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Session 1: Word List

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**
The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym: fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

molten

adj. in a liquid state as a result of being heated

synonym : melted, liquefied, fused

(1) a **molten** image, (2) **molten** lava

The **molten** metal was poured into the mold.

galactic

adj. relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope

synonym : cosmic, celestial, enormous

(1) **galactic** scale, (2) a **galactic** system

The Milky Way is a **galactic** collection of billions of stars and planets.

terraform

v. to transform the environment or land of a planet, moon, or other celestial body to make it habitable for life, typically by introducing or modifying the atmosphere, temperature, or topography

(1) **terraform** Mars, (2) **terraform** the planet

The company plans to **terraform** the barren land into a lush green park.

paradise

n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

synonym : heaven, Eden, utopia

(1) **paradise** island, (2) **paradise** for criminals

Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer **paradise**.

hexagon

n. a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length

synonym : hexahedron, six-sided figure, six-gon

(1) **hexagon** head bolt, (2) **hexagon** pattern

The honeycomb structure of a beehive is made up of **hexagons**.

dungeon

n. a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground

synonym : prison, cell, lockup

(1) medieval **dungeon**, (2) a murky **dungeon**

The prisoner has been languishing for years in the castle **dungeon**.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym : giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

wizard

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym : sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people
Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness
That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film
He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle
The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

merchant

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

synonym: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**
This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym: attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

castle

n. a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

synonym : fortress, palace, citadel

(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat

The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

gem

n. a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

synonym : jewel, precious stone, diamond

(1) **gem** collection, (2) hidden **gem**

The enga **gement** ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

auction

n. a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

synonym : sale, vendue, bidding

(1) **auction** house, (2) online **auction**

The antique furniture was sold at **auction** for a high price.

compete

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

synonym : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely
You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly
synonym: substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year
The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

trio

n. a group or set of three people or things, especially musicians playing together
synonym: set, group, threesome

(1) **trio** sonata, (2) jazz **trio**
The piano, violin, and cello formed a beautiful **trio** for the classical concert.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s
She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
synonym: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company
He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

dastard

n. a dishonorable or despicable coward
synonym: coward, chicken, cad

(1) you **dastard**, (2) the **dastard's** way of thinking
You cannot criticize him as an arrogant **dastard**.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

outright

adj. completely; completely and without reservation; without any attempt at concealment

synonym: absolute, complete, unconditional

(1) impose an **outright** ban, (2) **outright** lie

He made an **outright** donation of \$1,000 to the charity.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym: swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym : difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

in-between

adj. occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

synonym : intermediate, middleman, halfway

(1) **in-between** meals, (2) **in-between** stages

She enjoyed floating in the ocean's **in-between** zone where the waves met the shoreline

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

hint

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

synonym : clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym: easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

divisible

adj. able to be divided into parts, usually with nothing left over

synonym: separable, splittable, partitionable

(1) a **divisible** number, (2) exactly **divisible**

The class was divided into groups of four, with each group being **divisible** by two.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

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.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

inference

n. a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning;
a deduction or assumption

synonym: deduction, conclusion, assumption

(1) make an **inference**, (2) logical **inference**

Based on ice core samples, scientists can draw **inferences**
about the Earth's past climate.

Session 2: Spelling

1. te_____rm Mars
v. to transform the environment or land of a planet, moon, or other celestial body to make it habitable for life, typically by introducing or modifying the atmosphere, temperature, or topography
2. a di_____le number
adj. able to be divided into parts, usually with nothing left over
3. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
4. take ad_____ge of his weak points
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
5. in_____ng scent
adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
6. a ga_____ic system
adj. relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope
7. he_____n head bolt
n. a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length
8. be in a di_____a
n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 1. terraform, 2. divisible, 3. recreate, 4. advantage, 5. inviting, 6. galactic, 7. hexagon, 8. dilemma

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| 17. you da____d | <i>n.</i> | a dishonorable or despicable coward |
| 18. gastronomic ad_____res | <i>n.</i> | a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous |
| 19. as___e an important role | <i>v.</i> | to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance |
| 20. pa_____se for criminals | <i>n.</i> | a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth |
| 21. a murky du_____n | <i>n.</i> | a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground |
| 22. impose an ou_____ht ban | <i>adj.</i> | completely; completely and without reservation; without any attempt at concealment |
| 23. da___e a carrot | <i>v.</i> | to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain |
| 24. chicken-and-egg di_____a | <i>n.</i> | a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones |
| 25. the da_____d's way of thinking | <i>n.</i> | a dishonorable or despicable coward |
| 26. a demonstration in lo__c | <i>n.</i> | a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments |

ANSWERS: 17. dastard, 18. adventure, 19. assume, 20. paradise, 21. dungeon, 22. outright, 23. dangle, 24. dilemma, 25. dastard, 26. logic

27. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
28. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
29. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
30. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
31. financial wi____d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
32. jazz t__o *n.* a group or set of three people or things, especially musicians playing together
33. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
34. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
35. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
36. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 27. guarantee, 28. inviting, 29. planet, 30. quest, 31. wizard, 32. trio, 33. evil, 34. hint, 35. magic, 36. evil

37. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
38. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
39. di____e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
40. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
41. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
42. logical in_____ce *n.* a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption
43. au_____n house *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
44. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
45. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
46. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
47. make an in_____ce *n.* a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption

ANSWERS: 37. alternate, 38. reinvent, 39. divide, 40. logic, 41. adventure, 42. inference, 43. auction, 44. rival, 45. enslave, 46. quest, 47. inference

48. da___e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
49. ou_____ht lie *adj.* completely; completely and without reservation; without any attempt at concealment
50. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
51. exactly di_____le *adj.* able to be divided into parts, usually with nothing left over
52. hidden g_m *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
53. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
54. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
55. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
56. pa_____se island *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

ANSWERS: 48. dangle, 49. outright, 50. counterpart, 51. divisible, 52. gem, 53. trap, 54. rival, 55. ingenuity, 56. paradise

57. the ruins of a ca___e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
58. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
59. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
60. a mo___n image *adj.* in a liquid state as a result of being heated
61. mo____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
62. re____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
63. g_m collection *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
64. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

ANSWERS: 57. castle, 58. planet, 59. legend, 60. molten, 61. monster, 62. recreate, 63. gem, 64. pause

65. en____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
66. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
67. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
68. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
69. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
70. a wi___d at chess *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
71. online au____n *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
72. te_____rm the planet *v.* to transform the environment or land of a planet, moon, or other celestial body to make it habitable for life, typically by introducing or modifying the atmosphere, temperature, or topography
73. co____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 65. enslave, 66. divide, 67. sand, 68. assume, 69. strategy, 70. wizard, 71. auction, 72. terraform, 73. compete

74. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
75. medieval du____n *n.* a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
76. refined sim____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
77. pos____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
78. score an ad____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
79. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
80. he____n pattern *n.* a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length
81. mo____n lava *adj.* in a liquid state as a result of being heated
82. ga____ic scale *adj.* relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope
83. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 74. chain, 75. dungeon, 76. simplicity, 77. possibility, 78. advantage, 79. bet, 80. hexagon, 81. molten, 82. galactic, 83. rev

84. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
85. a life of sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
86. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
87. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
88. in-_____en stages *adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time
89. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
90. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
91. t__o sonata *n.* a group or set of three people or things, especially musicians playing together
92. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
93. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
94. le____d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

ANSWERS: 84. pause, 85. simplicity, 86. monster, 87. rev, 88. in-between, 89. accord, 90. compete, 91. trio, 92. ingenuity, 93. alternate, 94. legend

95. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
96. agricultural me_____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
97. me_____nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
98. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
99. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
100. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
101. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
102. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
103. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
104. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 95. guarantee, 96. merchant, 97. merchant, 98. strategy, 99. counterpart, 100. accord, 101. possibility, 102. hint, 103. victory, 104. reinvent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company plans to _____ the barren land into a lush green park.
 - v.* to transform the environment or land of a planet, moon, or other celestial body to make it habitable for life, typically by introducing or modifying the atmosphere, temperature, or topography

2. The piano, violin, and cello formed a beautiful _____ for the classical concert.
 - n.* a group or set of three people or things, especially musicians playing together

3. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
 - n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

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5. The man _____ before opening the door.
 - v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

6. Based on ice core samples, scientists can draw _____ about the Earth's past climate.
 - n.* a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption

7. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
 - n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 1. terraform, 2. trio, 3. rev, 4. in-between, 5. paused, 6. inferences, 7. chain

8. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
9. Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer _____.
- n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
10. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
11. The antique furniture was sold at _____ for a high price.
- n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
12. There's no _____ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
13. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
14. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
15. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
- v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
16. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.
- adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

ANSWERS: 8. strategy, 9. paradise, 10. advantages, 11. auction, 12. logic, 13. adventures, 14. guarantee, 15. reinvent, 16. alternate

17. The Milky Way is a _____ collection of billions of stars and planets.

adj. relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope

18. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

19. He made an _____ donation of \$1,000 to the charity.

adj. completely; completely and without reservation; without any attempt at concealment

20. You cannot criticize him as an arrogant _____.

n. a dishonorable or despicable coward

21. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

22. The enemy fell right into the _____.

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

23. I _____ that you know it.

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

24. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

ANSWERS: 17. galactic, 18. quest, 19. outright, 20. dastard, 21. magic, 22. trap, 23. bet, 24. rivals

25. This shipping company has several hundred _____ ships.
- n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
26. The prisoner has been languishing for years in the castle _____.
- n.* a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
27. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.
- n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
28. Her beauty _____ me completely.
- v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
29. There was no _____ of a problem.
- n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
30. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
31. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
- n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
32. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.
- v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

ANSWERS: 25. merchant, 26. dungeon, 27. simplicity, 28. enslaved, 29. hint, 30. assumes, 31. sand, 32. dangle

33. We are optimistic about our final _____.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
34. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
35. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
36. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
37. The medieval _____ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.
- n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
38. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
- n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
39. The _____ metal was poured into the mold.
- adj.* in a liquid state as a result of being heated
40. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
- adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 33. victory, 34. accord, 35. divide, 36. legends, 37. castle, 38. counterpart, 39. molten, 40. evil

41. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.
adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
42. The honeycomb structure of a beehive is made up of _____.
n. a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length
43. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
44. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
45. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
46. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.
n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
47. This car has a _____ engine.
n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
48. The class was divided into groups of four, with each group being _____ by two.
adj. able to be divided into parts, usually with nothing left over
49. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.
n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 41. inviting, 42. hexagons, 43. ingenuity, 44. planet, 45. possibility, 46. wizard, 47. monster, 48. divisible, 49. dilemma

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

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

51. The enga_____ ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

n. a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

52. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

ANSWERS: 50. compete, 51. gemment, 52. recreated