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Session 1: Word List

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
synonym: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

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.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym: unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

uncharted

adj. not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action

synonym: unknown, unexplored, undiscovered

(1) **uncharted** wilderness, (2) **uncharted** waters

The explorer ventured into **uncharted** territory, not knowing what to expect.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

breakdown

n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization

synonym: collapse, failure, malfunction

(1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance

The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

meltdown

n. a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

synonym: collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**

The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one

for danger and the other for opportunity.

blare

v. to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly
synonym : blast, screech, trumpet

(1) **blare** music, (2) **blare** a horn

The music **blared** from the car's open windows.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of

synthetic chemicals

synonym : biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

inequality

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

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym: middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym: subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

railroad

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

synonym: railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

folk *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
synonym: community, family, person
(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district
Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

assassination *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
synonym: murder, killing, execution
(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot
The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

lifetime *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
synonym: lifespan, duration
(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

apartheid *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression
(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies
The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

affirmation *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
synonym: confirmation, validation, endorsement
(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**
The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

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.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym: emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

toddler

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

synonym : child, infant, youngster

(1) an active **toddler**, (2) **toddler** in nappy

A **toddler** needs constant supervision and firm control.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym: crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

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.

electrify

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

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

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

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

override

v. to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else

synonym : overrule, annul, nullify

(1) **override** the system, (2) **override** a veto

The CEO decided to **override** the decision made by the lower-level managers.

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.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

subsistence

n. the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

synonym : survival, livelihood, existence

(1) **subsistence** economy, (2) **subsistence** farming

The farmer's **subsistence** depended on his crops and livestock.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity
These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym: ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym: sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions

The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

superstar

n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

synonym : celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74

miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

synonym : fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

seawall

n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

synonym : embankment, breakwater

(1) strong **seawall**, (2) **seawall** construction

The beachfront property owners installed a **seawall** to protect their homes from the rising tides.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym :

belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym : charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym : exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

lifeboat

n. a small boat designed to be launched from a larger vessel in case of an emergency, typically used to rescue passengers or crew members in danger of drowning

synonym : rescue boat, safety boat, emergency vessel

(1) launch **lifeboat**, (2) coastal **lifeboat** station

The passengers were evacuated from the sinking ship and boarded the **lifeboat**.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym : fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

Session 2: Spelling

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17. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
18. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
19. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
20. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
21. w__m of youth *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
22. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 12. territory, 13. process, 14. folk, 15. thrive, 16. flood, 17. harvest, 18. greet, 19. prioritize, 20. emotional, 21. whim, 22. racism

23. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
24. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
25. 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
26. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
27. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
28. 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
29. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
30. gr_____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
31. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
32. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 23. poet, 24. overwhelm, 25. decision, 26. refugee, 27. terrifying, 28. avenue, 29. electrify, 30. greedy, 31. suddenly, 32. despair

33. ju____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
34. ap_____id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
35. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
36. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
37. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
38. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
39. coast-to-coast ra_____ad *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
40. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
41. ra_____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
42. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 33. justice, 34. apartheid, 35. terrifying, 36. unfold, 37. thrive, 38. decide, 39. railroad, 40. violent, 41. railroad, 42. policy

43. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
44. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
45. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
46. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
47. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
48. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
49. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
50. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
51. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 43. economy, 44. privilege, 45. philanthropy, 46. division, 47. endlessly, 48. electrify, 49. tragedy, 50. quarter, 51. emotional

52. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
53. eat or ____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
54. su__y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
55. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
56. ob____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
57. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
58. ho____e environment *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
59. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
60. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
61. pri____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 52. grip, 53. organic, 54. subway, 55. dictator, 56. obstacle, 57. catastrophe, 58. hostile, 59. underground, 60. lens, 61. prioritize

62. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
63. ov_____de a veto *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
64. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
65. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
66. to_____r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
67. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
68. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
69. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
70. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

ANSWERS: 62. refugee, 63. override, 64. privilege, 65. flood, 66. toddler, 67. deny, 68. therapy, 69. barb, 70. exposed

71. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
72. time z___e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
73. c___e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
74. complex v___b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
75. the mi_____on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
76. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
77. st___k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
78. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
79. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
80. sp___e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

ANSWERS: 71. desert, 72. zone, 73. core, 74. verb, 75. migration, 76. disaster, 77. stick, 78. crisis, 79. property, 80. sphere

81. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
82. rapid transit su____y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
83. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
84. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
85. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
86. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
87. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
88. business sp____e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

ANSWERS: 81. renewable, 82. subway, 83. stick, 84. process, 85. justice, 86. assassination, 87. recognize, 88. sphere

89. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
90. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
91. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
92. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
93. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
94. ap_____id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
95. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
96. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
97. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
98. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
99. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 89. overwhelm, 90. vulnerable, 91. well-being, 92. climate, 93. crisis, 94. apartheid, 95. harvest, 96. fuel, 97. possibility, 98. endlessly, 99. grateful

100. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
101. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
102. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
103. statement of aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
104. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
105. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
106. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
107. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
108. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

ANSWERS: 100. cultivate, 101. racism, 102. prosecute, 103. affirmation, 104. emotion, 105. commitment, 106. economy, 107. fuel, 108. grip

109. self-aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
110. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
111. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
112. a nervous br_____wn *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
113. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
114. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
115. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
116. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
117. coastal li_____at station *n.* a small boat designed to be launched from a larger vessel in case of an emergency, typically used to rescue passengers or crew members in danger of drowning
118. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
119. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 109. affirmation, 110. greet, 111. traffic, 112. breakdown, 113. midst, 114. balance, 115. quarter, 116. division, 117. lifeboat, 118. despair, 119. core

120. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
121. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
122. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
123. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
124. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
125. sub_____ce economy *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
126. di___t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
127. strong se_____l *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

ANSWERS: 120. folk, 121. commitment, 122. lens, 123. balance, 124. philanthropy, 125. subsistence, 126. divert, 127. seawall

128. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
129. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
130. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
131. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
132. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
133. bl__e music *v.* to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly
134. en____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
135. gr____y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
136. br____wn maintenance *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
137. launch li____at *n.* a small boat designed to be launched from a larger vessel in case of an emergency, typically used to rescue passengers or crew members in danger of drowning

ANSWERS: 128. suddenly, 129. policy, 130. emotion, 131. unfold, 132. therapy, 133. blare, 134. endless, 135. greedy, 136. breakdown, 137. lifeboat

138. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
139. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
140. me_____wn disaster *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
141. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
142. un_____ed waters *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
143. bl__e a horn *v.* to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly
144. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
145. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
146. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
147. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
148. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 138. cultivate, 139. renewable, 140. meltdown, 141. disaster, 142. uncharted, 143. blare, 144. dictator, 145. famine, 146. responsible, 147. communal, 148. possibility

149. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
150. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
151. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
152. at the w__m of circumstance *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
153. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
154. 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
155. jazz su_____ar *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
156. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
157. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
158. di___t attention *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

ANSWERS: 149. assassination, 150. decision, 151. inequality, 152. whim, 153. xenophobia, 154. decide, 155. superstar, 156. inevitable, 157. famine, 158. divert

159. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
160. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
161. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
162. an auxiliary v___b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
163. se_____l construction *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
164. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
165. d___y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
166. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
167. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
168. or_____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

ANSWERS: 159. prosecute, 160. exposed, 161. property, 162. verb, 163. seawall, 164. well-being, 165. deny, 166. lifetime, 167. invade, 168. organic

169. economic me_____wn *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
170. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
171. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
172. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
173. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
174. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
175. overseas mi_____on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
176. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
177. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
178. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
179. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 169. meltdown, 170. catastrophe, 171. recognize, 172. midst, 173. climate, 174. hurricane, 175. migration, 176. xenophobia, 177. vulnerable, 178. violent, 179. zone

180. ov____de the system *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
181. the aftermath of this tr____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
182. und____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
183. 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
184. an ob____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
185. un____ed wilderness *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
186. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
187. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
188. an active to____r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk

ANSWERS: 180. override, 181. tragedy, 182. underground, 183. avenue, 184. obstacle, 185. uncharted, 186. communal, 187. barb, 188. toddler

189. su_____ar athlete *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
190. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
191. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
192. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
193. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
194. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
195. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
196. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 189. superstar, 190. suffer, 191. endless, 192. responsible, 193. fundamental, 194. suffer, 195. inequality, 196. lifetime

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
2. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.
n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
3. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
4. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
5. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
6. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.
v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
7. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

ANSWERS: 1. violent, 2. railroad, 3. cores, 4. lifetime, 5. therapy, 6. divert, 7. division

8. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
9. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
10. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
11. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.
- adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
12. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
13. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
14. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 8. economy, 9. territory, 10. emotions, 11. endless, 12. inequality, 13. underground, 14. privilege

15. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.
- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
16. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
17. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
18. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
19. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
20. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
- n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
21. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 15. lens, 16. vulnerable, 17. unfolded, 18. policy, 19. suddenly, 20. grip, 21. dictator

22. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.
n. the middle part of people or things
23. The passengers were evacuated from the sinking ship and boarded the _____.
n. a small boat designed to be launched from a larger vessel in case of an emergency, typically used to rescue passengers or crew members in danger of drowning
24. 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
25. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
26. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
27. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.
adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
28. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
29. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 22. midst, 23. lifeboat, 24. decide, 25. floods, 26. disaster, 27. endlessly, 28. emotional, 29. fundamental

30. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
31. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
32. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
33. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
34. 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
35. The CEO decided to _____ the decision made by the lower-level managers.
- v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
36. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
- n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 30. property, 31. racism, 32. responsible, 33. well-being, 34. suffers, 35. override, 36. refugees

37. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
38. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.
n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
39. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
40. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
41. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
42. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
43. 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
44. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.
n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
45. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 37. greedy, 38. migration, 39. invade, 40. fuel, 41. prioritized, 42. thrive, 43. avenue, 44. verb, 45. stick

46. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
47. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
48. The _____ of the machinery caused a delay in production.
n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization
49. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
50. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
51. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.
adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed
52. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
53. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 46. zone, 47. commitments, 48. breakdown, 49. crisis, 50. denying, 51. hostile, 52. possibility, 53. process

54. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
55. She is a _____ in the music industry.
n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete
56. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
57. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
58. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
59. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.
v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
60. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
61. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
62. The _____ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.
n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly

ANSWERS: 54. assassination, 55. superstar, 56. philanthropy, 57. renewable, 58. Climate, 59. cultivate, 60. balance, 61. exposed, 62. affirmation

63. The nuclear _____ in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.
- n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
64. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
- n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
65. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
66. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
67. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.
- n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
68. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
69. The farmer's _____ depended on his crops and livestock.
- n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

ANSWERS: 63. meltdown, 64. famine, 65. electrify, 66. tragedy, 67. xenophobia, 68. overwhelm, 69. subsistence

70. The beachfront property owners installed a _____ to protect their homes from the rising tides.
- n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
71. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.
- v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
72. A _____ needs constant supervision and firm control.
- n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
73. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
74. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
75. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
- n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
76. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 70. seawall, 71. prosecute, 72. toddler, 73. recognize, 74. sphere, 75. catastrophe, 76. traffic

77. His friend's death drove him to _____.
- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
78. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
79. The explorer ventured into _____ territory, not knowing what to expect.
- adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
80. He quit his job on a _____ and moved to a new city.
- n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
81. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
- n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
82. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry
83. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
84. The South African government enforced _____ laws that segregated people based on race.
- n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

ANSWERS: 77. despair, 78. greeted, 79. uncharted, 80. whim, 81. obstacle, 82. poet, 83. quarter, 84. apartheid

85. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
86. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
87. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
88. She was _____ for the help he provided.
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
89. 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
90. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
91. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
92. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
93. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 85. inevitable, 86. terrifying, 87. subway, 88. grateful, 89. decision, 90. justice, 91. hurricane, 92. Communal, 93. barbs

94. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

95. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

96. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

97. The music _____ from the car's open windows.

v. to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly

98. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 94. desert, 95. organic, 96. harvest, 97. blared, 98. folk