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Session 1: Word List

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

enthusiast

n. a person having a strong liking for something

synonym : buff, aficionado, devotee

(1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response

The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym : forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

lapel

n. the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up

synonym: collar, label, badge

(1) vintage **lapel**, (2) **lapel** microphone

He adjusted the pin on his **lapel** before giving his speech.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym: devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

callous

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

synonym: cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

monoculture

n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area

synonym: single crop, uniform, homogenous

(1) **monoculture** strategy, (2) corn **monoculture**

Monoculture farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another
synonym: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

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.

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.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample
The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**
Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

wasteful

adj. characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

synonym: uneconomical, extravagant, profligate

(1) **wasteful** practices, (2) **wasteful** habits
Buying new clothes every week is a **wasteful** use of money and resources.

artillery

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

synonym: guns, cannons, ordnance

(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**
The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.

recoil

v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain

synonym: flinch, shy, shrink

(1) **recoil** in horror, (2) **recoil** from a snake
The gun **recoiled** with a loud bang.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment
The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym: aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

photocopy

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

synonym: duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

scorch

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

inefficiency

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

synonym: ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

facet

n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

synonym: aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

serendipity

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

synonym : luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

synonym : clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym : traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym : predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

thermostat

n. a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

synonym : thermoregulator, climate control

(1) **thermostat** settings, (2) smart **thermostat**

The digital **thermostat** has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

fidget

v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still

synonym: fiddle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **fidget** with hands, (2) **fidget** on my lap

He **fidgeted** with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.

monetize

v. to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money

synonym: mint, make profit

(1) **monetize** my skill, (2) **monetize** nickel

He explored ways to **monetize** his digital content.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

starburst

n. a decorative design or motif that consists of radiating lines or rays that form a burst or explosion shape; a type of candy that has a chewy, fruit-flavored center surrounded by a hard, fruit-flavored, or sour candy shell

synonym: explosion, burst, eruption

(1) **starburst** pattern, (2) **starburst** flavors

The fireworks display ended with a colorful **starburst** lit up the sky.

chandelier

n. a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls

(1) twinkling **chandelier**, (2) **chandelier-lit** room

This room had a **chandelier** glittering with crystals

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

verbatim

adv. word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written

synonym : word-for-word, exactly, literally

(1) quote his words **verbatim**, (2) **verbatim** transcript

The court reporter transcribed the testimony **verbatim** to ensure accuracy.

abbreviate

v. to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

synonym : shorten, truncate, condense

(1) **abbreviate** words, (2) **abbreviate** a long document

I will **abbreviate** the title of the article to save space.

transcribe

v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

synonym : copy, record, transliterate

(1) **transcribe** notes, (2) **transcribe** documents

She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym : excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

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.

dramatist

n. a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces

synonym : playwright, author, scriptwriter

(1) the **dramatist's** latest production, (2) modern **dramatist**

The famous **dramatist** wrote many successful plays during his career.

extravagance

n. excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

synonym : excess, luxury, waste

(1) luxury **extravagance**, (2) financial **extravagance**

The **extravagance** of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.

detour

n. a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action

synonym : diversion, deviation, bypass

(1) **detour** sign, (2) unnecessary **detour**

We had to take a **detour because** of the road construction ahead.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sc___h your clothes
v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
2. ser_____ty moment
n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
3. re___e photo
v. to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result
4. important fa__t
n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
5. ap___l me
v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
6. make dr_____c revision
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
7. smart the_____at
n. a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building
8. deep-sea tr___h
n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

ANSWERS: 1. scorch, 2. serendipity, 3. retake, 4. facet, 5. appall, 6. drastic, 7. thermostat, 8. trench

9. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
10. corn mon_____re *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
11. luxury ext_____nce *n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
12. fi___t with hands *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
13. re___e control *v.* to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result
14. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
15. ser_____ty discovery *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
16. twinkling cha_____er *n.* a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls
17. abb_____te words *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

ANSWERS: 9. utopia, 10. monoculture, 11. extravagance, 12. fidget, 13. retake, 14. prolong, 15. serendipity, 16. chandelier, 17. abbreviate

18. abb_____te a long document *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
19. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
20. ap___l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
21. bureaucratic ine_____ncy *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
22. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
23. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
24. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
25. bl___t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
26. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 18. abbreviate, 19. famine, 20. appall, 21. inefficiency, 22. germ, 23. flourish, 24. utopia, 25. blight, 26. fluent

27. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
28. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
29. the dr_____st's latest production *n.* a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
30. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
31. ve_____im transcript *adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
32. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
33. financial ext_____nce *n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
34. ext_____nt lifestyle *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
35. color ph_____py *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
36. mu____l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
37. coastal ar_____ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

ANSWERS: 27. smartphone, 28. intuition, 29. dramatist, 30. obsession, 31. verbatim, 32. billionaire, 33. extravagance, 34. extravagant, 35. photocopy, 36. mussel, 37.

artillery

38. unnecessary de___r *n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action
39. quote his words ve_____im *adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
40. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
42. vintage la__l *n.* the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up
43. fi___t on my lap *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
44. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
45. em_____te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
46. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
47. the_____at settings *n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

ANSWERS: 38. detour, 39. verbatim, 40. opportune, 41. industrious, 42. lapel, 43. fidget, 44. extinguish, 45. emigrate, 46. foresee, 47. thermostat

48. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
49. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
50. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
51. careful not to sc____h *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
52. mon_____re strategy *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
53. fl____t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
54. wa_____ul practices *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
55. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
56. ph_____py machine *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
57. classic car ent_____sts *n.* a person having a strong liking for something

ANSWERS: 48. handwriting, 49. prolong, 50. flourish, 51. scorch, 52. monoculture, 53. fluent, 54. wasteful, 55. pilgrim, 56. photocopy, 57. enthusiast

58. ar_____ry fire
n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
59. ine_____ncy in the system
n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
60. sma_____ne addict
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
61. ca_____s remark
adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
62. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
63. de____r sign
n. a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action
64. tra_____be notes
v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
65. pi_____m site
n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 58. artillery, 59. inefficiency, 60. smartphone, 61. callous, 62. industrious, 63. detour, 64. transcribe, 65. pilgrim

66. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
67. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
68. an ent_____stic response *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
69. cha_____er-lit room *n.* a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls
70. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
71. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
72. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
73. ca_____s person *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
74. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 66. opportune, 67. foresee, 68. enthusiast, 69. chandelier, 70. intuition, 71. imaginative, 72. billionaire, 73. callous, 74. germ

75. st_____st flavors *n.* a decorative design or motif that consists of radiating lines or rays that form a burst or explosion shape; a type of candy that has a chewy, fruit-flavored center surrounded by a hard, fruit-flavored, or sour candy shell
76. tr___h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
77. mo_____ze nickel *v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
78. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
79. la___l microphone *n.* the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up
80. han_____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
81. mu___l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
82. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
83. modern dr_____st *n.* a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces

ANSWERS: 75. starburst, 76. trench, 77. monetize, 78. obsession, 79. lapel, 80. handwriting, 81. mussel, 82. famine, 83. dramatist

93. wa____ul habits *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
94. ima____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
95. bl____t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
96. re____l from a snake *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
97. mo____ze my skill *v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
98. tra____be documents *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

ANSWERS: 93. wasteful, 94. imaginative, 95. blight, 96. recoil, 97. monetize, 98. transcribe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I ordered the _____ in a white wine sauce for dinner.
n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

2. The army brought in heavier _____ to break through the enemy defenses.
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adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

4. He explored ways to _____ his digital content.
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v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

6. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.
v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

7. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

8. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

ANSWERS: 1. mussels, 2. artillery, 3. fluent, 4. monetize, 5. appalled, 6. extinguish, 7. germ, 8. foresee

9. He adjusted the pin on his _____ before giving his speech.
n. the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up
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ANSWERS: 9. lapel, 10. handwriting, 11. extravagant, 12. enthusiasts, 13. utopia, 14. pilgrims, 15. intuitions

16. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

17. _____ farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.

n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area

18. The digital _____ has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

n. a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

19. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

20. The company's _____ in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

21. The famous _____ wrote many successful plays during his career.

n. a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces

22. The _____ of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.

n. excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

23. The discovery of penicillin was a result of _____.

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

ANSWERS: 16. imaginative, 17. Monoculture, 18. thermostat, 19. opportune, 20. inefficiency, 21. dramatist, 22. extravagance, 23. serendipity

24. The sun _____ the desert, making it uninhabitable.
- v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
25. A _____ was being dug alongside the road by workers.
- n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
26. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
27. I need to make a _____ of this document before I send it out.
- n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
28. I will _____ the title of the article to save space.
- v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
29. The fireworks display ended with a colorful _____ lit up the sky.
- n.* a decorative design or motif that consists of radiating lines or rays that form a burst or explosion shape; a type of candy that has a chewy, fruit-flavored center surrounded by a hard, fruit-flavored, or sour candy shell
30. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
- n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
31. We had to take a _____ of the road construction ahead.
- n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action

ANSWERS: 24. scorched, 25. trench, 26. smartphones, 27. photocopy, 28. abbreviate, 29. starburst, 30. obsession, 31. detour because

32. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

33. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

34. The supervisor's _____ behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

35. This room had a _____ glittering with crystals

n. a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls

36. She needs to _____ the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

37. He _____ with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.

v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still

38. Many people _____ from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

39. The different _____ of his personality make him a complex individual.

n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

ANSWERS: 32. billionaire, 33. prolong, 34. callous, 35. chandelier, 36. transcribe, 37. fidgeted, 38. emigrated, 39. facets

40. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
41. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
42. The abandoned factory was _____ by vandalism and graffiti.
v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
43. The gun _____ with a loud bang.
v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
44. 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
45. The court reporter transcribed the testimony _____ to ensure accuracy.
adv. word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
46. Buying new clothes every week is a _____ use of money and resources.
adj. characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
47. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
48. 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

ANSWERS: 40. industrious, 41. flourished, 42. blighted, 43. recoiled, 44. famine, 45. verbatim, 46. wasteful, 47. drastic, 48. retake

49. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
- v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime;
(noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

ANSWERS: 49. pardon