samurai, 169. accurate, 170. disgruntled, 171. witness, 172. ambiguity, 173. imply, 174. interpretation, 175. typical, 176. perspective

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We always _____ all critical information independently.
v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
2. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
3. There was no _____ of a problem.
n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
4. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
5. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
6. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
7. It finally _____ that an employee had stolen the missing money.
v. to happen or be revealed
8. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 1. verify, 2. neuroscience, 3. hint, 4. complexity, 5. Doubt, 6. tales, 7. transpired, 8. biology

9. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

10. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

11. They regretted the _____ of their restaurant.

n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

12. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

13. I decided to _____ the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.

v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

14. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

15. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

16. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 9. specific, 10. psychology, 11. closure, 12. individual, 13. embellish, 14. accurate, 15. refuse, 16. resident

17. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
18. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
19. The scientist analyzed the large _____ to conclude the experiment.
- n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
20. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.
- n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
21. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
22. She could find no _____ explanation for its failure.
- adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
23. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.
- adv.* at regular intervals or times

ANSWERS: 17. highlighted, 18. anthropology, 19. dataset, 20. premise, 21. subvert, 22. plausible, 23. regularly

24. He is _____ and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.

adj. relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

25. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

adj. disorganized and untidy

26. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

v. to remember something

27. His _____ behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.

adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

28. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

29. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

30. 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

31. The _____ testimony was crucial in solving the case.

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

ANSWERS: 24. analytical, 25. messy, 26. recalls, 27. egocentric, 28. paranoid, 29. decision, 30. bias, 31. eyewitness

32. They _____ events that have already occurred.

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

33. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

34. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

35. The study provided _____ proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

36. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

37. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

38. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

39. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 32. recount, 33. internal, 34. narrator, 35. definitive, 36. plot, 37. underlying, 38. complicated, 39. cast

40. The woods _____ the house.

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

41. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

42. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

- n.* being only one of its kind; unique

43. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

44. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

45. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

46. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

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

47. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 40. embrace, 41. perception, 42. singular, 43. vary, 44. identify, 45. achieve, 46. perspective, 47. statistics

48. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

49. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

50. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.

v. to change the form or structure of something

51. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

52. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

53. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

54. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

55. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 48. transformed, 49. metaphors, 50. reshaped, 51. imply, 52. conviction, 53. witnessing, 54. capture, 55. visual

56. The _____ employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

adj. displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

57. The climbers reached the mountain's _____ after a long and challenging journey.

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

58. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

59. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

60. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

61. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

62. The software can _____ and decode encrypted messages.

v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

63. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

ANSWERS: 56. disgruntled, 57. summit, 58. importance, 59. unreliable, 60. incorporate, 61. tempting, 62. encode, 63. testimony

64. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
65. His heartaches are less _____ now.
- adj.* happening constantly
66. The stalks of _____ can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.
- n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
67. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
68. It is challenging to defend every _____ target.
- adj.* imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind
69. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
70. This artwork is _____ of her work.
- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
71. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

ANSWERS: 64. introduction, 65. frequent, 66. bamboo, 67. frustrate, 68. conceivable, 69. adapt, 70. typical, 71. filmmaker

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

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

73. His _____ of literary works are often unique.

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

74. _____ culture emphasized honor, discipline, and respect for one's superiors.

n. a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido

75. 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

76. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

77. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

78. The _____ of the train system was frustrating for commuters who needed to arrive on time.

n. the quality or state of not being dependable or trustworthy, often used to describe a person or thing that cannot be counted on to perform or deliver as expected

79. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 72. unique, 73. interpretations, 74. Samurai, 75. involves, 76. compete, 77. universal, 78. unreliability, 79. mystery

80. He _____ picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

81. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

82. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

83. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

84. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

85. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

86. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

87. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.

n. a small group of trees growing closely together

ANSWERS: 80. subconsciously, 81. influence, 82. background, 83. phenomenon, 84. enormous, 85. undermine, 86. ambiguity, 87. grove

88. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

- v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

ANSWERS: 88. grapple