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Session 1: Word List

lockdown	an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19			
	(1) go on lockdown , (2) lockdown area			
	The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide lockdown measure.			
pandemic	 <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area <i>synonym</i>: outbreak 			
	(1) flu pandemic , (2) global pandemic			
	They fear a pandemic of a new type of virus.			
coronavirus	 n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 synonym: covid 			
	(1) coronavirus antibody test kit, (2) coronavirus bankruptcy			
	Considering the situation of coronavirus , organized stopped this year's beer festival.			

retake	 v. to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result synonym: recapture, reclaim, recover
	(1) retake photo, (2) retake control
	I will have to retake this test to get a passing grade.
avert	v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
	synonym: discourage, prevent, deter
	(1) avert disaster, (2) avert a strike
	The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to avert flooding during the rainy season
unparalleled	 <i>adj.</i> without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other <i>synonym</i>: outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable
	(1) unparalleled views, (2) an unparalleled achievement
	Several American technology companies have achieved unparalleled success in terms of customer numbers.
zen	 n. a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements synonym: meditative, peaceful, tranquil
	(1) zen garden, (2) zen meditation
	Daily yoga helped her achieve a zen state of mind and calmness.
glacier	 a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole synonym: iceberg, ice floe
	(1) glacier retreat, (2) glaciers move tardily
	The glaciers of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

quagmire	 <i>n</i>. a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament <i>synonym</i>: morass, swamp, bog 			
	 (1) sink into a quagmire, (2) quagmire debate The company found itself in a legal quagmire, unable to resolve the issue without causing harm to its reputation. 			
tendril	 n. a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function synonym: vine, creeper 			
	(1) tendril of hair, (2) creeping tendril			
	The plant's delicate tendril curled around the trellis as it began to climb.			
depict	<i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph <i>synonym</i> : illustrate, describe, express			
	(1) depict a scene, (2) depict a feeling of isolation			
	His son had accurately depicted the bloom.			
disrupt	 v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into 			
	(1) disrupt a well-ordered condition, (2) disrupt sleep			
	I'm so sorry to disrupt you when you're pretty busy.			
determinant	 <i>n</i>. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result <i>synonym</i>: cause, factor, element 			
	(1) environmental determinant , (2) a determinant of crop yields			
	One determinant of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.			

wreck	 n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation
	(1) the house was a wreck , (2) a worthless wreck
	The divers accidentally discovered a wreck on the ocean
	floor.
futile	<i>adj.</i> incapable of producing any useful result; pointless <i>synonym</i> : useless, worthless, ineffective
	(1) futile talk, (2) make a futile protest
	It was futile to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.
monk	 n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience synonym: friar, cleric, brother
	(1) monk lifestyle, (2) cloistered monk
	The ascetic monk spent his days in prayer and
	contemplation in the monastery.
monastic	<i>adj.</i> relating to monk or monasticism; ascetic or austere in lifestyle or habits
	synonym: contemplative, solitary, austere
	(1) monastic community, (2) monastic orders
	The monastic lifestyle of the monks involved living in solitude and silence.
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.
rejoin	<i>v.</i> to return to someone or something <i>synonym</i> : come back, return, reunite

	(1) rejoin their mother ship, (2) rejoin the party
	After the battle, the soldier managed to rejoin his unit.
geopolitical	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
	(1) the geopolitical situations, (2) reduce geopolitical risk The country holds dominant geopolitical power over its neighbors.
dedicate	 v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use synonym: consecrate, devote, commit
	(1) dedicate a few hours, (2) dedicate a chapter to the subject
	He dedicated his life to helping others.
paramount	<i>adj.</i> more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position<i>synonym</i>: central, major, crucial
	(1) the lord paramount , (2) paramount to all the others
	This country became a country of paramount geostrategic importance to us.
caregiving	<i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
	synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting
	 (1) caregiving process, (2) caregiving responsibilities She devoted her life to caregiving, looking after her aging parents.
doe	 <i>n</i>. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit <i>synonym</i>: rabbit, bunny, hare
	(1) doe rabbit, (2) buck and doe

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags. meaningless *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless (1) a meaningless endeavor, (2) do a meaningless task This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical. *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in lofty style or language synonym: high, elevated, grand (1) a lofty peak, (2) lofty ambitions His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic. to bring under control by force or authority conquer v. synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue (1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving. to frighten someone very much terrify v. *synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify (1) terrify people, (2) the threats terrify him It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks. a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about trepidation n. something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous synonym: fear, anxiety, apprehension (1) trembling with trepidation, (2) sense of trepidation She felt **trepidation** as she approached the podium to give her speech.

stubborn	 adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined
	(1) stubborn attitude, (2) stubborn stains
	He was so stubborn about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
optimism	<i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
	synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness
	(1) sense of optimism , (2) political optimism
	There is considerable optimism that the economy will
	recover soon.
animate	v. to make something full of interest and energysynonym: invigorate, energize, enliven
	(1) animate the body, (2) animate his soul
	The positive attitude of the supervisor animated the
	discussion.
infuse	 v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue synonym: instill, fill, permeate
	(1) infuse with spirit, (2) infuse life with meaning
	She infused fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
suffrage	 n. the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them synonym: franchise, vote, enfranchisement
	(1) suffrage movement, (2) female suffrage
	The suffrage march was a peaceful protest demanding
	voting rights for women.
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.
frightening	<i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming <i>synonym</i> : scary, terrifying, alarming
	(1) cast frightening eyes, (2) frightening experience
	The news of the pandemic was a frightening reminder of the fragility of human health.
adversary	 <i>n</i>. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent <i>synonym</i>: opponent, enemy, foe
	(1) adversary team, (2) political adversary
	The boxer's toughest adversary was his fear of losing.
grit	<i>n.</i> very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
	synonym: determination, fortitude, courage
	(1) grit determination, (2) grit washer
	She has a lot of grit and determination to succeed.
pessimistic	adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcomesynonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing
	(1) take a pessimistic view of life, (2) pessimistic for our
	survival
	She was unduly pessimistic about her future.
powerless	adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
	synonym: helpless, impotent, feeble

	(1) powerless position, (2) powerless in the organization During the hurricane, we felt powerless against the winds and rain.
mobilize	 v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose synonym: activate, rally, marshal
	(1) mobilize cooperation, (2) mobilize a stiff jointThe military mobilized troops to the border.
drastic	 adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact synonym: extreme, fierce, radical
	(1) drastic measures, (2) make drastic revision The global community is undergoing drastic changes at present.
crossroad	 n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences synonym: intersection, junction, fork
	(1) critical crossroad, (2) major crossroad
	I'm at a career crossroads and unsure which path to take.
regenerative	<i>adj.</i> tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue <i>synonym</i> : rejuvenating, restorative, healing
	(1) regenerative medicine, (2) regenerative therapy
	The regenerative properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.
regenerate	 v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful synonym: renew, revive, improve
	(1) regenerate bone tissue, (2) a regenerate sinner The new CEO's primary mission is to regenerate the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

verve	 n. energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal synonym: energy, enthusiasm, vitality 		
	(1) journalistic verve , (2) perform with verve		
	The artist's work is known for its vibrant colors and energetic verve .		
tenacity	 n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling synonym: persistence, determination, perseverance 		
	(1) tenacity of purpose, (2) show tenacity		
	Her tenacity in pursuing her dreams has inspired many		
	people.		
beacon	 n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker 		
	(1) an aerial beacon , (2) beacon of hope		
	The lighthouse served as a beacon to guide ships safely into		
	port.		
falter	 v. to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky synonym: hesitate, stumble, waver 		
	(1) falter in decision-making, (2) falter in speech		
	My confidence began to falter as I gave my presentation in		
	front of the class.		

Session 2: Spelling

1.	far in speech	ν.	to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky
2.	gt determination	n.	very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
3.	sense of opsm	n.	a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
4.	take a pesic view of life	adj.	tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
5.	the lord pant	adj.	more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
6.	und 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
7.	do a meass task	adj.	having no meaning, direction, or purpose
8.	a meass endeavor	adj.	having no meaning, direction, or purpose
9.	ren their mother ship	<i>v</i> .	to return to someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. falter, 2. grit, 3. optimism, 4. pessimistic, 5. paramount, 6. unfold, 7. meaningless, 8. meaningless, 9. rejoin

10.	adry team	n.	a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
11.	gt washer	n.	very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
12.	poss position	adj.	lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
13.	det a scene	<i>v</i> .	to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
14.	carng responsibilities	n.	the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
15.	tel of hair	n.	a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
16.	moic orders	adj.	relating to monk or monasticism; ascetic or austere in lifestyle or habits
17.	poss in the organization	adj.	lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
18.	ine with spirit	v.	to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
19.	pesic for our survival	adj.	tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
20.	global paic	n.	an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 10. adversary, 11. grit, 12. powerless, 13. depict, 14. caregiving, 15. tendril, 16. monastic, 17. powerless, 18. infuse, 19. pessimistic, 20. pandemic

21.	ree control	V.	to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result
22.	dete a few hours	v.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
23.	show tety	n.	the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
24.	sense of treon	n.	a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous
25.	buck and d_e	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
26.	creeping teI	n.	a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
27.	far in decision-making	v.	to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky

ANSWERS: 21. retake, 22. dedicate, 23. tenacity, 24. trepidation, 25. doe, 26. tendril, 27. falter

28. an unpled achievement	<i>adj.</i> without parallel, equal in size, amou quality, etc.; better or worse than an other	
29. lown area	 an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay w they are, usually due to specific risk such as COVID-19 	
30. ane the body	v. to make something full of interest a energy	nd
31. z_n meditation	n. a school of Mahayana Buddhism th originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing th practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakenin (adjective) characterized by a sense peace and tranquility, often through practice of meditation or the use of natural elements	ne ig; e of
32. z_n garden	n. a school of Mahayana Buddhism th originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing th practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakenin (adjective) characterized by a sense peace and tranquility, often through practice of meditation or the use of natural elements	ne ig; e of
33. moic community	<i>adj.</i> relating to monk or monasticism; as or austere in lifestyle or habits	scetic
34. dit a well-ordered condition	 v. to prevent or stop something, especial an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by cause a problem or disturbance 	-

ANSWERS: 28. unparalleled, 29. lockdown, 30. animate, 31. zen, 32. zen, 33. monastic, 34. disrupt

35. mk lifestyle	n.	a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
36. political adry	n.	a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
37. det a feeling of isolation	<i>v</i> .	to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
38. dit sleep	v.	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
39. suge movement	n.	the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
40. dete a chapter to the subject	v.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
41. a loy peak	adj.	elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
42. ben of hope	n.	a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
43. drc measures	adj.	radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
44. unpled views	adj.	without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
45. und 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

ANSWERS: 35. monk, 36. adversary, 37. depict, 38. disrupt, 39. suffrage, 40. dedicate, 41. lofty, 42. beacon, 43. drastic, 44. unparalleled, 45. unfold

46. the threats tey him	v.	to frighten someone very much
47. journalistic vee	n.	energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal
48. glr retreat	n.	a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
49. ane his soul	<i>v</i> .	to make something full of interest and energy
50. strn attitude	adj.	refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
51. cloistered mk	n.	a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
52. tey people	v.	to frighten someone very much
53. moze a stiff joint	v.	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
54. a regte sinner	v.	to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
55. cast fring eyes	adj.	causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
56. elfy the audience	v.	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 46. terrify, 47. verve, 48. glacier, 49. animate, 50. stubborn, 51. monk, 52. terrify, 53. mobilize, 54. regenerate, 55. frightening, 56. electrify

57. the geocal situations	adj.	of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
58. avt disaster	v.	to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
59. go on lown	n.	an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
60. environmental detnt	n.	a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
61. make a fue protest	adj.	incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
62. strn stains	adj.	refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
63. female suge	n.	the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
64. corus bankruptcy	n.	a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 57. geopolitical, 58. avert, 59. lockdown, 60. determinant, 61. futile, 62. stubborn, 63. suffrage, 64. coronavirus

65. regte bone tissue	v.	to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
66. elfy a manufacturing process	v.	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
67. ine life with meaning	ν.	to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
68. tety of purpose	n.	the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
69. flu paic	n.	an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
70. critical crad	n.	a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
71. d_e rabbit	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
72. a detnt of crop yields	n.	a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
73. a worthless wrk	n.	a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 65. regenerate, 66. electrify, 67. infuse, 68. tenacity, 69. pandemic, 70. crossroad, 71. doe, 72. determinant, 73. wreck

74. the house was a wrk	n.	a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
75. loy ambitions	adj.	elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
76. corus antibody test kit	n.	a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
77. glrs move tardily	n.	a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
78. carng process	n.	the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
79. perform with vee	n.	energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal
80. make drc revision	adj.	radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
81. major crad	n.	a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
82. reduce geocal risk	adj.	of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

ANSWERS: 74. wreck, 75. lofty, 76. coronavirus, 77. glacier, 78. caregiving, 79. verve, 80. drastic, 81. crossroad, 82. geopolitical

83.	fue talk	adj.	incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
84.	qure debate	n.	a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
85.	cor the world	v.	to bring under control by force or authority
86.	cor fatal disease	v.	to bring under control by force or authority
87.	an aerial ben	n.	a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
88.	fring experience	adj.	causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
89.	ree photo	v.	to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result
90.	sink into a qure	n.	a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
91.	avt a strike	v.	to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
92.	pant to all the others	adj.	more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
93.	political opsm	n.	a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 83. futile, 84. quagmire, 85. conquer, 86. conquer, 87. beacon, 88. frightening, 89. retake, 90. quagmire, 91. avert, 92. paramount, 93. optimism

94. regive medicine	adj.	tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
95. ren the party	ν.	to return to someone or something
96. regive therapy	adj.	tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
97. moze cooperation	ν.	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
98. trembling with treon	n.	a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous

ANSWERS: 94. regenerative, 95. rejoin, 96. regenerative, 97. mobilize, 98. trepidation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. Daily yoga helped her achieve a _____ state of mind and calmness.
- *n*. a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements
- 2. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
- *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
- 3. After the battle, the soldier managed to _____ his unit.
- v. to return to someone or something
- 4. The ______ lifestyle of the monks involved living in solitude and silence.
- *adj.* relating to monk or monasticism; ascetic or austere in lifestyle or habits
- 5. The ______ properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.
- adj. tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
- 6. There is considerable ______ that the economy will recover soon.
- *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
- 7. It was ______ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.
- *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

ANSWERS: 1. zen, 2. monk, 3. rejoin, 4. monastic, 5. regenerative, 6. optimism, 7. futile

- 8. The ______ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.
- *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
- 9. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v. to frighten someone very much
- 10. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
 - *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
- 11. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
- *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
- 12. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
- 13. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.
- *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
- 14. I'm at a career ______ and unsure which path to take.
- *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
- 15. The artist's work is known for its vibrant colors and energetic _____.
- *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal

ANSWERS: 8. glaciers, 9. terrify, 10. drastic, 11. depicted, 12. doe, 13. grit, 14. crossroads, 15. verve

- 16. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
- 17. The ______ march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.
- *n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
- 18. The new CEO's primary mission is to ______ the company on the verge of bankruptcy.
 - v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
- 19. The company found itself in a legal ______ unable to resolve the issue without causing harm to its reputation.
- *n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
- 20. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
- *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
- 21. The plant's delicate _____ curled around the trellis as it began to climb.
 - *n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
- 22. 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

ANSWERS: 16. pandemic, 17. suffrage, 18. regenerate, 19. quagmire, 20. wreck, 21. tendril, 22. unfolded

- 23. This country became a country of ______ geostrategic importance to us.
- *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
- 24. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to ______ flooding during the rainy season
- *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
- 25. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
- adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
- 26. 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
- 27. He ______ his life to helping others.
- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
- 28. The military _____ troops to the border.
- *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
- 29. The positive attitude of the supervisor ______ the discussion.
 - v. to make something full of interest and energy
- 30. The country holds dominant ______ power over its neighbors.
- *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

ANSWERS: 23. paramount, 24. avert, 25. meaningless, 26. electrify, 27. dedicated, 28. mobilized, 29. animated, 30. geopolitical

- 31. She devoted her life to ______ looking after her aging parents.
- *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
- 32. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
- v. to bring under control by force or authority
- 33. She felt ______ as she approached the podium to give her speech.
 - *n*. a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous
- 34. He was so ______ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
- *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
- 35. Several American technology companies have achieved ______ success in terms of customer numbers.
- *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
- 36. Her ______ in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.
- *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
- 37. One ______ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
 - *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 31. caregiving, 32. conquer, 33. trepidation, 34. stubborn, 35. unparalleled, 36. tenacity, 37. determinant

- 38. During the hurricane, we felt ______ against the winds and rain.
- *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
- 39. I will have to _____ this test to get a passing grade.
- *v.* to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result
- 40. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
 - *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
- 41. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.
- *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
- 42. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.
- *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
- 43. The news of the pandemic was a ______ reminder of the fragility of human health.
- adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
- 44. Considering the situation of ______ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
 - *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
- 45. My confidence began to _____ as I gave my presentation in front of the class.
 - *v.* to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky

ANSWERS: 38. powerless, 39. retake, 40. disrupt, 41. adversary, 42. lofty, 43. frightening, 44. coronavirus, 45. falter

- 46. She was unduly ______ about her future.
- *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
- 47. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide ______ measure.
- *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
- 48. She ______ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
- *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
- 49. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.
- *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

ANSWERS: 46. pessimistic, 47. lockdown, 48. infused, 49. beacon